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CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

As a result of references to church bells at the recent Anti-Noise League Conference and the resulting publicity which was gained, a good deal of newspaper correspondence arose, not only in the daily but in the local Press. The arguments were not all on one side, and, as in the Anti-Noise League meeting itself, it is obvious that among the public the bells of our churches still hold a warm place in the hearts of the people, who look upon them as one of the rapidly diminishing ancient English possessions left to them. As we have so often pointed out, a few objectors can appear to make a great stir; the risk is that a noisy minority may stampede or harass those in authority into making some wholly objectionable regulation which might irretrievably silence the bells of this land. It is to avert any such action as this that ringers must be ever on the alert. Usually, if left alone, newspaper propaganda against the ringing of bells soon fizzles out, showing, for one thing, that there is not a very strong or voluminous body of opinion against it. At the same time organised ringing cannot entirely afford to put aside such opposition as there is, as of no account.

Do not let us imagine that under no circumstances is there ground for complaint. There are far too many cases where the bells are much too noisy in the immediate vicinity of the tower—not only too noisy for those members of the public who are not specially interested in bells, but too noisy for the enjoyment of anyone, even the enthusiast. Even in the country villages the noise may be overbearing in the neighbourhood of the church; in towns it becomes, under such conditions, almost, if not quite, intolerable, and it is probably cases such as these which drive the objectors to call for active repression.

Where bells are really noisy near the church, even though there are no complaints, it is the serious duty of church authorities to take steps to modify the sound, and in every case where common sense demands it the ringers, in their own interests, should press home this necessity. The modification of sound can be done at comparatively small cost, and there is no question that, in those instances where it has been effected, it has been appreciated by the public. It is far better to do a thing like this voluntarily in the interests of all concerned, than to do it as a concession to public expressions of annoyance. We say in all seriousness that at every church where the bells are over noisy in the immediate neighbourhood, steps should at once be taken to minimise the sound. It can be done in various ways and we refer elsewhere to the practical steps which can be taken.

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ORESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 3	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	EDWARD FOSTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN. Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE CORNWALL ... Treble	WILLIAM POSTON ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 6
*FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7
*VICTOR C. PREECE ... 4	WILLIAM T. WATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

* First peal 'inside' on eight bells and at first attempt. A birthday
compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	*JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	*FRED WIGMORE ... 6
CLAUDE COUSINS ... 3	*EDWARD BARKER ... 7
*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4	ARTHUR G. BACON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BACON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
*JOHN FORD ... 2	JOHN J. CREASY ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 6
GEORGE M. EASTMAN ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE

* First peal in the method. B rung as a birthday compliment to the
ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor, also to Betty, daughter of
Clarence H. Dobbie, whose birthdays come within a very few days
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On Tuesday, June 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE	5
THOMAS LANGDON	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
WILLIAM J. NORTON	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A., Rector of the parish, on the 34th anniversary of his wedding.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ESSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HAWES	Treble	FRANCIS E. MAY	5
*SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	2	JOHN P. PELLOR	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	7
GEORGE HORWOOD	4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOR.

* First peal in the method.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER	5
FRED WILFORD	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	6
MISS EVELYN STEELE	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
C. ARTHUR MANNING	4	FRANCES BALL	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	REGINALD CHANCE	6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	ROGER W. DANIELS	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS HEMMING	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Potter, Mr. Potter having been a ringer at this church about 40 years.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	*FRANK E. HAYNES	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	*ALBERT E. NORMAN	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

* First peal in the method.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells, also by the ringer of the 4th.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	Treble	ROLAND BIGGS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	TONY PRICE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*CHARLES H. SHEPHERD	Treble	*LAWRENCE P. COOK	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	*FREDERICK W. STEMP	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	3	*CECIL L. GUY	7
*GEORGE W. BARTON	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	5
ALBERT PLOWMAN	2	HARRY PETTITT	6
HORACE PLOWMAN	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
MISS EVELYN STEELE	4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ILKESTON VARIATION.			
THOMAS J. HULL	Treble	HAROLD V. FROST	5
ARTHUR DAV	2	BEN JARMAN	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	3	FREDERICK J. SPICER	7
HENRY JARMAN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. First peal in these two methods spliced on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN Treble	GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIOT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

All the above are grandfathers, and it is believed to be the first grandfathers' peal rung for the Essex Association.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. COOKE Treble	* ROGER CADAMY 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 6
GEORGE T. BONNING 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
A. MAURICE LOVELL 4	JOHN A. GODFREY Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

* First peal in the method.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

PERCY L. HARRISON Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
JOHN P. PELLOE 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	FREDERICK ROE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

The above and the two handbell peals were arranged for Mr. J. P. Pelloe, who was on a visit to Leicester.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	BERRY WAYMAN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 6
* ROBERT SMITH 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRED C. GINN 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First of Cambridge Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Mansfield Ginn, son of the local captain, Mr. A. J. Ginn.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD Treble	ERNEST E. POPPY 5
FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 4	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	JOHN H. BOTHAM 6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	* HARRY KILBY 7
* WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. J. Lock, who was prevented from taking part at the last minute.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	FRED NEWTON 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	CHARLES BROWN 6
HARRY NEWTON 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HORACE FOX 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* HAROLD P. REED Treble	REGINALD A. REED 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	ERNEST W. WHITEMAN 6
† REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 3	WALTER LINTER 7
S. EDWARD WILSON 4	† HUBERT COMPTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. FAITHFULL.

* First peal (aged 13). † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal at first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

* ROBERT BROWN Treble	* JAMES SHEARPE 5
† HERBERT CONNELL 2	JOHN H. CLARKE 6
* SIDNEY JESSOP 3	FRANK DEWEY 7
ARTHUR DIXON 4	FRED WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal, aged 70 years. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	J. GORDON WHITTAM 4
JAMES E. BROWN 2	NICHOLAS NEWBY 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 3	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Conducted by N. NEWBY.

First peal as conductor.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	HUBERT SMITH 3
* GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
* FRANK PRICE Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Combined Oxford and Kent, 720 each of Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2	WILLIAM NEAL 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in five methods by ringers of 1, 2 and 3, for whom the peal was arranged. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WEYBROW Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	*ERNEST WAKELING 5
*STANLEY G. SHIPP 3	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Alnwick, Carlisle, Chester, London, York and Beverley.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT E. PARRY Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE 4
†EDWIN BREEZE 2	WILLIAM DEAN 5
JOHN COOKE 3	ALFRED K. LEATHAM Tenor

Conducted by A. K. LEATHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT H. DOWNES Treble	ERNEST SALMONS... .. 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
WALTER EVANS 3	FRANK DOWNES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DOWNES.

First attempt as conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED HUTCHINGS Treble	HENRY J. PARKER 4
FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON. * First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 30th peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First Surprise on the bells. Mr. and Mrs. Lack kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,520 of Plain Bob and 2,520 of Grandsire.

*HILDA TRAVILL Treble	TOM TEBBUTT 4
*EDNA TRAVILL 2	HARRY ENGLAND 5
*GEORGE TANNER 3	*LESLIE CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT. * First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITTEBERGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Containing four extents of Plain Bob and three of St. Clement's, each called differently and rung alternately. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qt. in E.

*J. SPENCER WILLIAMSON .. Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING 4
FREDERICK RIX 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	Cecil V. EBBERTSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN. * First attempt for a peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

*ROY WALTER Treble	SIDNEY WALTER 4
JABEZ WALTER 2	†EDWARD WOOD 5
HARRISON SMITH 3	STANLEY WHITE... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the third has now rung peals on all the bells in the tower. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Walter on the occasion of their silver wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Laker, Bridgwater, Mass., U.S.A., eldest daughter of Mr. Harrison Smith.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Arnold Brunton.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Barnes.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Size 13½ in E flat.

*HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
*†WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor. First peal 'in hand' by the district.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At 98, EVESHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS... 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE 7-8
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE... .. 3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOE... .. 9-10
GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS... 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First handbell peal of Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BOURNEMOUTH.—On June 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): W. Shute 1, Miss T. Child 2, Miss M. White 3, E. T. Griffin 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. W. Biffin 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS ENTERTAINED

GUESTS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Central Council at Shrewsbury, a reception was given to the party who last autumn made a ringing tour in Australia, and, some of them, in New Zealand. The Council broke off from the discussion in which they were engaged in the morning, and the tourists were welcomed by the president, to whom they were introduced by their organising secretary, Mr. W. H. Fussell. All were present except the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was prevented by scholastic duties. Those who attended were, in addition to Mr. Fussell, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. Sharples (Blackpool), Mr. J. Harcastle and Mr. R. Maude (Bradford), Mr. W. Linter (Fareham), Mr. G. Martin (Maidenhead) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

The President said the Council would remember that last year Mr. Goldsmith mentioned at the meeting at Warwick the proposed tour to Australia, and asked the Council to use the tourists as a means of sending their greetings to the ringers of Australia, and offering to take out some literature for them. They all now knew of the Australian tour and of the wonderful things that were done. The Standing Committee of the Council thought it would be nice if the Council could say, 'Thank you,' to the tourists for what they had done for them. That was why they had asked Mr. Fussell and his fellow-travellers to come there that day so that the Council could officially receive them and have lunch with them. On behalf of the Council, therefore, he welcomed the tourists back and thanked them for what they did. They, as a Council, recognised fully the great missionary effort which the travellers carried out (applause). The tour was, perhaps, the greatest effort that had ever been made to spread the art of ringing in the British Dominions, and they all appreciated what the tourists had done. They thanked them, too, for having taken the messages, on behalf of the Council, to their brethren in Australia (applause).

Mr. Fussell, in reply thanked the Council most heartily for their welcome and for their kindness in allowing the tourists to join them that day. They appreciated the honour which the Central Council had bestowed upon them. The tour was rather a risky undertaking to start with, but, thanks to the kind co-operation of the members who comprised the team, they had been and returned, and that reception was the crowning feature of their journey round the world. As a body of churchworkers, and as bellringers in particular, they felt they had done a little to interest their brethren overseas in the old English art of ringing. It seemed strange to those who lived in the motherland, where there were towers and bells centuries old, to go out to a new country where they were just celebrating their centenary. They were warmly welcomed and treated most hospitably, and although they did not expect to bring back a big bunch of peals, they were successful in seven of their attempts (applause). On behalf of the Australian tourists he thanked the Council for their kindness that day (applause).

The tourists were later entertained to lunch by the Council at the Lion Hotel, the company numbering about 110. Afterwards the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the President then proposed the toast of 'Our Guests.' He said they very much appreciated the wonderful effort they made. From all accounts they had a very good time, and the Council were pleased to see them back, all of them looking very fit and all the better for their journey (applause). They were all sorry the Rev. E. Bankes James was unable to be with them.

A WONDERFUL VOYAGE.

Mr. Fussell, in replying, added the regret of the rest of the tourists at the absence of their 'chaplain.' They heartily appreciated the welcome and kind expressions extended to them at the gathering. Looking round that room he felt pretty sure that everyone there read 'The Ringing World,' therefore they knew a good deal about the tour. It would take too long that day to go through all their experiences. With regard to the whole journey they were greatly blessed with wonderful weather, and for himself and Mr. George Martin he could say they were never poorly on the voyage (laughter). They never missed a single meal and could always walk the decks in comfort. It was an extraordinary voyage right round the world, and when they read of the storms and disasters that sometimes preceded and followed them through the different seas, sometimes only a day after, they seemed to have been blessed with the finest passage possible. He could not stress too much the kindness that everyone showed to them throughout the whole journey and the heartiness with which the party was welcomed. They wanted them to go here, there and everywhere to see the various sights, but, unfortunately, they were not there for six months and had to deny themselves of a great deal of pleasure; in fact, he had to remind some of the officials that they were bellringers and out to ring bells; their object was to encourage the church authorities in each of the towers they visited. The one great point of the whole tour was the ringing on November 11th. Australia knew how to commemorate Armistice Day quite as well as we did in the homeland, and when the Duke of Gloucester dedicated the Shrine of Remembrance an Anglo-Australian team rang a twelve-bell peal, and on that day, also, the people of Melbourne heard muffled bells ring in the same manner as they are rung in the mother country. In Sydney they visited the old Church of St. Philip, the first Christian foundation in the whole of Australia and a most historical site, although its history went back little more than 100 years. They could

not ring the bells at St. Philip's, because the tower was unsafe, but the loss was made up to them by the authorities of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, who placed their bells at their disposal and hoped they would give them a good English peal, which they did. The Duke of Gloucester lauded at Farm Cove, about half a mile from the Cathedral, and as he drove round the city the bells were ringing, and just as he passed the church they were 'fired,' and it was said by onlookers that he looked up at the tower and saluted. It was a curious coincidence that a team of English ringers were ringing bells in English fashion in that distant tower when the son of King George was passing. Unfortunately, after visiting Sydney, most of the party had to return home, but the rest went on to New Zealand and put in a very happy ten days there. At Christchurch there was a peal of ten bells in the Cathedral tower, and these were placed at their disposal and they were encouraged to do what they wanted, but, unfortunately, they were not successful in ringing a peal. They returned across the Pacific Ocean and almost the whole way home the sea was calm, and the journey was almost like a river trip up the Thames. They wanted a good rest to make up for a lot of lost sleep while they were so busy ashore, and they got it. The whole journey was unique and they could not have gone but for the shipping companies encouraging people to travel by issuing very cheap tickets. The proposal cropped up in a friendly correspondence with Mr. Savage, of Melbourne. At first they were limited to six men, but when he pointed out that they ought to have at least eight, the Australians agreed, and they were also able to take a reserve man in case of illness, and it was lucky they did, for, although in Tasmania Mr. Goldsmith was laid up for five days with influenza, they still had a band. Some wise providence was behind them all the time. He did not take much credit for himself. He felt, when the invitation came, that if it were to be done, that was the time to do it, and the whole scheme turned out far more successfully than anyone would at first have believed possible. If they had rung three peals he would have been pleased, but instead—well, they knew what the result was. While they were in Australia and New Zealand they met ringers from many parts of England who had settled out there, and they asked all about their friends in the homeland, while many people who seldom heard a peal of bells came to listen to the ringing, and because, perhaps, their fathers had been ringers in England, took the deepest interest in the ringing. He could not help thinking that, as soon as the return of prosperity allowed it, the authorities in the Dominions would improve their towers and go in more for the English art of ringing and put in proper peals of bells. A great deal depended on the churches as to what was done in the future for the art of change ringing.

Mr. Fussell concluded by again thanking the Council for their kindly reception and hospitality, and the proceedings then terminated.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

In addition to the calling places in Grandsire Triples already described, there are three others, called respectively 'Wrong' (6-7 down), 'Home' (6-7 up) and 'Middle' (4-5 up), and if you are relying upon calling the observation bell into one of these positions you must not forget that a bob in Grandsire brings the bells above 4th's place (or 4-5 down) to one dodging place short of where they would reach if no bob were called.

If, for instance, you make 3rd's place, at the next treble lead, if no bob is called, you would dodge in 4-5 down; but if a bob is called you are stopped in 6-7 down, where you have a double instead of a single dodge. Again, if you have been in 4-5 down, a bob at the next treble lead keeps you in 6-7 up, instead of going on to 6-7 down, as you would if no bob were called. If your last dodge was in 6-7 down, a bob next lead will bring you to a double dodge in 4-5 up; and a bob the lead after you have dodged in 6-7 up puts you into the hunt, instead of going on to 4-5 up.

You must remember this peculiarity of Grandsire, otherwise your calling will go astray. Although you may be calling your touch by these positions of the observation bell, look always for the bell that is coursing down before the treble (the one that is going to make the undisturbed 3rd's place), and make the actual call at the moment he leads at handstroke. A little practice will soon enable you to do this. Having made up your mind that you are in the right lead for the bob, you will know which bell to look for, because, in hunting up, you will have passed him immediately before you passed the treble.

You can get a touch of 168 by calling any of the bells three times Wrong (except the 2nd or 4th) or Home (except the 2nd) or Middle (except the 2nd, which, of course, cannot be brought into any of these positions by one call). You may also call 3, or 5, or 6 five times Wrong and Middle, or Middle and Wrong, as the case may be, for a touch of 210, in which case you get two bobbed leads to one plain lead.

But what the beginner should also aim at is to make himself independent of the calling places, and learn to conduct his touches and peals by the bells Before, supplemented by a knowledge of those going into the hunt. We have explained how he may know which bell is coming Before. Let him try this touch: Call the 5th Before (which is calling the 2nd out of the hunt the first lead), then call the 4th Before three times, the 5th twice and the 4th four times (which will bring the 2nd into the hunt again). One lead later the bells will run round, at the end of 518 changes, and you will have rung the first part of Holt's ten-part peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

P.S. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, has received the King's Jubilee Medal. Is this honour unique amongst ringers—police or just ringers?

A meeting of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association was to have been held at Old Warden to-morrow, but since the arrangements were made the church tower has been found to be unsafe. The meeting is, therefore, transferred to Sandy.

The meeting at Newland, Glos, has been cancelled for a similar reason.

Petworth tower (Sussex), with its tall spire, has also been found in need of repair, and ringing there has been temporarily stopped.

Ringing is also held up at Kingston-on-Thames, where the condition of some of the bells is unsafe.

The ring of eight bells of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, London, is shortly to be tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co. The regular ringers at this church are all members of the Metropolitan Police.

How is this for enthusiasm? Three members of the St. James' band, Poole (Dorset) cycled from Poole to the Dorchester Branch meeting at Upwey and to the towers available for ringing, and with the journey covered a total of about 86 miles in a temperature of between 85 and 90 degrees. They arrived in the Wyke Regis tower on the stroke of 9 p.m. just in time to have a very short touch and help lower the bells in peal.

Because in his opinion the tone of the village church bells was mournful, a Woodley (near Reading) bridegroom declined to have them rung at his wedding.

He arranged for a wireless gramophone record of a joyful wedding peal to be played as the bridal couple left the church.

Life in the old boys yet! Eight grandfathers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Great Baddow, Essex, on Saturday week.

Mr. Herbert Connell rang his first peal last Saturday. He is 70 years of age.

A GIFT FROM MELBOURNE.

AUSTRALIAN CITY HELPS ENGLISH NAMESAKE.

A message from Melbourne, Australia, states that a sum of £100 has been contributed from that city towards the restoration of the bells of Melbourne, Derbyshire, where the ring of eight have got into a dilapidated condition.

An appeal made by the Vicar and churchwardens to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne resulted in £100 in Australian currency being given by Councillor and Mrs. T. S. Nettlefold and £25 by the 'Sun' newspaper; £125 in Australian currency being equal to £100 sterling.

B.U.R.G. TOURING WEEK.

Thirty-two ringers from 19 different counties are taking part in the week's motor-coach tours, August 12th to 17th inclusive.

The tours extend over 500 miles, and the bells in more than 30 towers are available for ringing.

Buckfast Abbey will be one of the places visited and will probably record the 'last pull' on the bells before they go to the foundry.

The coach is a super de luxe of the Bristol Tramway Co., and has actually been built since the order for the tours was placed in February.

RINGERS WEDDED.

L.-SGT. E. J. BRAGG AND MISS G. B. DENYER.

In the presence of a numerous assembly of friends and well-wishers, the wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on Saturday, of L.-Sgt. Edward John Bragg, Grenadier Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, of Sharnbrook, Beds, and Miss Grace Beatrice Denyer, elder daughter of Mr. William Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of Aldershot.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers, the bride being one of a family of two daughters and three sons who, with their father, are members of the Aldershot Parish Church band. Sgt. Bragg's ringing has been done in many towers, according to the exigencies of his service.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Le Fleming), and was fully choral. The bride, who was attired in white silk, was given away by her father and attended by four bridesmaids, who wore pink costumes and pale blue crinoline hats. They were the Misses Nancie Denyer and Edna Southby (both ringers at Aldershot) and the Misses Joyce and Doris Kennedy, of Sharnbrook. The best man was Mr. Richard Bragg, brother of the bridegroom. L.-Sgt. Bragg was in full military uniform.

The bridal pair left the church through the belfry under the crossed ropes held by the ringers, who immediately after set the bells going in a touch of 560 Bob Major.

At the reception, subsequently held at St. Michael's Parish Room, the ringers presented the happy pair with a canteen of cutlery. There were a large number of other presents.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bragg left for their honeymoon in Devonshire, they departed to the sound of handbells violently jangled on the railway platform.

ASTON'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

DEDICATION OF RECAST AND AUGMENTED RING.

After a silence of ten years, Aston Parish Church bells spoke with a new voice on Saturday. These bells, celebrated in ringing history, have been rejuvenated by recasting, and augmented by the addition of two trebles, given as a Jubilee thanksgiving offering, to make a ring of twelve, and the ancient church, a centre of religious life for ten centuries, has been enriched thereby.

Previous to this restoration the ring consisted of ten bells, the tenor weighing 22 cwt., and for the last few years the condition of the peal has been so bad that ringing had to be discontinued—several of the bells had become cracked, the wooden frame weak and decrepit, and the working parts of the fittings had reached a dangerously worn state.

In the early part of this year it was decided to go ahead with a complete scheme of restoration, and the work done has included the recasting of the entire peal, which has been increased in weight so that the tenor bell now weighs nearly 25 cwt. In addition, two new bells have been added to make a peal of twelve, as a thanksgiving for the Jubilee of King George's reign. The peal, therefore, now comprises a magnificent ring of twelve bells, in the key of D natural, perfectly tuned on the 'Taylor true-harmonic' system.

The peal is now hung in a strong and massive framework mounted upon a grillage of steel girders capable of carrying a load of 200 tons. The design and construction of the frame and girders includes an efficient system of bracing so that the stresses of the swinging of the bells are absorbed in this structure and the amount of strain placed upon the tower is negligible. The bells are equipped with the latest and most up-to-date type of fittings throughout and swing in heavy duty ball bearings.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the recast bells with the addition of 'Recast 1935.' The new treble and second, which were provided by funds raised by a house-to-house appeal in Aston, bear the following words:—

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This ring of ten bells was recast and rehung in the Jubilee year of 1935. Henry McGowan, M.A., Vicar. H. Platt, E. M. Roberts, Wardens.

The peal was rededicated on St. Peter's Day, 1935.

To the glory of God the two largest bells of this peal were recast and rehung as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1935. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

The dedication of the bells was performed on Saturday (St. Peter's Day) by Dr. C. R. Duppuy, Canon of Worcester, formerly Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, and curate of Aston from 1904 to 1909. The impressive service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Henry McGowan, to whose energy the restoration has been largely due, and was attended by hundreds of parishioners.

During the service the Bishop, followed by the Vicar, wardens and clergy, walked in procession to the tower, where the ringers and bell-founder were assembled, while the choir sang Milton's 'Ring out, ye crystal spheres.' Receiving from the bell-founder the rope of the tenor bell, the Bishop sounded it ten times, and afterwards sounded a Jubilee bell.

Bishop Duppuy took as his text the words from Psalm xix, 4: 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them. Their sound is gone out into all lands and their words into the ends of the world.'

'The bells of this mother church of Aston, from which within living memory have sprung 35 daughter churches, have sounded out,' he said, 'through many a long century and then for ten years they have been silent. Now, to-day, they are singing out again and two new bells have been added. England is richer for its bells. The bells of England take us back through the long past and speak to us of a glorious heritage. The bells at Aston certainly carry us back to very early years. From Saxon times there has been a parish here. This parish has behind it a thousand years of service. It is certainly one of the oldest institutions in the city of Birmingham.'

'Ten times I sounded out the tenor bell, once for each century of worship offered in the church in which we are sitting now. Eight hundred years ago the monks of Tickford Priory assumed control of this parish, rebuilt this church and perhaps installed the first bells. Four hundred years ago, at the time of Edward VI., we know for certain there were five bells in the tower. Just before Waterloo, in 1814, a ring of ten bells was completed. Now in this Jubilee year the ten bells which had become worn and unsafe have been recast, a steel frame has been provided for them in the tower, and two new

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A WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

NATIONAL APPEAL TO BE MADE.

It was announced at a meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Kingsbury on Saturday that a scheme had been formulated for providing a suitable memorial to the late Mr. William Pye and that a national appeal for funds would be made.

Mr. Pye was such a national figure, so well known throughout the British Isles wherever bells are rung, that there must be hundreds of ringers who will wish to be associated with the memorial.

Speaking at the business meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, the district vice-president (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reminded members of the decision come to at the annual general meeting of the association to put up a suitable memorial to the late Master. The Central Committee, to which the matter had been referred, had met to consider this question, and had reached the conclusion that the memorial should be a national one. They of the Middlesex Association were apt to regard William Pye as just the Master of that association, but ringers throughout the country looked upon him as having been the greatest ringer this generation had produced. It was, therefore, fitting that the memorial should be of a national character. Of many schemes discussed, the committee had adopted the suggestion to augment to an octave the six bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in the parish in which Mr. Pye lived for upwards of 30 years. Canon Brown, the Vicar, and the Leytonstone ringers all supported the scheme, which had also received the approval of the committee of the Essex Association, with whom they hoped to collaborate. A fairly large sum of money would be required, and Mr. Fletcher asked the meeting to start the fund with a donation from the district.

After a short discussion the sum of £15 was voted, with an addendum that, in certain circumstances, this amount should be increased to £20.

The scheme itself met with general approval.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Whit Monday. About forty members were present, representing Llandudno, Rhyl, Abergelle, Wrexham, Llangollen, Buckley and Bangor, and among the visitors were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Mr. R. Sperring (Chester).

A service was held in St. David's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Jones).

At the business meeting which followed the retiring officers were re-elected, with the Rev. T. J. Rowlands, Llandudno, vice-president in place of the former Rector of Llandudno, who is now the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

The secretary presented a satisfactory report, which stated that the membership was increasing, and the district secretaries were doing splendid work in arranging practice meetings and instructing new ringers.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Buckley on the last Saturday in September, and the next annual meeting at Wrexham.

A splendid tea was partaken of by the members and their wives, kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, for which they were accorded a vote of thanks.

Prior to and following the meeting, the visitors and members rang several good touches in different methods on the bells.

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bells have been added, upon each of which has been cast this inscription: "Given by the people of Aston in thankful commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of King George and Queen Mary, 1910-1935."

But if the bells of Aston spoke of a rich heritage that had come down to them, the Bishop proceeded, they also marked vast changes in human lives. The bells he had dedicated were Jubilee bells. They spoke of a quarter of a century of immense change. Perhaps in all history there had never been a quarter of a century of greater change. It was just 25 years since he left Aston parish. Recently he had been privileged to take confirmation services for the Bishop of Birmingham, and he had seen the immense changes that had taken place and how vast were the problems that confronted those who were concerned with the spiritual welfare of this place. He was impressed by the courage with which they were facing their problems. Looking back over a quarter of a century he was impressed by the courage and also by the constancy of the people of Aston. The bells talked of a quarter of a century of change, but also of a quarter of a century of constancy.

The bells were rung immediately after the Blessing by members of St. Martin's Guild, beginning with some good rounds and afterwards to five excellent courses of Stedman Cinques. Later the ringers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, while visitors from Manchester, Bolton, London, Loughborough, Derby, Leicester, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Walsall and the towers round Birmingham kept the bells going. Everyone expressed delight with Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work. There is an excellent circle of ropes, and it is hoped that St. Peter's Church, Aston, will come once more into its old prominence as a centre of bellringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

When the Council resumed after lunch, Mr. E. C. S. Turner formally proposed the recommendation of the Methods Committee: That the Methods Committee be authorised to prepare a book on the Surprise Major methods and to hand the same to the honorary secretary; and that the honorary secretary be authorised to take the necessary steps for publishing the same. Mr. Turner said Mr. Trollope had already explained what it was proposed to put into the book, and added, with regard to the point raised by Mr. Lindoff, that in some cases 6th's place bobs should be used in 2nd's place methods, that if a peal could not be produced in a method by 4th's place bobs they would endeavour to produce it with 6th's place bobs, and if the method was considered good enough, it would be put into the book.

Mr. Stephen Wood seconded.

In a speech of nearly 40 minutes' duration, the Rev. E. S. Powell moved his amendment (printed in our last issue). He said the Council would recognise that he was in some difficulty in criticising the committee's book, which had that day been laid before the Council, and which, as they had already heard, he had never seen. Some members may have considered it strange when he drew out, during the morning session, that he had not seen the book; that, as Mr. Trollope had confessed, the sight of it had been refused to him, and that, at the time the report was signed, only two of the four members of the committee had seen the contents of the book. He did not think, however, that it could be denied that that book of two volumes was based primarily and chiefly upon a collection of methods which Mr. Trollope made, or, for lack of a better word, composed himself several years ago. The only information he (the speaker) had was contained in a confidential memorandum circulated among the committee last July, but he thought he might be allowed to say this, that in addition to what he had already mentioned, there had been, as there was intended to be, a considerable amount of work on the variation and improvement of methods which already existed, and the addition, of course, of those methods which had been rung and published, or those which were considered worth while. He thought that would be accepted as the broad lines on which the book had been prepared. At any rate, those were rather the lines on which the committee were told it was going to be prepared. If that were true, he said without fear of contradiction that any book published on those lines alone would be out of date before it was printed. Surprise methods consisted of three main classes. One class had a place made in each section between the second and third rows. Those were the class which had the places 'right.' In addition there were, of course, the places made between the sections. From the theoretical point of view these were undoubtedly the ideal Surprise methods. In their best form, they produced alternate Cater and Triple changes, and some of the older members of the Council would remember that in the latter part of the Victorian age there was a school of purists who were inclined to accept those methods to the exclusion of all others. They even thought that just because London Surprise did not come into this class, London was not, strictly speaking, a legitimate method. But they were now past the Victorian age, and there was no one present that day who would say that London was an illegitimate method. The chairman of the committee had tried to impress the Council with the importance of the class mentioned, and they were the methods to which he got Mr. Wood to devote so much labour, whereas the better brains in the Exercise were beginning to turn away from them. It was the conservatives like Mr. Trollope who were pressing their importance. There were no two names, in his opinion, better known or respected for their work in producing Surprise methods than those of Mr. Banks James and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. It was interesting to see how many of this particular type of method they had published in the last 15 years. Mr. Lindoff had published two and Mr. James none of them. That seemed to him a somewhat significant fact.

BILLIONS OF METHODS.

In the second class of methods they had places made between the first and second rows of some sections, instead of the place between the second and third row, and, to preserve truth, they had a place made between the third and fourth rows. That was a very large and popular group and would probably be adequately represented in the Collection to be brought out by the committee. When he came to Class 3, which consisted of places made both 'right' and 'wrong,' he was dealing with a group of methods which, he said, was only just beginning to get its head above water, and he personally believed it to be a class of Surprise methods not of to-day, but of to-morrow. If the proposed book was to be worthy of the reputation of the Council and of the Methods Committee, they did not want a book which contained a selection of methods which brought them just up to where they had got to-day. They wanted to use imagination so that they would include methods which would be in demand to-morrow. It was going to be an expensive business to bring out this book. It would be a book for the few, and the Council would only see its money back at the end of a very considerable period. Therefore, they wanted to bring out a book which would be a book not only of to-day, but of to-morrow. That was why he was particularly anxious to see in this book a really adequate representation of

methods in Class 3. Mr. Trollope had told them that the Surprise methods ran to millions, but Mr. Law James once said that they ran into billions, and he (the speaker) had looked into it sufficiently far to be able to say that Mr. Law James' statement was no exaggeration. Against the 360,000 methods in Class 2, Class 3 contained millions of millions of methods to choose from. No one for a moment would ask the committee to work out the formulae for all that enormous number of methods, but he thought some serious work should have been done upon it, and there was no evidence before the Council that any serious work had been done on Class 3 by the Methods Committee. Mr. Powell went on to enumerate the methods in this class which had been published, such as Guildford, Northampton, Crofton, Surrey, Elstree and others unnamed, and in some cases they had been found as intricate to ring as London. He also gave the results of a careful examination which he said he had made of this type of method, not in order to find the actual methods, but to investigate the possibilities of getting good methods. He also worked out the false course ends, and the thing that surprised him most was to find that, although he did not find one with a clean proof scale, probably half of them would produce a peal of 5,000 changes. He did not know how many methods with these composite places the committee had included in their book, but he did know that it was impossible for two men, one of them a busy business man, to have made a really exhaustive and sufficient examination of the 15 groups of methods which were included in Class 3, so that whatever the committee might tell them of the contents of the book, whatever Class 3 methods had got into it must have got there almost accidentally. They ought to have a numerically stronger committee. Last year he did all he could to obtain it himself, and Mr. Trollope knew he nearly resigned then on that particular point. If his amendment was passed they could set to work to get a larger and stronger committee so that this further investigation might be undertaken. What he suggested was that they should mobilise the best brains of the Exercise both inside and outside the committee in getting something as a real basis for the work. If that were done, he believed the result would be that they would have a collection of about 600 methods with less than 100 Class 1, probably 200 to 300 Class 2, and they would certainly have at least 200 of Class 3. There could not be anything like a representative entry of Class 3 in the present book: there had not been sufficient number of hours in which to do the work.

'LACK OF IMAGINATION.'

If the Council passed the amendment, they would, as he had said, proceed to strengthen the committee, who would first proceed to examine the two volumes now before the Council, and if, for the sake of argument, they were perfectly satisfied with the book and found that it contained a thoroughly representative collection, all that would have happened would have been twelve months delay, and that was not a very serious matter in the circumstances. Mr. Trollope would then come again next year and tell them that his judgment had been vindicated, and that he (Mr. Powell) had been proved to know nothing about the subject, and he would take it smilingly and perfectly cheerfully. That was the worst that could happen. But supposing they turned down the amendment, what then? The Council must not think that by voting against the amendment they would be voting a vote of confidence in the Methods Committee. They would be doing nothing of the kind. When he wrote to Mr. Trollope and asked for the manuscript collection, he was told it was the personal property of Mr. Trollope and Mr. Ernest Turner, and that, although they proposed to hand it over formally to the Council Library, they strictly reserved the copyright. Their sympathies, continued Mr. Powell, must be with the other member of the committee, Mr. Wood. It was a humiliating position for one who had been allowed to do a big slice of the work. Of course, that statement on the face of it was only bluff, and it was a bluff that they called, because whether the report of the committee was or was not the report of the committee as a whole, it had been presented to the Council as such and accepted as such, and the book had been accepted by the Council. Therefore, it was now the property of the Council. The copyright might be that of Mr. Turner and Mr. Trollope—that he would not deny—but the book was the property of the Council, and the Council could show it or use it in such way as they pleased. Mr. Trollope had also referred to it as 'my MS. book'—this time it was not even Mr. Turner and Mr. Trollope, but they could agree that both statements were undoubtedly true because they knew perfectly well that Mr. Turner had been carefully brought up from his youth by Mr. Trollope (laughter), and while the hands might be the hands of Mr. Turner, the voice was undoubtedly the voice of Mr. Trollope (laughter). He did not mean that in any way offensively; if it was thought to be offensive he would withdraw it. The point he wanted to make was that Mr. Trollope's attitude prevented the book being available for study by members of the Council before publication. He had spoken rather stringently, and he did not withdraw a single thing he had said, but he would like to add that all of them—no member of the Council more than he—had a very high opinion of Mr. Trollope's abilities, but he thought there was one quality in which Mr. Trollope was lacking, and that was the quality of imagination. In the bringing out of this book they had missed Mr. Law James to an extent that it was perhaps difficult to realise, unless they had worked with Mr. Law James as intimately as he (the speaker) had done. To bring out that record peal of London, to

bring out that wonderful splicing of the Surprise Major methods which Mr. Law James thought of, was not done just by hard work. There was in it just a spice of something else—they could call it flair or genius; he preferred to call it imagination. It was, he felt, the absence of imagination which was the explanation of both the way in which the committee had been run in recent months, and also the reason why people like Mr. Bankes James, Mr. Lindoff and others were not approached, and why efforts were not made to work out the class of methods to which he had referred. It was in order to try and ensure that this book should be as representative as it could possibly be that he moved the amendment.

A QUESTION OF 'REVENGE.'

Mr. Trollope said he did not propose to answer everything that Mr. Powell had said. What the Council was asked to vote upon was not a question whether the committee should be strengthened or a much better Surprise book published, but simply whether a man, who for some reason took a personal dislike to one member of the committee and could not have his own way, so left the committee, should get his revenge by trying to smash the committee. He was sorry to put it so brutally, but that was what was intended by the amendment. The committee had no quarrel with Mr. Powell, it was Mr. Powell who had quarrelled with them. They had been willing to work with Mr. Powell, but he had refused to work with the committee. Mr. Powell had suggested that he (Mr. Trollope) had treated him in some way other than he treated the rest of the committee. He had done nothing but observe the ordinary routine of their committees. He sent out an invitation to the committee to co-operate on this Surprise book at the beginning of July, but Mr. Powell did not reply until November, when he refused to co-operate. As he refused to co-operate, the other members of the committee got on with the work without him. Mr. Powell had told them about methods in Class 3. He (Mr. Trollope) knew all about the methods in Class 3. They could talk of millions of methods, but if they thought of examining them they would never get out a Surprise book. They must bring other things into consideration. They had taken the experience of the Exercise and their own experience, and for the last twelve months he had put in three or four hours per day, and he defied anyone, whether expert or anything else, to say it was not a representative book. If they liked to hang it up and appoint a committee of archangels, they could not do more than had been done, but if they did hang it up for a year the committee would lose touch with things and probably make mistakes. The committee were quite surprised at the attitude Mr. Powell had taken up; it was quite unjustified.

The President: Can you say roughly how many of the methods to which Mr. Powell has referred are in the Collection?

Mr. Trollope: Every method Mr. Powell has mentioned is in the Collection, and of Class 3 methods there are altogether about 50, I should think.

The Hon. Librarian said while Mr. Powell had been making a long speech he had been reading the book (laughter), and as a result he knew a great deal more about Surprise methods than most of the Council (laughter). A more comprehensive work than that it would be impossible to imagine. Mr. Powell quoted a method called Guildford. 'It is here on the page in front of me,' said Mr. Drake. 'There is a lead in figures, the diagram, the false course ends worked out and a note when the first peal was rung, by what association, by whom conducted and the date, while in the corner there are references to other sections of the book which even I can understand. I think the answer to Mr. Powell's objection is, "Look at this book!"' (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles: If this amendment is carried, are the committee to be instructed to prepare another collection? If so they would only be doing the same work over again.

The President: I think that would be the case.

Mr. Coles: If I were a member of that committee and were instructed to do what I had already done, I should turn round and say, 'Get on with it yourself' (hear, hear).

The amendment was then put and defeated by a large majority, and the recommendation of the committee was carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher proposed and Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 17th), and this was adopted. Mr. Pulling suggesting that the reference to the peal of Minor by the Chester Guild in 39 methods deserved a better description than that of merely a 'fine performance.' In his opinion it was a wonderful performance (hear, hear).

THE STRESSES ON BELL TOWERS.

The following report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was presented: Since the last meeting of the Council the members of the committee have reported on 16 towers which have been referred to them individually. In ten of these cases the question was one of rehanging; in three cases additional bells were desired; there was one problem of sound modification, and in the remaining tower there was a desire to preserve an old frame which was probably of the same date as the tower, but which was beyond further use. In this last instance an attempt was made to get the frame preserved as a museum piece either at South Kensington or at the County Museum. Neither

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museum would accept it for lack of space, and it will probably be preserved in the tower itself by raising it above the new frame which is to be installed.

During the year the accuracy of the calculations as to horizontal and vertical forces exerted by bells was called in question by a letter in 'The Ringing World.' It was pointed out that no allowance was made for the amount by which bells are tucked up. It might be as well to point out that 'tucking up' was fully dealt with in the calculations which have been in the Council's Library for the past 20 years. For instance, it is there shown that the vertical force exerted by a revolving body can vary from the weight of that body to five times the weight of the body, but it is also pointed out that these figures 'go far beyond the limits of practical bellringing.'

During the past year these figures have been rechecked and also the figures have been worked out for all reasonable limits of ringing bells. As an example, the coefficient, which must be multiplied by the nett weight of the bells to obtain the maximum vertical force, varies from 4.25 for a 4 cwt. bell to 3.10 for a 3 ton bell hung as the tenor of a peal of 12. The corresponding coefficients for the maximum horizontal force are 2.33 and 1.45. The figures which have been formerly used of 4 for the maximum vertical force and 2 for the maximum horizontal force remain serviceable for all ordinary purposes when considering the strength of a tower or frame.

The President proposed the adoption of the report, and, in seconding, Mr. E. A. Young referred to the value of a rope wound round the newel of spiral steps leading to ringing chambers. It was, he said, very useful, and had on many occasions prevented accidents. It was of more use, he considered, round the newel than on the outside of the stairs. Most towers, however, had not got such provision, and he would like to see it adopted more generally.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the committee, in connection with the modification of the sound of bells, had gone into the question of the use of silencers, such as they had heard of lately, and whether these fittings were on the market? If they could be recommended, the committee might issue a leaflet on the subject which could be usefully sent to the clergy: and Archdeacons and Rural Deans, and even the Church Assembly might be asked to do what they could to influence the reduction of sound in cases where the bells were really a nuisance. It was a serious matter for ringers, and he thought it would be more serious in future. If they did not take some steps themselves in this matter, steps might be taken for them which they did not like. He thought the committee might take this matter into consideration during the coming year.

The President said a good deal had already been published about sound modification in the Central Council's publications, but the committee would bear Mr. Drake's suggestion in mind.

The report was adopted.

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DEFINITION OF A SURPRISE METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why are the Methods Committee unwilling to alter the definition as to what constitutes a Surprise method?

Is it because their formula, which will produce thousands of so-called Surprise methods, is useless for explaining many intricate Treble Bob methods?

I, and others, will be interested to learn if this is the reason.

OWEN KAY.

NOISY BELLS.**HOW TO MODERATE THE SOUND.**

The important question of modifying the sound of bells in the immediate neighbourhood of a church is one which receives all too little attention. At a time when there is propaganda abroad to reduce noise—however delightful the sound of well-rung bells may be, and is, to many people—it is extremely desirable that church authorities should anticipate any serious objection by taking the initiative. It is in the interests of bellringing that the ringers themselves should, if necessary, move in the matter. Indeed, there are towers, at which ringing has already been stopped, that might be reopened if steps were taken to effect a modification of the sound.

We refer to this subject in our leading article, and practical suggestions as to how the reduction of sound can be effected will be found in the handbook on 'The Preservation of Bells,' which can be obtained from the Central Council's librarian for ninepence, post free.

Among the suggestions made in this book, and the one stated to be the most effectual, is to block up almost entirely the sound windows in the bell chamber with 9in. or 14in. brickwork (according to the width of the windows) up to the spring of the arch-heads; in the case of a square-headed window, to within a foot of the top.

Another remedy is to board up the window space behind the louvres nearly to the top with lin. boarding; line with some sound resisting material such as Cabot Quilt. Unlined boards are useless.

If there is an opening in the roof of the tower by which the sound can escape, the bell chamber windows can be entirely blocked up, either permanently, or by a means which enables them to be opened if required.

Where the sound can be directed upward, not only is the noise in the street below mitigated, but the bells are heard further off than otherwise.

Unless the church is entirely surrounded by houses, the desired end can often be attained by blocking up only two or three of the windows on the sides desired.

BELLS' SILVER JUBILEE.**CELEBRATION AT BISHOPSTOKE.**

The silver jubilee of the bells at Bishopstoke, Hants, was celebrated on Sunday, June 23rd. The day was kept as 'Ringers' Sunday,' and in the afternoon a special service was held. Many parishioners and others were also able to make their first inspection of a bellry and see ringing in actual operation.

Bishopstoke possesses three 16th century bells. They are inscribed: 'In God is my hope, 1589'; 'Give thanks to God, 1598,' and 'Seek the Lord, 1600.' Two other bells were added in 1910, the gift of Mr. Henry White, and were first rung on June 22nd of that year. It is the jubilee of this event that has just been celebrated. The octave was completed in 1920, when three tenors were added as a war memorial. The sixth is inscribed, 'Peace'; the seventh, 'Thanksgiving'; the tenor, 'Victory.' The tenor, it is interesting to note, was cast from the old clock bells from the railway carriage works at Eastleigh, and were presented by the directors of the old London and South-Western Railway Co. as a memorial to the men of the L. and S.W.R. who fell in the Great War.

There were ringers present at the jubilee service from Bishopstoke, Basingstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Dibden, Gillingham (Dorset), North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, Upham, Owslebury, Winchester and Uckfield (Sussex). Among those present were three who took part in the opening of the ring of five 25 years ago, Messrs. C. Ayliffe, G. Grant and W. T. Tucker. Three ringers also took part in the service, viz., Mr. V. H. Harris, diocesan lay reader, who read the lesson; Mr. R. C. H. Connolly, of North Stoneham, who was at the organ; and Mr. G. Griffin, of Bishopstoke, who acted as organ blower. The address was delivered by another ringer, the Rev. E. Banks James, whose text was 'There go the ships' (Psalm civ., 26).

Both before and after the service touches of Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Stedman, Bob Major and Graudsire were rung.

NINE-YEAR-OLD RINGS TENOR.

A meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Whitnash on June 15th, and those who were brave enough to dodge the showers were given a hearty welcome by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Gleave) and the local ringing captain, Mr. Hawley.

Nine-year-old Master Billy Male, of Warwick, was put through several 120's of Doubles and showed great promise, and immediately before tea a 720 of Bob Minor was rung which enabled one of the local band to ring his first 720.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Gleave and local ladies, and votes of thanks were expressed by the ringers to the Rector for the use of the bells, the ladies for preparing the tea, and to Mr. Hawley for looking after them so well in the bellry.

After tea several other ringers put in an appearance, and Billy Male again showed his skill by ringing the 11 cwt. tenor in masterly style to some rounds.

The bells were lowered in peal soon after 8 o'clock, thus bringing to a close a good meeting, at which the younger members were in a clear majority.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION AT MIRFIELD.**

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held in delightful weather at Mirfield on Saturday, June 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (10), recently rehung, were used to good purpose and about 70 members representing 25 towers, and including visitors from Rotherham were present. The preacher was the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Hall), to whom the visitors were indebted for the bounteous tea provided free and served in the Parochial Hall. During the intervening time between the tea and the meeting visitors were able to see the splendid panoramic view of Spen Valley. Group photographs were taken in the surrounding grounds.

The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupying the chair. The Vicar had to leave suddenly, as one of his sons had been involved in an accident, and hope was expressed that it might not prove as serious as at first thought.

Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for the cordial welcome extended was voiced by the chairman and seconded by Mr. P. Seager.

A vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements was accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Mr. A. Robinson in his own breezy style replied, and expressed the hope that now the bells are in good condition they would be visited again in the near future.—Any member desirous of obtaining photographs of either the group, committee or handbell team can have same on application to the secretary, Mr. W. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, postcard price 3d. each. Any other size can be obtained by special order.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at North Ferriby, a Humberside village at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, on Saturday, June 22nd, on a lovely summer day. About 40 ringers were present from Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Cottingham, Eastington, Goole, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, North Ferriby, Pocklington, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea and Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.

Choral evensong was held in church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Lloyd) giving an address, in the course of which he heartily welcomed the association to Ferriby.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, and at which three new members were elected—Messrs. W. Barker, of Hull, A. J. Hopper, of Cottingham, and H. Turgoose, of St. Mary's, Beverley.

A suggestion, put forward by Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, to hold the September meeting at Pocklington, was unanimously carried. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company, choir, organist and ladies serving at tea, were warmly accorded. The methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Graudsire and Stedman Doubles.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the excellent job made in retuning and rehanging the bells, one or two of which are of pre-Reformation date, and a treble which was put in the tower in 1897, but until now was not hung for ringing.

The secretary appealed to those present to support the publication of the Australian Tour Book about to be issued, and several promises were made.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. H. Grundy, Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea free. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. — P. W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh (bells 8) on Saturday, July 6th. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh. (Cup Contest August 17th.) — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Duscombe's Café. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on July 6th. Bells available: Wrington (10) from 2.30 p.m.; Congresbury (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Blagdon (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. to 4.15, and after meeting to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the school. — H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Tea may be had at a cafe close to church. Subscriptions due.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 6th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (8), Bramley (6), Church Oakley (6), Sherborne St. John (6). General meeting in Church Cottage 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clements on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge, Wilts, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome; for tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Short notice. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special quarterly meeting for discussion of two very important items will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Monday, July 8th, at 8 p.m. Meetings for practice: St. Clement Danes', July 8th, 6.30 p.m., and July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, July 30th, at 8 p.m. Sunday service ringing, St. Clement Danes', July 7th, at 10 a.m., and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, July 28th, at 5.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Benhilton, Sutton. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Rendezvous Café. All are welcome. Please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, re tea by Monday, July 8th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday, July 10th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All members of the association in the district cordially invited.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each. Numbers must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Jewry, London, E.C. (next Guildhall) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by meeting in the Vestry. Tea at 5.30 at the "Quiver," Bow Lane. Those desiring tea must notify me by Thursday, July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Slaugham (recently augmented to 8) on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 10th. Half rail fares.—O. Sippetts, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all members desirous of contributing to the Testimonial Fund please do so at once, as the closing date for same is July 13th? Contributions to be sent to A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The committee meeting will be held at Adlington, near Chorley, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Ringers not on the committee are invited.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Didden bells after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 11th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th, at Hatfield Board Oak at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Those who require tea please notify the honorary secretary by July 10th. Good bus service from Retford. Good attendance requested, as we hope to encourage change ringing in this district.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District and the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will hold a meeting for combined practice at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—At the special request of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, the date of the summer meeting to be held at Chiddingstone will be Saturday, July 13th, instead of July 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me of attendance by Tuesday, July 9th. — Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next, July 10th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 9th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ightham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by special invitation, at the Rectory, which is about ten minutes' walk from the church. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Make it a success, and please send in names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this fine ring. Tea can be arranged.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting to follow. A good attendance, please, for the president.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of Southern District will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 13th. The bells of Brancepeth Castle Church (8) available for ringing from 3 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 10th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. For tea please notify by Wednesday, July 10th. — G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Tower out of order at Newland, meeting on July 13th cancelled. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual shield contest will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entrance fees (6s. per band) and voluntary subscriptions to prize fund to reach me by July 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, nr. Barnsley by Wednesday, 10th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. All applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should reach general secretary not later than Wednesday morning, July 17th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 17th. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Please advise me for tea by July 17th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 16th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Stratton on Saturday, July 20th, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Stratton (8), Bridgerule (8), Kilkhampton (6), Marhamchurch (6), Poundstock (6), Whitstone (6). Service at Stratton 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Replies to Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram before July 10th.—W. H. R. Trehella, Hon. Sec.

SATURDAY, July 20th, Rickmansworth. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business after. Tower open till 8.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Martock on Thursdays during July, August and September at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

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