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**A METHODS REGISTER.**

The need for a register of compositions and the difficulties which would beset its compilation and effective use have frequently been discussed, both in our columns and elsewhere. The desirability of a register of methods, while not so insistent, is also constantly apparent. It does not present so many difficulties and, presumably, will, in course of time, be provided, if the Central Council's work in this direction is continued. Already there is the Collection of Minor Methods and the Collection of Plain Major and Caters Methods, while the very limited scope of Triples has been explored and will soon, we believe, appear in print. There remains as the most pressing need, a register of the Major Methods with a Treble Bob hunt. Work on the Surprise section is proceeding, but as the mathematical limits seem almost boundless, there is danger that under the present plan it may be years before anything like even a representative selection will be ready for the press. In the meantime we have those little 'contretemps' like that which has now occurred over Essex Surprise, and which recently happened with regard to Lincoln Surprise, and in many other instances which could be quoted.

If, however, a register of compositions is beyond the realm of practical politics, a register of methods certainly ought not to be. The problems of variation and reversal which complicate the former do not enter into the latter—they are obvious on the surface. There seems, therefore, to be little obstacle to immediate steps being taken to compile this register; and in this connection we would emphasise the fact that what is required of a register is not necessarily the same thing as demanded of a 'Collection' such as the Council issues. A register would include those methods which have already been published, or are in the possession of authors and others, and would be added to from time to time as new methods make their appearance. There is no need to wait until every possible Treble Bob or Surprise method has been worked out before it could be of use. What is wanted is some means by which methods already in existence can be recorded and readily referred to; the authors given the credit of their work and the names applied to them placed beyond dispute.

Usually when a matter of this kind crops up and there is work to be done, the question is asked, 'Who is going to do it?' In this case, happily, there would appear to be little difficulty. We know of one enthusiastic young ringer who has embarked upon the task of extracting all the methods that have appeared in the ringing Press; in a letter in another column, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, than whom

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there is no greater authority on the subject, and who has been brought unwittingly into the Essex Surprise 'incident,' offers his help to the Council in dealing with the Surprise methods. Here would be youth and enthusiasm; knowledge and experience blended to an extremely useful end. We hope the Council will act at the first opportunity and officially authorise a register of all existing Treble Bob and Surprise methods; we feel sure that it would be of value, if only for historical purposes and the saving of the bickerings of the past over claims to authorship.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... ..	Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..	2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... ..	8
BERT HORTON ... ..	3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... ..	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... ..	4	GILBERT HARDING ... ..	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... ..	5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... ..	11
EDGAR T. SMITH ... ..	6	THOMAS HILL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal of Cinques, and rung at first attempt. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	3	FRANK CORKE ... ..	8
WILLIAM PYE ... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	5	ALBERT W. COLES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by FREDR. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal away from the treble.  
† First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the ten bells. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Henry Edgley, for many years churchwarden and an hon. member of the Middlesex County Association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 502½ CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

* MRS. HILDA SNOWDEN ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... ..	5
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	2	* CECIL SAYWARD ... ..	6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... ..	3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	7
WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	4	* ERNEST BOWBILL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

\* First peal in the method.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... ..	Treble	TRAVERS PRICHARD ... ..	5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... ..	2	HARRY NEWMAN ... ..	6
FRANK PONTING ... ..	3	THOMAS PRICE ... ..	7
ALBERT WRIGHT ... ..	4	LESLIE BARRY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. Treble	JACK TOWELL ... .. 5
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 6
CLARENCE BOLLARD ... .. 3	CHARLES HARRIMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Trigg. Mr. Trigg has been a ringer at Stanford Church for 25 years.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
†ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 7
T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLY. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Superlative 'inside.'

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 6
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EVEREST FORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 2	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 6
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE IRREGULAR TWELVE-PART, No. 71.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
MADRICK SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

J. Bailey's 200th peal. A birthday compliment to W. R. Drage. This composition is now rung for the first time, and completes peals in all the parts possible on this plan rung by the 'Wednesday' afternoon band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2	*FREDERICK HUGGINS ... .. 6
CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 7
HAROLD QUANTRILL ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE HARVEY ... .. Treble	FRANK AINSLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 7
JOHN PICKERING ... .. 4	*ROBERT BELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. H. REEVES.

\* First peal. The ringers of the 4th and tenor are from St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and T. H. Reeves from Birmingham.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This method, of which Mr. G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time, hence the name. It was rung on the birthday of Mr. E. Lanham, one of the local band, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in it.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
FRED BIGGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

MARSHLAND, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

ILKESTON VARIATION.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
FRANK LORD ... ..	Treble	*HAROLD EASTON ... ..	5
*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... ..	2	*GEORGE W. MOODY ... ..	6
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... ..	3	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... ..	7
MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	4	JACK BRAY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BRAY.  
\* First spliced peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, the special service to celebrate the completion of the work being held in the Cathedral on this date.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
HARRY THORPE ... ..	Treble
ARTHUR W. WARD ... ..	2
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... ..	3
JOHN ROYCE ... ..	4
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ..	5
ERNEST BARTRAM ... ..	6
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... ..	7
THOMAS H. HALL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Specially rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the restoration and reopening of the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt.	
REV. J. R. KING, B.D. ... ..	Treble
ALBERT H. WARD ... ..	2
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... ..	3
*GEORGE BAILEY ... ..	4
CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	5
ARTHUR BRAINES ... ..	6
ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... ..	7
JOHN CURTIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First attempt for a peal, and belongs to the local company. The Vicar kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

HECTOR G. BIRD ... ..	Treble	*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... ..	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... ..	2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... ..	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..	3	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells since they were recast. First peal in the method as conductor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.	
HAROLD ASTBURY ... ..	Treble
*BRYAN FERNYHOUGH ... ..	2
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... ..	3
JOHN TIMMIS ... ..	4
†DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... ..	5
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... ..	6
ARTHUR ALLMAN ... ..	7
GEORGE ASTBURY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung on the eve of Armistice Sunday.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

J. W. WASHBROOK'S No. 2. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... ..	Treble
NORMAN HRAPS ... ..	2
WILFRED J. MOSS ... ..	3
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... ..	4
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... ..	5
JOHN POTTER ... ..	6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... ..	7
ARTHUR BURTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

Rung to celebrate the 295th anniversary of the foundation of the society, and also the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the tenor ringer.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	Treble	VICTOR GLASS ... ..	5
JOHN RIDGWELL ... ..	2	*ANDREW EVERS ... ..	6
WILLIAM BUTLER ... ..	3	*WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... ..	7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... ..	4	*ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, W. Butler and A. Evers. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church except the conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
FRANK LAWRENCE ... ..	Treble
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... ..	2
ALBERT HARTLAND ... ..	3
WILLIAM HALFORD ... ..	4
FRED HAWKES ... ..	5
*HAROLD F. MARTIN ... ..	6
CHARLES CAMM ... ..	7
CHARLES YOUNG ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal in the method.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.	
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... ..	Treble
F. C. PERRIN ... ..	2
W. J. BOWDEN ... ..	3
A. J. HOUSE ... ..	4
G. B. COLLINS ... ..	5
H. MILLER ... ..	6
G. RADLEY ... ..	7
E. PICKETT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. RADLEY.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the extinction of the debt on the new church day school, which is due to the great part taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Jenkins), who is shortly leaving the parish to take up new duties at Birmingham.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD E. JONES ... ..	Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH ... ..	5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... ..	2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ..	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... ..	3	TOM WILDE ... ..	7
HARRY LANGLEY ... ..	4	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in grateful memory of Mrs. Cawley Roberts, a generous donor and worker for the Parish Church, who was called to rest October 29th.



**SIX BELL PEALS.**

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Forty-two six-scores, each called differently.

*PERCY RIDDIFORD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HARMER ... .. 4
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	*ROBERT ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

\* First peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	*F. DONALD BORBHAM ... 4
*WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. REDDUP ... 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This peal had all 5-6's at backstroke.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Primrose, Norwich, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First Surprise peal of Minor. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung prior to evensong, and for the harvest festival; also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being one extent of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 4
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 2	*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
PERCY PEACOCK ... .. 3	FRANK LORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Hall and Miss Ada Thornton, the bride being the only daughter of Mr. A. Thornton, one of the local ringers.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHON.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*JESSE HALLETT ... .. Treble	*THEODORE GRANT ... .. 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
*THOMAS F. KING ... .. 3	*WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by members of the Bath branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown, a respected member of the Abbey company. The band would like to associate with the peal the name of R. Cousins, who was prevented from taking part through illness, also to thank Mr. F. Cunnings for enabling the peal to be rung.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM NORTH ... .. Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 4
SYDNEY CARTER ... .. 2	HENRY WALLACE ... .. 5
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 3	JOHN WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Being 720 each of (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Primrose Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM V. BENNETT ... Treble	*THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LONDON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in nine methods.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY COOPER ... .. Treble	WILF HOWE ... .. 4
*JOHN SMITHSON ... .. 2	FRED TICKLE ... .. 5
JOHN CARSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. T. HOLMES.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the glorious dead, and also in memory of Tom Casson, who was a ringer for 50 years at the above church.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
JOSEPH SHARP ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, November 5th, 1898.

EPPING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, November 5, 1932 in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK WHITBY ... Treble	HARRY SMALE ... .. 4
ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 2	*WILLIAM WEDLOCK ... 5
*LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 3	*WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S.

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OAKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A  
 RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 1 treble | ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 4  
 \*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 2 | WILLIAM HUNT ... 5  
 HARRY E. BALAM ... 3 | JOHN CHESTERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAM.

\* First peal. The first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival. Thanks are due to Mr. Hunt for having everything in readiness, and for kindly entertaining the band to tea after the peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

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

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH ... 1 treble | \*HAROLD DENMAN ... 4  
 MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2 | LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 5  
 MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3 | ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

\* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, November 5, 1932 in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

\*FRANK SORRIDGE ... 1 treble | \*STANLEY MARTIN ... 4  
 ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 2 | THOMAS BIRD ... 5  
 †ALFRED BIRD ... 3 | REGINALD MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT 254, COGGESHALL ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, October 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | FRANK LORD ... 5-6  
 CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4 | JACK BRAY ... 7-8  
 HAROLD MAPCON ... 9-10

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT 8, ESSEX HALL ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

\*GEORGE RASHBROOKE ... 1-2 | \*WILLIAM CHALK ... 5-6  
 WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE  
 \* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells in the borough of Colchester.

**ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR EIGHT-BELL RECORD.**

All being well, eight members of the Herts County Association hope to make another attempt for the peal of 18,144 changes of Bob Major at Bennington, Herts, on Saturday, November 19th, starting at 7.30 a.m.

**A QUARTER-PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.**

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, for evening service on Sunday, September 18th. The bells are a heavy ring, with a tenor of 31½ cwt., and the 1,260 changes occupied 51½ minutes, the ringers being: W. G. Waghorn 1, Miss J. F. Shimmmin (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. L. Murray 3, J. W. Spencer 4, H. Blakeley 5, A. A. Savage (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. T. R. Trotter 7, J. Badley 8.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.**

As one stood in the old Market Place in Wigan on Saturday last and listened to the bells tumbling after one another on their joyous errand, the very echoes seemed to ring with the old Prophet's cry, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway.' After weeks of incessant rain, gales and storms, which caused great havoc in the town, King Sol at last burst through in all his glory, and together with the music of the bells seemed to breed a spirit of good fellowship and contentment in the passers-by. In the belfry itself, what a sight for a sorely harassed secretary to see! Between 30 and 40 members of the association, each doing his little bit to make the meeting a success.

A short service was held in the church, a very inspiring sermon being preached by the Rev. T. Dewey, who took for his theme, 'Beauty in all things; service in all things.' Tea was partaken of at Winnard's Cafe, the members then adjourning to the school for the business meeting.

Mr. George Brown, of Poolstock, an old member of the old Liverpool Diocesan Guild, was unanimously elected as chairman. Coppul was chosen for the next meeting, and for January, a joint meeting with the Liverpool Branch was decided upon.

During the evening a presentation, which took the form of a case of cutlery, was made to Mr. James W. Grounds, of Standish, who for a period of eight years was secretary of the Wigan Branch, but had to retire owing to business pressure.

The Rector of Wigan, Canon C. C. Thicknesse, who kindly officiated at the presentation, mentioned that the lot of an hon. secretary was not always smooth, but he relied mostly on the loyal co-operation of the members he served.—Mr. Grounds suitably acknowledged the gift.

At the close of the meeting a move was made to St. James', Poolstock, where further ringing took place. The meeting terminated at 9 p.m., with everyone smiling and happy.

During the afternoon Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, put in an appearance, and other welcome visitors were Mr. R. W. Mosley and Mr. E. Ford, of Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 29th. Owing to the bad weather a very small company turned up, but the hero of the day was a young enthusiast from Rotherham, who 'push biked' thirty-five miles each way to attend the meeting. Other towers represented were Bigby, Ulceby, Barrow, Thornton Curtis, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham and Grimsby St. Andrew's, with the local members, also Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness and Mr. H. Marcou, Lincoln district secretary, and Miss Norton, of Lincoln.

The fine peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening in a large variety of methods. The Vicar of Scunthorpe (the Rev. C. Steele) conducted the service, and also addressed the members. Mr. G. Moody, of Burton-on-Stather, kindly presided at the organ.

After service, members adjourned to Potts' Cafe, where a good tea and a bright fire were awaiting them, and were much appreciated. Nineteen sat down to tea. Owing to an important engagement the president (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) was unable to be present, and Rev. Charles Steele kindly took the chair at the business meeting. A collection for the District Bell Fund was taken.

Reference was made by Mr. C. McGuinness to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Rev. Reginald Bond, one-time Vicar of St. Peter-at-Archels, Lincoln, and a past-secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was a great worker amongst bells and bellringers. To show their deep regret and respect members stood in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. McGuinness to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address, also for presiding over the meeting; to Mr. G. Moody for presiding at the organ; to the caterers and those who had made the arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. J. Bray. In reply, the Vicar thanked the members for the assistance they had given for the repair of Scunthorpe tenor. He also thanked Mr. F. Lord, captain of the Scunthorpe band, for the work he had done, which had saved them a lot of expense in this matter.

After handbell ringing the members again visited the tower.

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**TOWERS WITHOUT RINGERS.****NORTH NOTTS APPEAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

The last official meeting of the North Notts Association for the year was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, October 29th, when about 20 members from Anston, Edwinstowe, Blyth, Worksop, Fircroft and Ordsall, with a full company of local ringers, came in bad weather to make the day a success. Various plain and Treble Bob methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was partaken of in the Public Hall, when the association members thanked the local ringers' wives and friends for the splendid way in which they had catered for them.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar of Shireoaks, presided over the business meeting, and was supported by his wardens and other friends. In welcoming the society to Shireoaks, the Vicar remarked that he heard that it had been said that the cause of the depression in ringing was partly due to Vicars and Rectors not taking any interest in their ringers. He thought he had taken sufficient interest in the bells and ringers to be clear of this criticism, but if he had not he invited those present to say so.

There were no new members to be elected at this meeting, and it was thought that something ought to be done to try and induce young people to take up the old and skilful art of change ringing, as there were about six towers in the district with no members at all. The Secretary said he would write to the Vicars and try to make arrangements for the teaching of any who wish to make advancement in the art.

It was proposed by Mr. A. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. H. Stenton, that a special meeting be held at Ordsall on Saturday, December 10th, to dedicate the Haigh memorial tablet, the arrangements for the service to be left in the hands of the secretary. Any friends of the late Mr. Haigh who wish to attend this meeting will be heartily welcomed. Particulars will be published later.

Mr. Hargreaves proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting. He remarked that if all clergy were as happy in their relations with ringers as the Rev. R. V. Dodd they would be good enough.

**FIFTY YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.**

On Saturday, Mr. Joseph Gould completed fifty years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Henbury, Gloucestershire, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Clifford 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, H. Baugley 3, C. Gould 4, J. Hillier 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, A. Beadsmore 8.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****TONBRIDGE DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Branchley on Saturday, October 29th, and was attended by about 30 members. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. H. Whelan), who gave an excellent address. Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, was at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. S. H. Green being voted to the chair.

A report of the past year's work and the balance sheet were read by the district secretary and adopted.

All the retiring holders of office in the district were re-elected with the thanks of the members for their services, viz., Mr. W. Latter, hon. district secretary; Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell, district representatives.

It was decided that meetings for the ensuing year should be held at Edenbridge, Speldhurst, Kilndown, Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge. It was also decided that, if possible, the meetings should be held on the first Saturdays in February, May, July and October, the date of the Sevenoaks meeting being left to the district secretary to arrange.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Pitman and Mr. S. H. Green for their services, was passed, and the meeting terminated.

**5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.**

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

23456 W. M. H.

64352 — —

56342 — —

45362 — —

43652 — 2

26354 — —

52364 — 3

53624 — 2

63425 — 3

43526 — 3

65324 — —

63254 — 2

34256 — 2

32456 8

Three times repeated.

In the first and third parts call Single instead of Bob W in 2nd course, and omit 3rd course. The part ends thus produced are:—

3254

2354

3245

2345

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Tom Benney was the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths present at the 295th anniversary dinner on Saturday. His membership extends to more than 60 years.

Others present who have been members for over 50 years were Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, Mr. W. D. Smith, Mr. Challis Winney and Mr. Walter Prime.

Mr. G. Rashbrooke, who took part in the first peal rung in Colchester after a lapse of 52 years, is now the first native of that town to ring a handbell peal, the first of which in Colchester was rung last week.

Canon G. F. Coleridge was 75 years old yesterday. The congratulations of his friends throughout the country will be extended to the genial Canon.

A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is to be held at Farnborough to-morrow.

'Wulf,' Warwick, writes: Referring to the footnote to the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton on October 29th, your correspondent was evidently short of ink. After Grandsire Caters he should have added the words 'on these bells.'

The reports of a peal at Claines, Worcestershire, and another at Faringdon, Berks, have been sent without the names of the conductors.

## SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 1910 I worked out all the Surprise methods with and without 2nd's being made while treble is in 3-4. I might add, others have done the same, and even gone further.

From time to time I have been asked for methods, which I have supplied from this collection. When rung, they were published, and more credit probably given to me than I merited. When I noticed that one of these methods had been published and named, I noted such particulars under that method, but made no claim.

When the Central Council are able to publish the Surprise methods it will stop all this bickering. If I can be of any help to them to such an end I shall be pleased to do what I can.

If Mr. Tipler thinks it will add to the lustre of my old friend, Arthur Craven, he can put his name to Essex Surprise by all means.

—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

Dublin.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROWS AND CHANGES

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—While I do not propose to enter again at this stage into the controversy about Doubles and Minor peals, there is a perfectly fair question put by Mr. Willson in your current number, which deserves an attempt at an answer. The difference between rows and changes is one of those elementary problems which are the most difficult to explain. Either you see the difference as something obvious and axiomatic, or you get landed in a state of mystification, and in fact lose the wood among the trees. The simplest explanation is in terms of mathematics. In the study of mechanics rows correspond to Statics and changes to Dynamics. But how put this for the benefit of ringers who have not read maths?

In a plain course of Bob Minor the rows consist of the successive orders into which the six bells fall during the course. The changes are the movements that take place from row to row.

In the plain course 6! rows are required set out in the ordinary way with the rows arranged from top to bottom, while there are only 60 changes, viz., from the 1st row to the 2nd, 2nd to 3rd . . . 60th to 61st. On the other hand, you can set out the rows, if you will, round a circle such as is used for teaching the course method of ringing. Now you will only require 60 rows, as the first row becomes also the last.

Mr. Willson is not quite correct in saying that to the ringer rows and changes mean the same thing in practice. True, he does not consciously distinguish between them, but he is thinking in rows when at home he studies the plain course in his text book, while in the belfry he is taught to give his whole mind to the movement in which he is to take part, hunting and dodging, i.e., the changes.

In my experience it is just in this practical difficulty of translating the rows into the changes that many an absolute beginner finds himself up against a blank wall. Some never do surmount the obstacle and are lost to the Exercise in consequence.

It is very apparent that there are many ringers who have got far, far beyond the beginners' stage, but have failed to grasp this elementary difference between rows and changes. If what I have written above helps any of them to a better understanding of this point we shall have gone one step on the way towards the settlement of the argument about the compositions in question.

May I add for the benefit of Mr. Smith that he will find in the supplement of the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' a series of 2,160's for all Treble Bob methods which go, as far as conditions admit, in the direction he desires?

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter.



# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## ANNIVERSARY GATHERING IN LONDON.

The 295th anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths was celebrated on Saturday, and brought together from many parts of the country a large and representative gathering of ringers, who first enjoyed ringing at a number of the City churches, attended service at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill, traditionally associated with the early days of the society, and in the evening dined together at the London Tavern.

St. Michael's Church was filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. T. C. Dale (curate-in-charge), the preacher being the Rev. J. A. Mayo, of St. Mary Matfelon's Church, Whitechapel. At the outset of his address Mr. Mayo paid a tribute to the late Mr. Edward Wallace, who recently passed away, and who for more than half a century was steeplekeeper at Whitechapel. He was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society, and, said the preacher, 'one of the best men that ever lived. He gave me my first initiation into bellringing—not that I have ever learned to ring a bell, but he taught me something of the ins and outs of bellringing, and what hearty good fellows most bellringers are—and surely he was a sample. He was with us at Whitechapel for 56 years, and when I lost him I lost a link that I cannot possibly replace. At Whitechapel we respected and loved him, and he was something more to me than the bellringer.'

The preacher then went on to give an impressive address based on the Prayer Book version of the last verse of Psalm 50, 'He who offereth Me thanks and praise, he honoureth Me.' He had always looked upon bellringers, he said, especially in the last 16 years, as men who in some sort of spirit were assistants to the parish priest. The clergyman could not preach unless he had someone to preach to, and Sunday by Sunday the ringers did their best to make the voice of the bells sound so that people should be reminded of the church, reminded of the day, and reminded of God. Surely they were doing, if any men were doing, a work that was little short of Gospel work. They were most sincere helpers, for they helped to bring the people to church, and without that he did not know how the clergy would fare. The preacher then went on to refer to the growing lack of Sunday observance, and to emphasise the important place which thanksgiving and praise to God should take in the life of every Christian.

The offertory was devoted to work among the unemployed in an adjoining parish, and at the conclusion of the service a course of Steadman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. F. Winney, A. H. Pulling and E. A. Young.

### THE DINNER.

Dinner at the London Tavern was served to a party numbering 200, presided over by the Master (Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins), who was supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. Canon S. A. Alexander (St. Paul's), Rev. Canon G. P. Coleridge, Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. W. P. Besley (Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry), Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. R. A. Daniel (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. C. E. Hodges, Rev. J. A. Mayo (Rector of Whitechapel), Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus'), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger at St. Paul's), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. Parker (Enfield), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. G. J. Strickland, Mr. F. Sergison (hon. secretary, St. Clement's Youths), Mr. W. Jackson, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol). The vice-chairman was Mr. P. E. Clark, and the company included Messrs. H. R. Newton and F. M. Mitchell (stewards of the society), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. E. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees). Many well-known London ringers were present, and among the visitors were Messrs. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild), S. F. Palmer (hon. secretary, Sheffield Cathedral Society), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), C. F. Johnston (Crowdon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Rev. E. Royle and Rev. D. Hodges (Southwark Cathedral), Rev. C. Wing (High Wycombe), Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, U. Braven (Bristol), J. F. Smallwood (Wisbech), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), F. Rich and T. King (Bath), S. H. Green (Southborough), J. Cripps (Shoreham), N. Elliott and W. Williams (Crawley), D. Mears (Hitchin), J. F. George (Ilkerton), W. Simmonds and R. Post (Oxford), T. Setter (Yeovil), T. Fowler (Cookham), D. Boreham and F. Boreham (High Wycombe), H. Bishop (Swindon), G. Martin (Slough), G. Dent (Harlow), E. F. Pappy (Eye), C. J. Sedgley (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C.

Pipe (Staines), G. Hoad, R. Fuller, E. Tuffin, M. Northover and W. Claydon (Reigate), A. D. Cullum, S. Davis, E. Foster and L. Sadler (Reading), F. Bugler (Barnminster), J. Hoyle (Ashted), F. Romaine (Salisbury), W. J. Jeffries (Lewisham), D. Cooper and R. Davies (Crowdon), G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), W. Whitehead and H. Hodgetts (Oxhey), A. H. Pulling and W. R. Melville (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), C. J. Dobbie (Kingston), T. Groombridge (Crayford), I. Emery (Bromley), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), etc. At the conclusion of the repast the loyal toast was honoured.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said there was in these days a great deal of criticism of the work of the Church, but it was better for them, as ringers, to remain unmoved one way or the other. They, as church bellringers, were acknowledged to be a useful and sincere body of churchworkers, and all they needed to do was just to carry on their work thoroughly, sincerely and in simple faith, leaving out all personal feelings. They would then be doing their duty in the best possible way (applause).

### A REJECTED ECONOMY AT ST. PAUL'S.

Canon Alexander, who responded, said he was glad to accept the invitation to that dinner because he had for many years past taken a keen interest in the work of the Ancient Society. 'I am speaking,' he said, 'more particularly of St. Paul's Cathedral, and I hope I may have myself contributed to it in some measure. When I became treasurer of St. Paul's in the year 1911, I succeeded an old friend of mine, whom some of you may have known, Canon Scott Holland, and he told me in his characteristic way that he had been appointed treasurer of the Chapter because he got so confused over his accounts and could not add up a simple arithmetic sum (laughter), and he had repaid them by leaving them a debt of two thousand pounds on the Cathedral. I found that to be the exact truth, and, as we were approaching the Great War and critical times, it was a very serious position. Various economies were suggested to me, and one was that I should abolish the peal of bells on Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons at St. Paul's. I was determined I would do no such thing (applause). A little later on, when the finances were found to be on a favourable basis, that question never occurred, and never has arisen again' (hear, hear).

Turning to the toast, Canon Alexander said it was true, as the Master had said, that there were criticisms made of the Church, both from within and from without. He did not think there was any cause for pessimism about the Church of England (hear, hear). One of the newspapers said not long ago, when he happened to make some rather serious remark, that there seemed to be something peculiar about the atmosphere of St. Paul's, because there was danger of it producing a gloomy Canon as well as a 'Gloomy Dean' (laughter), but he could assure them he was an ardent optimist. He did not see any reason for pessimism or extreme criticism with regard to the Church and its future. The great troubles of life were those which never happened, and so he said about the Church, 'Don't worry, it may never happen' (applause). Canon Alexander went on to refer to the recent celebration in St. Paul's Cathedral of the tercentenary of the birth of Sir Christopher Wren, when three thousand people, including some of the most distinguished men in the country, attended a remarkable service, which ended by placing on Wren's tomb wreaths which had been sent from every part of the world, and just afterwards the great peal of bells was rung in his honour (hear, hear). He could not help feeling, if Wren had been present, he would not only have been glad to see that great multitude drawn together under the dome which he built for the express purpose of gathering great multitudes together, but his heart would have rejoiced at the sound of those bells going forth over London and expressing the very feeling which he himself must have felt when he built the great Cathedral in which they were met (applause).

### GRIEVOUS LOSSES

Canon Coleridge submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, and he gave the toast on that occasion, he said, with certain sorrowful thoughts in his mind when they considered what very grievous losses ringing generally had recently sustained. There had been the loss of their dear and good friend, his own greatest friend, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies; then Canon Baker, and, last of all, the Rev. H. Law James. To each of those distinguished men memorials were being inaugurated—at Tewkesbury, at Dunstable and at Surfleet. He thought it would be a very good thing if those responsible for those memorials would keep ringers more informed as to how much money they were getting in. They did not read as much about it as they ought to do, and he, and probably other people, would like to know. In addition to these memorials, continued Canon Coleridge, once a year at least there were commemorative dinners to other departed great ringers, to Henry Johnson at Birmingham, and the dinner in Yorkshire to the memory of Jasper Snowden, who did so much for the ringing Exercise at large. In addition, they had the Bristol United Guilds dinner, and this year there had been the 'hot pot' repast at Liverpool, which, from what

he had read, had been a great success. After those gatherings had taken place came the great meeting of the College Youths. There was a feeling of sadness on his part again, because when they went into the Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, that afternoon they missed the familiar figure of his old friend, Canon Bullock Webster, who was always ready to welcome them when they went there. They were, however, welcomed instead by one in charge, and they thanked him most warmly for what he provided for them. At that time last year, proceeded Canon Coleridge, everyone in that room and many outside it were in a great state of mind about the health of their honorary secretary. It was the first time he had been absent from that meeting, and it looked like a family bereft of its mother. They all felt it intensely; it did not seem the same thing to him at all. This year, happily, they saw Mr. Cockerill in his accustomed place, looking as well as ever he did (applause). Mr. Cockerill was the personification, the embodiment of the whole society (hear, hear), and they looked to him as a father to keep them in the right way. They sincerely hoped that as the society had flourished in the past so it would flourish in the future, and that for many years to come they would see Mr. Cockerill acting as secretary (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Cockerill's health was drunk with musical honours.

At this point a brilliantly struck touch of two courses of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. B. Peck, H. R. Passmore, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill.

Afterwards Mr. Cockerill replied to the toast, and first thanked Canon Coleridge for his kind remarks. During the year, he continued, the society had had to mourn the passing away of sixteen members—James E. Groves, of Birmingham; Ralph H. Biggs, of Hughtenden; Rev. H. Law James, Surlleet; Rev. R. H. Whitford, Bristol; Arthur J. Keeling, of Orsett, Essex; Edwin G. Buesden, of Canterbury; Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne; John Wyatt, of Ashted; George Grimwade, of Walthamstow; Alfred Palmer, of Sittingbourne; Harry D. Hollick, of St. Albans; J. R. Jerrani, of Salisbury; W. H. Porter, of Darlington; Charles Bance, of Mitcham; Frank Hopgood, of Reading; and Edward Wallage, of London. Mr. Wallage was for many years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and was present at their last annual dinner. During the year the society had elected 39 new members from all parts of the country, and had held 77 meetings for practice at the various towers in the City and Southwark. Twenty-seven peals were rung by the society—not a large number, but interesting in the variety of methods. They were Grandsire Triples on tower bells 1, on handbells 1; Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich, 2; Superlative, 2; Cambridge Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Caters, 3; Cinques, 4; Duffield Royal, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 2; Superlative Maximus, 1. The Hon. Secretary added that he knew all present would join with him in offering Canon Coleridge their congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns of his birthday, which fell in the succeeding week (applause), and, in conclusion, Mr. Cockerill thanked them all for their kind thoughts and messages to him at that time last year (applause).

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed 'The Visitors.' They were extremely pleased to see their visitors, he said, and hoped they had had a happy evening. The College Youths' dinner without their guests would be what the one and only Challis Winney would describe as a 'cock-eyed affair' (laughter). He would specially like to mention the names of Canon Alexander, whom they all knew for his great work in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, who was superintendent of the belfry at the Abbey, and called for a very high standard there, and the Rev. W. P. Besley, of St. Lawrence Jewry, to whom they owed a debt of gratitude for the work he undertook in having the bells of that church put in order after a ringing silence of over 30 years (applause). Then they also had with them a good old friend of theirs in the Rector of St. Magnus, the Rev. Fynes Clinton, as well as the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn (the Rev. E. C. Bedford), and the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford). There was another visitor he was going to mention, although he was not strictly a visitor, because he was an hon. member of the society, but he was a visitor in the sense that that was the first time he had come to their annual dinner. He referred to Mr. C. E. Hodges, whom all of them had had the pleasure of listening to under the name of 'Uncle Peter' (applause). That toast, said Mr. Hughes, gave the society the opportunity of expressing their deep appreciation of the privilege they felt in having the towers of the city churches placed at their disposal for their practices. It was a privilege they valued, and he could assure the incumbents that they were rendering a very great help, not only to that Ancient Society, but to church ringing in general (applause).

#### RINGERS BECOME LIKE THEIR BELLS.

Mr. C. E. Hodges made a breezy speech in responding to the toast. He discovered some years ago, he said, that he had a grievance against his father. His father taught him many things which had been of use to him all his life, for he was a student of many things himself, but he never mentioned church bells. He therefore got through life until he was in the 40's without knowing anything about bells. He hated church bells except on Sundays, for they somehow made him feel queer. There were, however, certain exceptions. Those

that rang outside his rooms at Cambridge he loved, and so, too, he did those at St. Martin's at Leicester, near which he used to live. Then, somehow, he ran across the Ancient Society of College Youths. When he was at the B.B.C. he felt that they ought to have something about bells in the Children's Hour—he was giving the children stuff that he hoped would help to make them better men and women, and it was a wonderful chance to be able to butt in on the lives of a million children. The subject of bells opened up something quite new to him, and their society came to his help on three occasions. It was not easy to tie the speaker in the studio to the bells in the city, and yet, except once when a stay broke in the middle of the show, the performances went through successfully, because there were gallant souls in the belfry who would not let the performance be spoiled. It was from this that his interest in bells was kindled, and although he had not yet learnt to ring a bell (A Voice: 'Not too late yet')—he thought he still might learn—he had gone into the theoretical side and had discovered it was a most amazingly interesting subject. He found, too, that there was any amount of romance about bells. Perhaps they might be interested, he continued, to know how ringers struck the outsider. They talked in a language which he only understood remotely; their mathematics were entirely alien to anything he had learned. He had a sense of pitch which enabled him to recognise any note that was struck, and he could strike any note that they asked him to sing, but they had ears that were better than his, and they followed the mazy path of the bells in a manner that left him completely addled. He thought the bellringers had become rather like their bells; they wore well (laughter); they were true; they were staunch; they were patient; they did their job. They had a wonderful sense of fellowship; he had found that out for himself (applause). He supposed there could be no snobbery among bells; could the big 72 cwt. bell at Exeter look down on the smaller brother or sister—he believed they were all ladies? He imagined all bells were most friendly, democratic; he thought ringers got like that. He once asked an old sexton if he liked his new Vicar, and the sexton replied, 'I don't know. He don't like bells, and I don't think much of a man who don't like bells; there is something wrong with him somewhere' (laughter and hear, hear). That sexton recognised that a man who had no music in his soul might be just a little bit peculiar. Mr. Hodges added that he was immensely interested in inscriptions, and he got hold of one recently about a bellringer that he thought was rather a good one. It ran:—

'Here lies the body of Solomon Pease,

Under the daisies and under the trees.

The Peas are not here, there is only the pod,

The Pease when shelled went home to God.

Solomon rang for seventy years;

He hopes that there's some bells up there' (laughter).

#### 'MORE AND MORE PROVINCIAL.'

The Vice-Chairman proposed 'The Visitors,' and, while regretting the absence of the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, specially welcomed among them Mr. R. A. Daniell (applause). He conveyed to him the best wishes of the Ancient Society, who were very pleased to see him with them that night. There were many provincial societies supporting them at that dinner, added the speaker, among them being St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, represented by the Ringing Master (Mr. Albert Walker), the Kent County Association, whose hon. secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, was Master-elect of the College Youths; the Surrey Association, the Essex, the Middlesex, the Suffolk, the Yorkshire, the Guildford, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Bath and Wells, the Salisbury, the Winchester and Portsmouth, the Midland Counties, the Hertfordshire, the Oxford, and the Sussex, while the Central Council was represented by the President and the hon. secretary. To one and all he extended a hearty welcome. It had been said, and he thought truthfully, that that gathering became more provincial year after year. The London men considered it was a great honour to receive the support of such numbers of provincial members every year, and especially in times such as these was it gratifying to see such a large gathering. Further, in welcoming the provincial members to London it gave them in a slight measure the opportunity of returning the many kindnesses and courtesies which the London members received when they visited various places in the provinces. In comparing the growth of the gathering, Mr. Clark quoted from the report of a dinner of 95 years ago, when it was held at the Stag Tavern, Fulham, and there were 39 members present. That evening there were 200 present, and it was an indication not only of how the numbers had grown but of the increased interest taken in the society by the provincial members (applause).

Mr. Edgar Guise, who first responded, referred to the good work which the provincial societies were doing, not only in regard to encouraging the art of ringing but in pressing for the restoration and upkeep of bells. He paid a tribute to the valuable work which was being done all over the country by branch and divisional secretaries, and also thanked the London ringers for the welcome they always extended to visiting brethren. Twelve years ago, he said, an old Bristolian filled the office of Master of the College Youths, and it was due to a suggestion then made by him that the Bristol United Guilds established the annual dinner at Bristol. The Bristol United Guilds tried to make themselves useful and non-controversial, and to do all they could to further good fellowship among ringers (applause).

## THE FIRST LADY MEMBER.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also replied, remarking that they were very pleased to come there to meet the members of other societies. They had present that night members of the Oxford Society, which would celebrate its two hundredth anniversary shortly, of the Sheffield Society, which was very old, the Saffron Walden Society, and the St. Stephen's Society, Bristol, which was older than anything that could be remembered. He thought Adam started it (laughter), and he believed Eve was the first lady member, but she let them down (laughter). After that—generations after that—came the diocesan guilds and the county associations, which had done a very great deal for change ringing, but wherever they went among these diocesan and county associations they would find members of the College Youths—occasionally they would find a Cumberland, but he could not help that (laughter), and they all came home to roost, like chickens and cures (laughter), as near the 5th of November as they could (applause). They welcomed them all, and as long as the College Youths' business was conducted as it had been for nearly 300 years, and they had Masters who would do their work like Mr. Hawkins, and past-Masters like Newton and Peck and Clark and a lot of others, and as long as they had a secretary like Mr. Cockerill, the College Youths would live and would continue to welcome kindred societies (applause).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell submitted 'The Press,' and spoke of the importance of 'The Ringing World' to the Exercise. From his own knowledge of the trade he was quite convinced that the support given to 'The Ringing World' was not sufficient to give the Editor a proper return for his labours. Officials of associations were very largely dependent upon 'The Ringing World,' and without it he did not know where they would be. He spoke feelingly, as the secretary of a big association, and in wishing prosperity to 'The Ringing World' he urged all ringers to give the paper their support, for it was up to them to make it more successful than it was (applause).

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who said that the Press generally were to-day taking a more intelligent and sympathetic interest in the art of ringing than was once the case. It was important that the Exercise should do all it could to encourage that sympathy, for the Press of to-day wielded such a great influence on public opinion that a hostile Press might very easily do much to curtail or even to stop peal ringing in towns and cities. With regard to 'The Ringing World,' he thanked Mr. Mitchell for what he had said, and added that it was quite true that without a paper devoted to its interests ringing might easily get into a sorry plight. It was possible, however, there would be compensating advantages. It might result in fewer ringers attending that annual dinner, which would be regrettable, but that would make room for ladies, many of whom were dying for the chance to come and see for themselves what happened at that gathering, and would be thrilled at the prospect of the opportunity (laughter).

Before the proceedings concluded, the vice-chairman took the opportunity of saying how very heartily they of the College Youths congratulated those members of the Devonshire Guild who rang the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral (applause). The society was very pleased to know that some of their own active members took part in the peal (applause).

During the evening Mrs. A. A. Hughes again delighted the company with handbell solos, performed in her inimitable style. She first of all played 'Garden of Roses' (Wood) and 'Break o' Day' (Sanderson), and as an encore 'Solweig's Song' (Grieg) and the ever popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' Mr. Arthur Trayburn was the vocalist, and was encored for both his songs, 'Come, let's be merry' (Wilson) and 'Old Barty' (Grant). Mr. H. N. Pittow was the accompanist. The enjoyable proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY.

**BECCLES.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled for the Remembrance Day service, 880 Kent Treble Boh Royal; R. J. Goate 1, E. R. Goate (conductor) 2, Miss K. Lewis 3, Miss V. Beckett 4, Miss D. Constance 5, G. Walpole 6, S. Copling 8, J. Spalding 9, C. F. Saver 10.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Parish Church, for the Armistice Day services, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Oakley 1, A. Dix 2, S. Hoare (conductor) 3, C. Lennan 4, H. Long 5, G. Howchin 6, F. Crook 7, R. Bell 8.

**BROOKFIELD, GORTON, MANCHESTER.**—On Sunday, November 6th, with muffled bells, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, C. Ollier 2, P. Rushton 3, A. S. Fearnhead 4, J. Fearnhead 5, E. Seddon 6, E. F. Mawby (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Reed 8.

**CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, November 6th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Thatcher 1, F. Fisher 2, F. Gosling 3, E. Standen 4, R. Fisher 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, for Remembrance Day: C. J. Hart 1, F. S. Hart 2, B. Saunders 3, A. J. Peirpoint 4, R. Playford 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, F. Weller 7, J. Baldoock 8.

## A NOTTS CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION.

## OLD RING OF THREE AUGMENTED TO SIX AT STAPLEFORD.

After a silence of three years the bells of Stapleford Parish Church, Notts, have now been restored and augmented to a fine little peal of six bells. It was to dedicate the bells, also the new choir vestry and two new windows and the restoration of the tower, that a thanksgiving service was held on Friday evening, October 21st, when the act of dedication was carried out by the Lord Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Mosley).

Some few years ago it was noticed that the tower had developed huge cracks, and although tie rods had been inserted to hold the walls together there was much apprehension as to the safety of the structure. The tie rods have now been removed, and the whole of the tower and spire thoroughly restored by Messrs. Thompson and Sons, Ltd., the well-known church contractors, of Peterborough. Good concrete floors have taken the place of the old wooden ones which were walked on with trepidation, whilst the old framework has been replaced by one in metal, made to accommodate a ring of eight bells so that two additional trebles may be installed at any time in the future with the minimum of expense.

To the three old bells have been added three new smaller ones, and the peal equipped with the most modern type of fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, etc. Of the original three bells, the two largest are reputed to date from about the middle or the end of the 16th century, whilst the smallest is dated 1843. These bells were carefully tuned at the Loughborough Foundry, and the three bells which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have added have made a wonderful splice. The neighbouring band from Sandiacre rang the opening touch on the bells, their striking being perfect, and on the following day, as already recorded, there was rung a peal of Minor. All who have rung on these bells are delighted with their tone and 'go' and are of the opinion that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have carried out the work in their usual thorough manner.

Great credit is also due to the Vicar of Stapleford, the Rev. C. J. A. Burden, who shouldered the immense task of tackling the rehang-ing and augmentation of the bells in conjunction with the restoration of the tower and spire. Although he knew he would have a debt to wipe off of several thousand pounds, he did not hesitate to order the three new bells to make up the ring of six.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Market Lavington, on Saturday. This excellent ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) was set going to changes at 3 p.m., and ringing continued in various methods until 4.40, when the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton) conducted the Guild office, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman) reading the lesson. Tea followed at 5 p.m. in the Institute, where 30 sat down and enjoyed the good fare provided.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. He expressed the regret of the Vicar at not being able to attend the tea.

On the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. S. Hillier, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O., Vicar of Melksham, and Mr. E. D. Aust, also of Melksham, were elected honorary members of the Guild, and W. Page as a ringing member.

A discussion took place with regard to West Lavington bells, general regret being felt that they were unavailable for this meeting.

A message was received from the Rector of Hilperton, asking that a ringer's service be arranged at Hilperton on a Sunday evening in the near future. This was thought impracticable, as members would have to be absent from their own towers to attend such a service. It was decided, however, that a meeting be arranged in February, and the secretary was asked to write the Rev. Proby to that effect.

The usual thanks being passed, the meeting closed, some members remaining in the Institute for handbell ringing, whilst others returned to the church.

The undermentioned towers were represented: Devizes, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Bratton, Bishops Cunnings, Bradford-on-Avon, Rowde, Warminster, Melksham and Market Lavington, and visitors from outside the branch area, Messrs. Field and Chant, Buckland Newton. The following methods were rung: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Boh, and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds, the bells being lowered in peal about 8 p.m.

## RIFLEMAN RINGER'S SHOOTING SUCCESS.

Mr. Cyril Bunch, of the Yateley band of ringers, has added further to his long list of shooting successes by winning the championship of the British Hundred Roll at Bisley. In this competition Mr. Bunch was competing against the hundred best shots in the British Isles, and his remarkable total of 617 out of a possible 630 marks him as a consistently fine shot. The competition is fired under King's Prize first style conditions at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Mr. Bunch also competed in the South London Rifle Club prize meeting, and carried home to Yateley four prizes—the Carter Jubilee Cup, the Lewis Cup, the Morlake Competition and the Scratch Competition.



## PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I never have insisted that Mr. James' peal consists of separate 720's. What I do say is that if 123456 is taken as the first change in the first 720 we produce a true 720, but not in the orthodox way. In the second 720 rounds come up at the 126th change, in the third at the 433rd change, and at the end. Thus we have four rows of rounds, in three 720's. I am prepared to admit that all peals (including the one at Killamarsh) rung on this plan cannot strictly be called a true peal.

Mr. Coles says he cannot follow what he terms my so-called 720's because, as shown, they appear to be false. Let me say they are true, and produced in the orthodox way, but as it has come to knowledge that several ringers have tried to make them out and failed, I will, for their benefit as well as Mr. Coles', give the 720 again by the bob intervals. Here they are: 3.1.3.2.1.3.2.2.1.2.1.5.1.2.1. Now may I say they are simply brought in to prove that Mr. Turner's peal would not test the ability of present-day conductors (or bob callers) any more than seven 720's produced in an orthodox way, as Mr. Coles asserts it would. As I do not profess to be an expert, I will leave Mr. Coles' P.S. query for experts to answer.

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

## FORWARD?—NO, BACKWARD!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Well, well! It is Messrs. Blatter and Blatter (Unlimited) now. Mr. William Severn takes up Mr. Charles Willson's quarrels, and vice versa.

Mr. Severn advises me to leave the answer to a question to '... those best qualified. . .'. This from the gentlemen who also refers me to page 95 of the Minor Collection (he might just as well have said that the extent is included there) when I ask Mr. Willson to condemn a recognised 720! And who, in 1929, proffered me advice as to how to call an extent, when I criticised the recognised method of setting out the figures. Oh, dear!

I think that Mr. Willson makes himself clear to any intelligence—5,040's of Doubles and Minor have 'courtesy' titles only, because (mark you) some bewhiskered individuals used to call them 'performances'. They used, I believe, also to call ten thousand Bob Major a 'quarter-peal'. The fact (that Doubles and Minor are 'courtesy' titles only) remains, says he. Doubles and Minor only, mind! Barnacled balderdash! All 'peals' are courtesy titles for that matter; five thousand is the conventional length applied to the term 'peal'. It is a 'peal' for this reason, and only for this reason; yes, even Triples!

'Backstroke change.' Huh! A hand could start the Bankes James Cambridge at backstroke, and make all of the bobs at hand. What matters handstroke, backstroke, or (for that matter) sidestroke? And what about that London question? I repeat it, in a different way, and perhaps Mr. Severn will refrain from obscure references to works which many of your readers do not possess. Second's-place (or plain) courses, each complete in itself, can be joined together by fourth's places (i.e., bobs); fourth's-place 'courses' can legitimately be joined together by second's places (i.e., 'plains'). Again, each 'course' is complete within itself. I can join seven complete 720's into one whole 'peal' by using second's places, in the bewhiskered orthodox way. (Oh, yes; they are joined so.) What matters if fourth's places join extents, each of which has 720 different rows, into one 'peal'. Again I would ask the master-equivocator—Is that London an 'abortion'?

The puzzle: (I want no equivocation, says Mr. Willson; equivocate is 'to quibble, to evade.' This from one who persistently dodges that London!) 'If rounds is the first row, to what peal does the last row belong?' Crushing, very. But why is it propounded? Blatter—with an element of eye-dusting! I could ask the opposite: If rounds is the last row, etc., etc. More blatter, and we are back again!

Yes, many ringers have written that you cannot have rounds both at beginning and end. Mr. Coles has said it: Mr. Willson has said it! You 'cannot—but you do! Buggins knows it: Juggins knows it; Mr. Willson knows it!

In April, 1929, I suggested, in your columns, a six-bell ringer's humble opinion as to how peals should be defined, '... to commence and end with rounds . . . in Major 4,999 different rows and two rows of rounds . . . in Minor, seven blocks each of 720 different rows, and one row . . . i.e., 5,040 true changes . . . rounds first and last in the peal. . .'. Curiously enough, this letter was endorsed, for the talented Lamberhurst Minor band, by Mr. A. H. Smith a fortnight after it appeared. But, bless you, six-bell ringers are nobody. They read the poppycock, which, coupled with a little bluster, defines the term 'blatter'—sheer blatter!

Leytonstone.

## WHERE DO YOU START?

Dear Sir,—There have been some very interesting letters on the above subject and some otherwise. Those of last week were very good and to the point, especially that of Mr. Warrington. Will Mr. (Continued in next column.)

## TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21½ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th, when members were present from Burstow, Buckland, Horley, Limpsfield, Chert, Redhill, Reigate and Croydon. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by tea, to which the members were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. K. C. Birt at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Birt (Master of the association).—The election of Mr. Herbert P. Cliff, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, and Mr. E. J. Oliver, of Hartfield, Sussex, previous to peals was ratified.

It was announced that the next meeting of the district is to be held at Godstone on December 10th. Mr. G. F. Hoad was selected as the conductor of the quarterly peal, the method to be Double Norwich.

Mr. L. A. Tidy and his band were congratulated on ringing the first local peal of London Surprise Minor for the association.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Merstham for the use of the bells, to Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their hospitality, and to all those who helped with the tea, also to Mr. J. Batters, the local secretary.

After the meeting a service was held in the church, at which the Rector of Merstham officiated, and gave the association a warm welcome.

The company afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing in methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor, the bells being lowered at nine o'clock.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Stubbs 1, W. Cooperwheat 2, F. Stubbs 3, F. Kirk 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, C. M. Whitney 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, S. G. Robinson 8. Longest length of Stedman by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): N. Stedman 1, G. W. Stokes 2, A. K. Gower 3, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 4, F. Dalloway 5, E. Gower 6, B. Hobbs 7, D. Thorpe 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor, who are members of a newly-formed local band.

FRINDSBURY.—On Sunday, November 6th, in honour of All Saints (the dedication of the Parish Church), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Jack Jones 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Allen 2, R. Humphrey (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, T. Beaumont 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitken 8. First quarter as conductor and first attempt.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—For harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the morning service, 224 Bob Major.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Wm. Biggin 1, Wm. Bates 2, Joe Berridge 3, F. Millington 4, N. Harrison 5, G. Smith 6, C. Bates (conductor) 7, S. Linley 8. The above was also rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Frank Millington, and as a farewell to George Smith, who was leaving to take up residence at Louth.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Hedges 1, J. Gould 2, H. F. Windsor 3, W. Clarke 4, J. Evered 5, H. Windsor 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, A. Gould 8.

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Smith tell us how a 720 can be true if it does not end with rounds? I should much prefer that he enlightened me, as his next sentence bluntly contradicts his previous one; in other words, where would he start from? Knowledge, like wealth, is useless when stored up, but when circulated does good. Mr. Severn's letter speaks for itself. Mr. Willson is right. Some methods do not have the bob made at backstroke. I think Mr. Joyce has been caught napping. I like Mr. Willson, should very much like to know to what the last rounds belong? Now, here is another puzzle: If, after counting rounds at the beginning, I called the bells to set up at the handstroke (that would make the required number of changes without the last rounds), should I have rung a peal or not? I think not.

ADSUM.



**NOTICES.**

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**THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

**THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.**

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

**PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,

6, Tavistock Crescent,  
Luton, Beds,

Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.**

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James,' or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnborough tomorrow (Saturday), Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room 5.15. Nominations for district officers must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on

the 15th (elections), Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, \*The Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.); the others 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. —G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. each. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Booking bells (8) also available after the meeting. —F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this little lot, which consist of three new trebles and the three old ones all rehung in an iron frame for eight. Plenty of buses. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory (by kind invitation of Canon Sawyer) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. Service in All Saints'. Tea and business after. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and any non-members will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall, Warwick Road, at 5.30. Further ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. I should be glad if outstanding subscriptions could be paid now.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me by Nov. 9th.—O. E. Hill, 5, Elm Terrace, Lightpill, Stroud, Glos.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 15th. Bells available 3.30 till 9. Service at 5.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. J. House, 10, Fairley, Cheshunt, Herts.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts Dis. Sec., Little Munden; G. Dent, Essex Dis. Sec., Harlow Common.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, November 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify by Wednesday, November 16th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, Wandsworth. Holy Trinity 3.30 prompt. Tea, Church Hall (both West Hill) 5.15. Meeting 6. All Saints' 6.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea before 17th. Buses 85 and 93. Near L.C.C. trams,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** (Guildford District), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). — **JOINT MEETING** at West Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service (4.30) and tea at West Clandon. Please send me numbers for tea by Nov. 15th. Nominations for district officers 1933 must be made for Guildford District at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Loughborough, Saturday, Nov. 19th, joint meeting of Lincoln and Northern Districts. Foundry open to visitors during the afternoon. The Foundry Campanile and bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, by Nov. 17th. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Will all who require same kindly advise me? Further ringing after tea, also at Willesden, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed, with a special invitation to S. and W. District members. Nearest stations, Kilburn Park (Und.) and Kilburn High Road (L.M.S.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**CHANGE OF SCENERY,** change of tower, exchange of opinions, changes, musical and otherwise, may be had at Bushey, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Institute at 6. Cheap tickets from all parts by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davantry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (5) on Saturday, Nov. 19th; also a quarterly at Daventry (8) Saturday, Dec. 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, to all who notify Mr. W. Wallwork, 99, Swinton Hall Road, near Swinton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, 16th inst. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Next meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Church of St. Peter (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d. each) and meeting 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1932 are urgently needed. A good attendance is specially desired. All visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Wednesday, the 16th. Buses leave Belgrave Gate bus station at 1.15, 2.50 and 5.45 p.m. Fare 1s. 7d. return. Please turn up and make it a good meeting, as it is the first meeting to be held there.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by 22nd? —Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Ringers' festival at Stagsden will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service conducted by the new Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick) at 4.30. Tea at 5. If you intend to be present please send

me a postcard in order that proper arrangements can be made for tea. Don't fail, please! Buses pass church. Sunday, Nov. 27th, special thanksgiving services for the restoration of the bells.—Percy C. Bonnett, tagsden, Feds.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Nicholas, Worcester. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, near Tewkesbury.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 9, Freeman House, New Park Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. —The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. Will those expecting to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford? I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Thursday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District. —The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. W. T. Beeson is now 15, West Grove, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, on St. Leonard's Day, Sunday, November 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Talbot 1, F. Jennings 2, J. Euston (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourn 5, W. J. Amos 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, J. Lee 8. For evening service, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Euston 3, J. Lee 4, W. J. Amos 5, J. W. Chapman 6, E. E. Bish (conductor), 7, S. Gardner 8.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for special Armistice service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), with the bells half-muffled: J. T. Stevens 1, C. E. Udell 2, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 3, H. A. Holden 4, J. S. Morton 5, E. C. Patten 6, A. G. Hill 7, L. J. Cullum 8.

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, October 30th, on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of Winchester, 720 Bob Minor by the local band: H. Garrett 1, R. Hayter (first 720) 2, J. Winterbourne 3, W. Lance 4, A. Taylor 5, R. Garrett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 23rd, for divine service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Cull 1, S. Cull 2, D. Ellingham 3, A. Shepherd 4, H. Nobbs 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, J. Dunham 7, L. Cull 8. Also rung in honour of the Marquis of Salisbury's birthday.

**RINGSTEAD, KETTERING.**—On Sunday, October 23rd, before the first mass of harvest, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Copperwheat 1, T. Jervis 2, B. J. Stubbs 3, G. H. Roberts 4, E. E. Whitmore 5, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 6.

**MARGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after evensong on Sunday, October 16th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Stevens, churchwarden of the above church: Mrs. F. Skidmore (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Palmer 2, G. S. Wiltshire 3, S. Phillips 4, T. James 5, F. Skidmore 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Jefferies, jun. 8.

**ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Peake 1, B. Ferrybough 2, D. R. Whalley 3, J. Timmis 4, G. Whalley 5, F. Corfield 6, J. Brassington (conductor) 7, R. Morsley 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Gardner 1, G. Simmons 2, F. Jones 3, C. Grimes 4, N. Bryon 5, J. Gardner 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Watkins 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. Jones, who is leaving the parish. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 8th.

**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Perrin 1, Miss G. Church 2, L. G. Thorogood 3, A. Radley 3, A. House 5, G. B. Collins 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

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