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## EDUCATE THE CLERGY.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, at which he presided on Saturday, the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) put in a word for the parsons, about whom ringers so frequently complain that they seldom visit the belfry. Mr. Birt has had a recent opportunity of addressing a Ruri-decanal Chapter with a view to enlisting the clergy of the district in the work of the ringers, and one result has been that the parsons, in their turn, had the chance of putting their side of the case. There was no lack among them of sympathetic interest for the ringers, but when they went into the belfry they feel themselves, as it were, strangers in a strange land. Mr. Birt made an appeal to ringers to add to the welcome given to the clergy a spice of enlightenment, so that they may know at least a little about what they see and hear in the belfry.

That is a reasonable request. It is difficult to become interested in something one does not understand, and if ringers want the clergy to do more than come among them and tell them what jolly good fellows they are, then it is certainly necessary that their visitors should be given some idea, not only of the ringers' difficulties about which they do not hesitate to unburden themselves when opportunity occurs, but of the rudiments of the art, and the many things which go to make up its attractiveness for those who share in it. A little helpful explanation of what is going on while ringing is in progress, given by the ringer best qualified for the purpose, might be the means of implanting a deeper interest in at least some of the clergy. Where, for propaganda purposes, members of the public have at some places been invited to the belfry to see the bells and the ringers in action, interest thus created has led to useful results in obtaining recruits. A proportion, at least, of the clergy who are similarly brought to the belfry might be expected eventually to take a practical part in the ringing. That would indeed be a valuable gain, but if it only leads to a greater sympathy with the ringers' activities and ambitions it would be something worth doing. Without some personal acquaintance with all that the art and the practice of ringing involves, however, no complete understanding is possible. As one simple illustration of the ignorance that exists among non-ringing parsons about the technical side of ringing, it can be asserted with some assurance, we think, that not one in ten has actually seen a bell while it is being rung, and the rest possibly have little more idea than the lay public of the mechanical side of bells in movement.

In these days we need not only to draw youth into the belfry but also to educate the parsons. The lack of co-

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operation between the east end and the west end of the church, which we so often hear of, is not always all the fault of one side. There is a great deal in the point made by Mr. Birt, and when the clergy come into the belfry for anything longer than a 'flying' visit, every effort should be made to interest and instruct them if their knowledge of ringing, as so many of them often confess, is nil. Indeed, would it not be a good plan for the ringers at every church to invite their clergy to spend a practice night with them—a carefully planned practice night, when perhaps the whole gamut of a ringer's education could be explained and demonstrated? Such an evening, we are sure, would be well spent both by the ringers and the parson.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... .. 7
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 10
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... .. 6	CYRIL W. PIPE ... .. 12

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	REV. JOHN P. PELLORE ... .. 7
* FREDERICK BOWDEN ... .. 3	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 8
DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 9
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 5	HARRY MULLARD ... .. 10

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK R. WELLER ... .. 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 2	STANLEY J. GEE ... .. 7
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 3	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 8
LESLIE A. PORRITT ... .. 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 9
THOMAS COLLINGWORTH ... .. 5	BERTRAM J. LUCK ... .. 10

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band except W. H. Dobbie.  
First peal of Royal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

FREDERICK S. WHITE ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 6
* FRANCIS A. WHITE ... .. 2	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. WHITE ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... .. 8
HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 5	FRED WHITE ... .. 10

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD

\* First peal of Caters 'inside.' Rung on the 121st anniversary of the opening of the bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter, Thanet.

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST S. BRISTOW ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. SPICKETT ... .. 5
LESLIE A. PORRITT ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD ... .. 6
STANLEY J. GEE ... .. 3	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 37 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 5
*MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
†KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 4	WALTER NICKOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 6
*MISS ELSIE BROTHWELL ... .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 7
JACK BROTHWELL ... .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. CORNER ... 2	†JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
*MRS. J. H. BOTHAM ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

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

WASHERBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

RONALD W. SWANN ... .. Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... .. 5
BENJAMIN BEEBE ... .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 2, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... .. Treble	JACK TIPPER ... .. 5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 2	*T. BRADSHAW KNIGHT ... .. 6
*HARRY FARRER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
*ERNEST HAGUE ... .. 4	JACK WAUMSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 6
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

An 'In memoriam' peal for the composer.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal in the method by all, and first in the county, and first in the method for the association.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. Treble	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 7
HARRY DAVISON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

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**THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

*On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;**

*Tenor 7½ cwt.*

SIDNEY BARRON, Vice-President	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Ex-President	...	...	...	...	...	2
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY, Vice-President	...	...	...	...	...	3
WILLIAM H. SENIOR, Vice-President and Ex-President	...	...	...	...	...	4
WILLIAM BARTON, Ex-Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	5
REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS, President	...	...	...	...	...	6
HARRY LOFTHOUSE, Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	7
LEONARD DRAKE, Ringing Master	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Composed by Tom Lockwood (first President of the Association).*

*Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.*

Specially arranged and rung by past and present officers to celebrate the jubilee of the Leeds and District Society, which was founded in March, 1889. This peal was also rung under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

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

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

*Holt's Ten-Part.*

*Tenor 21 cwt.*

AUBREY L. BENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
EDWARD W. BIFFEN	...	...	...	...	...	2
HENRY C. COLLYER	...	...	...	...	...	3
THOMAS G. MYERS	...	...	...	...	...	4
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	...	...	...	...	...	5
ALFRED G. BETTS	...	...	...	...	...	6
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	...	...	...	...	...	7
ALFRED W. MYERS	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.*

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

*On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Paulinus,*

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

*Parker's Twelve-Part.*

*Tenor 12½ cwt.*

*KENNETH B. JONES	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	...	...	...	...	...	2
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	...	...	...	...	...	3
HARRY HOSKINS	...	...	...	...	...	4
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...	...	...	...	...	5
ERNEST H. OXENHAM	...	...	...	...	...	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	...	...	...	...	...	7
DEREK M. SHARP	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.*

\* First attempt for a peal.

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

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

WILLIAM PERRY	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
FRANK B. LOPKIN	...	...	...	...	...	2
WILLIAM S. MAY	...	...	...	...	...	3
GERALD FROST	...	...	...	...	...	4
FRANK C. MAY	...	...	...	...	...	5
ALBERT D. NORTH	...	...	...	...	...	6
ARTHUR HUBBLE	...	...	...	...	...	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Composed by H. HUBBARD.*

*Conducted by F. B. LOPKIN.*

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. James,*

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

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

REGINALD WEST	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
REGINALD BROCKET	...	...	...	...	...	2
MISS EVELYN STEEL	...	...	...	...	...	3
HENRY TYSOE	...	...	...	...	...	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	...	...	...	...	...	5
PEARL INSKIP	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.*

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**ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

*At the Church of St. Michael,*

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. *Tenor 13½ cwt.*

EDWARD STEELE	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
ALAN D. STEEL	...	...	...	...	...	2
JOHN G. CARTLIDGE	...	...	...	...	...	3
ARTHUR W. HALL	...	...	...	...	...	4
CHARLES H. PAGE	...	...	...	...	...	5
WILLIAM CARNWELL	...	...	...	...	...	6

*WILLIAM PERKINS ... Tenor*

*Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.*

**STANTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael.*

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

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Double Bob, two of Plain Bob, one of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. *Tenor 11½ cwt.*

*A. SHEPPARD	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
†P. L. PARROTT	...	...	...	...	...	2
†W. VARNHAM	...	...	...	...	...	3
G. RIGBY	...	...	...	...	...	4
W. R. DRAGE	...	...	...	...	...	5
H. TURNER	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by H. TURNER.*

\* First peal, at first attempt. † First peal in five methods. ‡ First peal as conductor.

**BONVILSTON, GLAM.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Being seven 720's called differently. *Tenor 12 cwt.*

*EDWARD THOMAS	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
*ALFRED HANNINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	2
TREVOR M. RODERICK	...	...	...	...	...	3
ERNEST STITCH	...	...	...	...	...	4
*ROBERT T. COLES	...	...	...	...	...	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.*

\* First peal of Bob Minor.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church.*

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). *Tenor 11 cwt. in G.*

CHARLES A. BASSETT	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
*GEORGE BEENEY	...	...	...	...	...	2
ARTHUR F. LOWRY	...	...	...	...	...	3
FRANK A. HIGGS	...	...	...	...	...	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	...	...	...	...	...	5
†ERNEST A. BAKER	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.*

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

**ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

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

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

Being 40 six-scores and one Pitman's 240 (11 callings). *Tenor 9 cwt.*

CYRIL J. STEVENS	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
WALTER STEVENS	...	...	...	...	...	2
FREDERICK ALDERMAN	...	...	...	...	...	3
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	...	...	...	...	...	4
CLAUDE W. J. TARR	...	...	...	...	...	5
GEORGE ALDERMAN	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by F. ALDERMAN.*

**KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)*

*On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Winifred,*

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

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. *Tenor 10 cwt.*

*SIDNEY ADAMS	...	...	...	...	...	Treble
FELIX J. SUTTON	...	...	...	...	...	2
JOHN W. BOOTH	...	...	...	...	...	3
†WILLIAM T. GOADBY	...	...	...	...	...	4
*CHARLES TOWERS	...	...	...	...	...	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	...	...	...	...	...	Tenor

*Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.*

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal, including Treble Bob methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Booth.

COLESHILL, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).  
C. J. GARDINER ... .. Treble | J. V. JONES ... .. 4  
F. WHEELER ... .. 2 | H. A. EDWARDS ... .. 5  
H. E. TAYLOR ... .. 3 | W. W. T. DANIELLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First known peal on the bells.  
Rung in memory of the late Hon. Mrs. Pleydell Bouverie.

CHALGROVE, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4  
BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 2 | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5  
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3 | TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*JOHN REAM ... .. Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 4  
HUGH E. HARDING ... .. 2 | C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5  
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 3 | BRYAN F. SIMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

\* First peal. Rung on St. David's Day as a compliment to the new Rector, the Rev. A. Jones Phillips.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*GEORGE BROWN ... .. Treble | \*JOHN HOLLOWAY ... .. 4  
CHARLES BALL ... .. 2 | JAMES HOLLOWAY ... .. 5  
\*FRANK TONGE ... .. 3 | LESLIE TRICKEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE TRICKEY.

\* First peal in the method. First attempt as conductor. Rung as a fifth anniversary for the restoration of the bells.

HILLFARRENCE, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*RICHARD J. BISHOP ... Treble | CYRIL J. STEVENS ... .. 4  
STANLEY BRISTOW ... .. 2 | †WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY ... 5  
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... .. 3 | ERNEST LOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN W. L. SLACK ... Treble | ERNEST HAGUE ... .. 4  
\*ARTHUR CHEERS ... .. 2 | JOHN WORTH ... .. 5  
†REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3 | JOSEPH J. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

HORBURY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

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

Being 720 each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4  
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2 | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5  
J. WILLIAM MOXON ... .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLE COLNE.)

On Sunday, March 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Cumberland, Emmerdale, Horsmonden and Killarney; (2) Windermere and Prodsbam; (3) London Bob, Lytham Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Court; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

\*RONALD SUCKLING ... Treble | ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4  
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2 | ALEC M. GENEY ... .. 5  
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3 | RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in 30 methods. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to five parishioners who have died recently.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

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

Tenor. size 18 in G.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6  
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8  
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
Umpire—Edwin Jennings.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**

DINNER TO BE HELD.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Fenton on Saturday, March 4th, when a company of 35 were present from Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Fenton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent, Stone, Stafford and Wolstanton. The ringers were welcomed to Fenton by the Rev. N. Turner (curate) on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Howse), who attended later.

Mr. A. W. Hall proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and ringers of Fenton for their welcome and hospitality. This was supported by Mr. A. D. Steel and accorded unanimously.

A letter of apology was received from Mr. E. A. Sherratt (leader of Fenton ringers), who is ill in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary. He stated that May 4th would be the 40th anniversary of the opening of the bells at Fenton, and this was the first time he had missed a meeting there.

It was decided to write to Mr. Sherratt wishing him a speedy recovery.

The meeting that should have taken place at Wolstanton on April 15th has been cancelled.

A committee meeting was held after tea, with Mr. A. W. Hall in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary).

A report of the Dinner Committee was read by the secretary and unanimously adopted. As a result the dinner will be held at the George Hotel on Saturday, April 15th, at 6.30.

It was decided that a grant be made to the restoration fund at Cheadle R.C. Church, where the bells are being rehung and two more being added. The sum of three guineas was voted.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

At St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on Sunday, February 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Arthur E. Hall 1, John Hoagood 2, Stuart Telford 3, Clifford A. Vessey 4, Arthur L. Truman 5, Reginald Truman 6, Edward W. Biffin (conductor) 7, Frank Willis 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 3, who, together with Mr. Vessey, are from St. Luke's College.



**CORNWALL'S HEAVIEST SIX INCREASED TO EIGHT.****PROBUS BELLIS RESTORED.**

A complete restoration scheme has been carried out in the tower of Probus Parish Church. For many years this fine tower, the highest in Cornwall (apart from the Cathedral spires) and the most magnificent, could boast of possessing the heaviest ring of six in the county. The tenor weighed 20 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., but also for many years the ringing conditions were bad. Things got gradually worse, and eventually it became dangerous to ring at least one of the bells. Seven years ago, in 1932, a meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Probus, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Hammond) promised then that something would eventually be done to the bells, but with other things needed in the church it was a big undertaking to set out to raise nearly £800. But this promise has now been kept and within seven months £780 has been raised and only about £80 is still needed. The Vicar himself has given a generous lead, for the new treble has been given by him and the two churchwardens, and the new second in memory of Mr. F. Burnard-Lewman, a late headmaster of Probus School, by old boys of the school, to increase the peal to eight. Unfortunately the old fifth was found to be cracked and had to be recast, but the whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their usual efficient manner. They have hung the bells in a complete new metal frame with entirely new fittings.

The work was dedicated to the glory of God on Saturday, February 25th, by the Bishop of Truro (the Rt. Rev. J. W. Humkin), who, in his sermon, pointed out that bells were a part of the equipment of God's house. In Probus, he said, they had a great heritage in their parish church, and every church of this greatness should have a very fine peal of bells.

The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Taylor, 1938, 5 cwt. Ad majorem Dei gloriam. T. G. Hammond, Vicar, and W. Mitchell and H. Tresawna, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Taylor, 1938, 7 cwt. In memoriam F. Burnard-Lewman. At quondam alumnus scholae Probi.

3rd.—Rudhall, 1721, 8 cwt. Mr. Wm. Smith, Vicar, 1721.

4th.—Rudhall, 1721, 9 cwt. Peace and good neighbourhood.

5th.—Rudhall, 1721, 11 cwt. Abr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us all.

6th.—Pennington, 1783, 12 cwt. Samuel Seccombe, Vicar, Joseph Seccombe, William Kessell, C.W., I.P., C.P., 1783.

7th.—Rudhall, 1721, 16 cwt. God save the Church and King. Recast by John Taylor and Co., 1938.

Tenor.—Rudhall, 1721, 21 cwt. Mr. Stephen Harris, Mr. Edward Kemp, Churchwardens.

It is interesting to note that Probus Church is dedicated to SS. Probus and Grace, and the ninth bell at Truro Cathedral, only about four miles distant, is also dedicated and inscribed to these two saints. May Probus bells ring long, far and wide, and may God's blessing rest upon the parish. A noble work has been completed. A. S. R.

**PROGRESS FROM CO-OPERATION.**

The first quarter-peal of Triples on the bells at Ewhurst, Surrey, was rung on March 1st. The ring was augmented to eight about a year ago, and this quarter-peal of Grandsire was rung as the result of the co-operation between the Ewhurst and Cranleigh bands, who practise together, four members of each taking part: Miss Dorothy Denyer 1, T. W. Denyer 2, W. Beeson, sen. 3, H. Tidy 4, L. Warner 5, R. Whittington 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Hatherhall 8. It was the first quarter-peal by Miss Denyer and H. Hatherhall. The members of the Ewhurst band rang the treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor.

**THE FINE TOWER AT PROBUS.****PEAL NOTES.****A BUSY BAND.**

With less than nine weeks of this year of grace gone by, five peals have been rung in Bushey tower. They include the first peals of Queensbury, Zeland and Bedford Surprise, a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods and now a peal of Bristol. That's good going.

This is not all that members of this Hertfordshire band have done this year either. They have rung the first peal of Pinner Surprise at Pinner, and four of them have just rung a couple of handbell peals of Bristol Surprise within a week.

A peal of Bob Royal was rung at Quex Park, Kent, on Saturday. It is the first time a peal has been rung on these bells for a considerable period. There has been a ring of twelve bells in this tower, the private property of the owner of Quex Park, for over 100 years.

Mr. B. J. Luck, hon. secretary of the Canterbury District, who took part in the peal, has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. Eight others of the band also rang their first peal of Bob Royal.

The six ringers in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hillfarrence, Somerset, on Saturday, belong to six different parishes, and four of the band, the ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor, are captains in their respective towers.

St. David's Day was celebrated by a peal of Minor at Tempsford, Bedfordshire, as a compliment to the new Rector, the Rev. A. Jones Phillips, who is a native of Wales. With the exception of Mr. A. C. Sinfeld, who belongs to Maulden, all the band are Sunday service ringers at Tempsford. It was Mr. Sinfeld's 25th peal.

**FIRST PEAL IN 210 YEARS.**

The six bells at Chalgrove, Oxon, have hung in the tower for 210 years, and it was not until February 25th that a peal was rung on them. They were made into six by Rudhall in 1729.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Kingston-on-Soar, Notts, which were augmented to six in commemoration of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, was rung on February 25th as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Booth.

Another peal was rung on Saturday at Broadclyst, Devon, where the bells were recast and rehung just over twelve months ago. Two of the band were drawn from the Exeter District and the remainder were from South Devon, and they were congratulated on their excellent striking by various people after the peal was finished.

It was unfortunate that at the last minute Mr. Walter P. Whitehead was prevented through business reasons from taking part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Nuneaton on Mar. 2nd. However, thanks to Mr. Ronald Swann for filling the gap, a good peal was brought into rounds just in time for the Leicester party to catch their last train home. It was at Nuneaton that the conductor, Mr. Frank K. Measures, rang his first peal of Stedman.

At Barton Stacey, Hants, on March 2nd, four members of the band of Longparish rang their first peal of Minor. Their previous achievements have been limited to Doubles.

One of these ringers, Mr. F. Tonge, deserves an extra sized 'star.' Leaving work at 6 p.m., he cycled seven miles to the tower and rang in the peal minus his tea! Some of the pampered ones might take a lesson from this.

The bells at Barton Stacey were restored and a treble added on March 3rd, 1934, and this peal was rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary.

March the fourth is Appleton's great day, and on Saturday before the dinner, which always marks the occasion, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in which no fewer than eight members of the White family took part. It was the anniversary of the opening of the bells, which took place 121 years ago, and there have been Whites among the ringers ever since.

**LEEDS SOCIETY'S JUBILEE.**

The Leeds and District Society is this month celebrating its golden jubilee, and on Saturday two peals were rung in honour of the event. A peal of Bob Major at Burley was rung by past and present officers of the society, and Mr. William Barton, a former secretary, called a peal composed by the first president of the society, the late Mr. Tom Lockwood.

The second peal was rung at Bingley, Yorkshire, where the secretary of the Yorkshire Association called a peal of 5,024 Superlative (a musical composition by Mr. A. J. Pitman), which contains 216 7-8's at backstroke, the greatest number yet obtained in a peal of this length.

The composition has only once before been rung and that was in 1924 when Mr. Ernest Morris called it at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Bingley, where the peal has now been repeated, was the first Yorkshire tower in which Mr. Leslie Morris rang, and this was his 50th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association and the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

The first peal of Erin Triples in Nottinghamshire and by the Midland Counties Association, as well as by all the band, was rung at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday. Composed by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, it contained 300 bobs and 170 singles and was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chamberlain, of Ashleigh, Maidstone, whose birthdays occur on March 2nd and 4th respectively.

The Rev. John P. Pelloe, who has recently come to London from Sunderland, took part on Saturday in a peal at Haslemere, Surrey, and all the band were very delighted to meet him for the first time since he took Holy Orders. Mr. Pelloe's father was formerly Rector of the neighbouring parish of Chiddingfold.

A peal in 30 Minor methods was rung at Belchamp St. Paul's, Essex, on Sunday. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to five parishioners who have recently died. Messrs. V. Morley and R. G. Simmonds rang their 25th peal together.

Mr. H. Rowley, a ringer at Horbury, Yorkshire, for nearly 50 years, has been chairman of the local Urban District Council for the last twelve months, and a peal of Treble Bob Minor was rung in his honour on Saturday and also as a compliment to Mr. R. Thickett, who has also been a ringer at Horbury for nearly half a century. The peal was D. Smith's and R. Hill's 25th together.

The peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on February 25th, was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes, not 2 hours 47 minutes as published.

The peal at Broadstairs, Kent, on February 25th, was a compliment to Mr. William J. Fairbeard on his retirement from the police, and to Mr. E. F. Spickett upon his joining the Force.

After having met short for a peal of Stedman Caters at Nottingham on Saturday week, eight of the party rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Another band that assembled for a peal of Treble Bob Major at Rochester, Staffordshire, on the same day, also found themselves short-handed and rang a peal of Minor in three methods instead. It was Mr. A. W. Hall's 50th peal.

The Sunday service band at the neighbouring church at Sandiacre rang a peal of Minor in five methods at Stanton, Derbyshire, on Saturday week.

Mr. John Brothwell on Feb. 25th rang his first peal with his two sons. This was at Whiston, Yorkshire. By a coincidence Miss Elsie Brothwell made her first attempt for a peal on this occasion, but she is no relation to her namesakes. She has been ringing only six months and is a pupil of the conductor, Mr. Norman Chadcock, and Mr. John Brothwell.

A peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung at Chiddingfold (called by Sussex people Chiddin'lye) on Saturday week. It was the first peal on the bells for 19 years and a local man rang the tenor and his first peal. The dedication of the church is unknown.

The first known peal on the bells at Coleshill, Berks, is recorded this week. It was rung on Feb. 25th in memory of the late Hon. Mrs. Pleydell Bouverie. The bells were augmented to six by Mr. R. White, of Appleton.

The quickest peal on the bells at Ashbrittle, Somerset, was rung on Feb. 25th when 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles was brought round in 2 hours 39 minutes. The tenor is 9 cwt.

## A VILLAGE RINGING FESTIVAL.

### THE 'FOURTH OF MARCH' AT APPLETON.

The picturesque old village of Appleton, Berks, was a lively place on Saturday, March 4th, when the 121st anniversary of the bells was celebrated. A good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in the morning by nine of the local band, only one visitor, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, being there in time to take a rope. The tower was, as usual, open all day, or, at least, until 4.30 p.m., when dinner was served in the Thatched Tavern. A company of forty-four sat down to an enjoyable meal, after which, the tables having been cleared, handbell ringing and harmony prevailed. The tune ringing by the seven brothers White was, as usual, much appreciated by the visitors, and it would be a difficult thing to say whether these items are enjoyed most by the old 'stagers' or by the people who visit Appleton for the first time. The great difference probably lies in the fact that the 'old uns' know they will be pleased and the newcomers are more or less filled with amazement that the source of such an entertainment can be kept alive in such a small place. Then some of the old Berkshire folk songs, never heard anywhere else, are not easily forgotten.

The Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) proved a great success as chairman, helping the evening, as his predecessor, the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyu, used to do, by singing his song and telling some nice little yarns.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk, and 'The Appleton Society' was, as usual, a popular toast, and ably responded to by Mr. Richard White, who said he was pleased to say things were going on the right way, as three of a younger generation had scored their first peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters within the last few weeks. They now had a band in the village who were beginning to ring Stedman Caters again, and it was hoped that it would be only a short time before peals of Stedman Caters were rung at Appleton again by the village ringers of the same quality as the Grandsire Caters of that morning.

On Sunday morning, just to show that all the ringing is not done on March 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was called by the veteran, J. W. Wilkins, and for evensong another quarter-peal was called by G. Holfield, and a comment on the bells by one of the visitors was, 'Well, the more I hear them the better I like them.' One great pleasure to the writer was to ring two quarter-peals with Mr. S. F. White, who took part in his (the writer's) first peal of Stedman Caters 51 years ago, and who is now a young man of 72, and also to include in the band two of the coming members of the family aged 19 years. May the Whites and Holfields never fade!

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers who have enjoyed the tours organised in past years by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will welcome the announcement in our notice columns, that another week is being arranged for August 14th to 19th next.

It was stated in our report of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner that Mr. William Short was Master of the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Short relinquished office at the last annual meeting of the association, and Mr. Sidney T. Holt is now Master and was present at the dinner in Birmingham.

Will all those who wish to attend the dinner of the Royal Cumberland Youths on March 18th, and who have not yet taken their tickets, kindly do so at the earliest opportunity? It should be noted that after March 13th all applications for tickets should be made only to the secretary, Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter of your correspondent, Mr. Story, on the subject of ringing on Good Friday. I would like to say that his letter shows a deplorable lack of knowledge of the liturgical traditions of the Church.

If he will turn to any of the mediæval service books—the Sarum, Hereford or York Missals, etc.—he will find the following rubric after the 'Gloria in Excelsis' at the Mass of Maundy Thursday: 'During the Gloria, the bells are rung, and that being done they are silent until Holy Saturday, as is there noted,' while a similar rubric at the Holy Saturday Mass gives instructions for the bells to be rung again. (I quote from my copy of the Sarum Missal).

From the foregoing, it will be seen that any attempt to introduce Good Friday ringing would be to break one of the few remaining ancient traditions of the Anglican Church, and in my humble opinion the sound of bells on such a sacred day would completely mar its solemnity.

In the case of my own tower—St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham—the bells are completely silent after ringing for Vespers (evening service) on Palm Sunday until the morning of Easter Day.

While on the subject of bells in the ancient liturgies, a further note from the above quoted Sarum Missal may be of interest. At the Mass of Easter Day the rubric runs: 'Before the Mass, let all the bells be rung together in a clash, then shall the choir begin the Christ being raised, etc.' These three places are, I believe, the only ones where bells are specifically mentioned in the Church's Liturgy.

WILFRED E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

## AFTER MANY YEARS.

### MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT LEICESTER.

Prior to the usual practice on Friday evening, February 24th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, a memorial peal tablet was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. Ducker, M.A.). This records the first peal of Maximus on the bells, first by all the band, in the diocese and by the Midland Counties Association. Although the peal was rung so long ago as 1922, and was a memorial to the late T. Henry Hardy, a chorister and ringer of this church, the tablet is a worthy record. It was unveiled by Ronald Hardy, the deceased's son, and nine of the original band were present. Afterwards touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung, called by the conductor of the peal, Ernest Morris.

The tablet, supplied by Messrs. Caspar and Co., is a handsome addition to the ringing room. Beautifully executed in opalite, it bears the following record: 'The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers. On Saturday, April 22nd, 1922, in 4 hours 6 minutes, a peal of 5,088 changes, Kent Treble Bob Maximus. H. Edward Norman treble, Harold J. Poole 2, John Oldham 3, Shirley Burton 4, Ernest Morris 5, Pryce Taylor 6, Arthur Cattell 7, A. James Harris 8, Harry Broughton 9, Josiah Morris 10, William Willson 11, Frederick H. Dexter tenor. Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Ernest Morris. First peal of Maximus on these bells, by all the ringers, in this diocese, and by this association. Rung muffled to the memory of T. Henry Hardy, chorister and ringer of this church.'

Beneath the title of the association, which curves across the top of the tablet, are three bells suspended from the scroll, and the Christian symbol of the Cross.

## MISINFORMED.

*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter that was published in last week's issue, may I take this opportunity of informing Mr. Perkins that the application to use the bells at St. Peter's, Belgrave, was made by me to the Rev. Llewellyn himself and in my name.

Had Mr. Perkins communicated with any one of the band that stood in the peal, instead of listening to people who were annoyed because they were not asked to ring in the peal, he would have received more truthful information.

The telephone call was made on the Friday previous, and not on the Sunday; in addition, one cannot understand why the name of the district secretary was ever mentioned in the matter.

From my end the subject is now closed.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—61.****JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.**

Born at Wallasey, Cheshire, on August 14th, 1908, Mr. James C. E. Simpson began his ringing career at an early age and rang his first peal when he was only 17 years old. The promise which he then showed has been more than borne out by subsequent achievements, and, despite the exacting requirements of, at first, his university studies and his present appointment at the University of London, together with two years' absence in America, Mr. Simpson has now rung 300 peals, from Minor to Maximus, and has conducted 117 of them.

His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, rung at Bebington, Cheshire, on Feb. 30th, 1926, and his first as conductor a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Liscard, Cheshire, on July 30th, 1927. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the North of England (at Liverpool in 1928), in the first peal of London rung in Liverpool, and in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung in Ireland. He called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung in Lancashire for the Lancashire Association and also the first peal rung of Loughborough Bob Major. He shared in the first peals rung of Isleworth Bob Royal, St. Clement's Bob Royal and Northchurch Surprise Major, and has been in numerous first peals by associations.

Mr. Simpson is a fine heavy bell ringer, and called a peal of Cambridge Major from the tenor (39; cwt.) at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, which still stands as the heaviest eight rung to Surprise Major in the North of England. He has also rung Durham Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Major, and Ambleside tenor to Double Norwich. His peals, for 20 associations and guilds, have been rung in 174 towers, and among the bells he has rung have been 104 different tenors.

In 1929 Mr. Simpson was elected hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, but he had to give up the office owing to his work at Liverpool University.

**MR. JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.****HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The annual general meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Longwood. There was a good attendance, also some good ringing, and some not so good, and the meeting was much enjoyed. A short service was held before tea, at which the Vicar of Longwood gave an address.

After tea the Rev. A. L. Minns proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ringers, the organist and the ladies for making the meeting such a success, to which the Vicar and Mr. A. Rothery, of the local ringers, replied.

The business meeting followed, and there was a slight change in the officers of the association, viz.: President, the Rev. H. W. Hodgson, Vicar of Cross Stones; vice-presidents, the Rev. A. L. Minns (Birkby) and the Rev. T. Mathieson (Elland). The secretary (Mr. F. Linfoot), the treasurer (Mr. W. Spencer), the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Rhodes) and Assistant Ringing Master were all re-elected.

**FRIEND OF KINGSTON RINGERS.****SAW BELL RESTORATION CARRIED THROUGH**

Mr. R. T. Hesketh, for the past 13 years an earnest worker and churchwarden at All Saints' Parish Church, Kingston-on-Thames, died at his home, 47, Durlston Road, Kingston, on February 28th, after a comparatively brief illness. He was an hon. member of the Surrey Association.

He was particularly interested in the restoration of the ring of ten bells at Kingston, and was enabled to see the work carried through to completion and the heavy outlay discharged.

Mr. Hesketh has been a very great friend of the Kingston ringers, and he will be missed. In spite of the fact that he was nearly 80 years of age, he very often climbed up to the ringing chamber to see them and give them those few words of encouragement which go a long way to help make things move amicably.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, and at noon the bells were rung half-muffled by eight members of the company as a last token of remembrance and respect.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The protest of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith against a paragraph in a letter published in your paper on January 13th was, in my opinion, well justified, and he has my sincere congratulations on having obtained a withdrawal of an attack which was an outrage on all sense of decency.

The letter referred to, however, calls for further comment. There is a reference to a person, unnamed, who is stated to have led the Editor into his so-called interference with the internal affairs of the London County Association. As the Editor gave a categorical denial of having received any such assistance, or any such prompting, this unfounded charge should also be withdrawn.

The letter also states: 'This association has in no way ever ignored its title, etc.' In 'The Ringing World' of April 1st last a letter appeared, signed by an official of the association, stating that the operation and influence of the association embraces the whole of the administrative county of London within a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes, Strand. The letter went on to state that the Northern District comprises the N.W., N., E.C. and E. postal districts, and the Southern District the S.E., S.W., W. and W.C. postal districts. In view of this claim, how can any member of that association make the absurd statement that 'this association has in no way ever ignored its title'? Most of the postal districts referred to extend far beyond the administrative county of London (the London County) into the geographical and administrative counties of Essex, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey.

I will not at this stage trouble you with any further illustrations of how this association consistently ignores its title, but will end with the expression of a hope that the whole of the letter published on January 13th will be withdrawn.

**C. T. COLES.**

P.S.—Following the example set by Mr. F. G. Woodiss, I will add that the views expressed above are entirely my own, and not necessarily those of any other member of the association of which I am secretary.

**RECRUITMENT.****SUCCESSFUL PLAN IN DUBLIN.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested in your 'Leader' in 'The Ringing World,' No. 1,457, on 'Recruitment.' We in St. George's Parish, Dublin, experienced similar troubles ten years ago.

With only a faithful few left nine years ago, we sought the permission of the then conductor to teach some of our friends to ring the bells. Having obtained the permission, we proceeded to collect some young ladies and young men, taught them to ring until, about six months later, we had the eight bells ringing regularly for Sunday service, and in the years 1931, 1932, and 1933 we had 100 per cent. of eight's. We started a hiking club, a cycling club and a concert party in 1931. These were supported by our non-ringing friends, and the total number of members during these years averaged 22 ringers and 14 friends. I had to go to Cork on business in 1934, 1935 and 1936. Some members died; some married, and others changed residence, with the result that there was again only a few left. I returned late in 1936 and set the whole thing going again. This time we formed, in addition to the above clubs, a swimming club and a Christmas carol party. These were again well supported by our non-ringing friends, and at the present time our ringing members total 26 and active friends 22.

The Christmas Carol Party were out for ten nights at Christmastide, and collected £9 10s. 6d. in fairly poor quarters. The Concert Party made £25 (clear) in three concerts, and also entertained patients in one of the largest city hospitals. The ringers also took a practical part in the parish missionary sale of work, at which over £250 was made.

In St. George's parish, Dublin, there are sixteen organisations. You can assume that it should be hard to collect a team of ringers for practice on a suitable week-night, yet, in spite of all these calls and so much amusement in the city (there is a cinema seat for every one in ten of the population) we have an average of twelve ringers for our eight bells each practice night.

I attribute the flourishing state of St. George's to the other interests of our society, and I strongly recommend towers that are in a bad way to experiment on the same lines. I have no doubt as to the probable results.

**FRED E. DUKES,****Hon. Conductor, St. George's, Dublin.****GIRL GUIDES TAKE UP RINGING.**

When Southampton Girl Guides attended St. Mary's Church, Southampton, recently, for the annual 'Thinking Day' service, which is held to celebrate the joint birthdays of the Chief Guide and the Chief Scout, five of them were among the bellringers who rang before the service. It is hoped, in the near future, to have a complete team of Guide ringers. An appeal is being made by the Divisional Commissioner, Miss Willis Fleming, for more Guides to take part, and volunteers are asked to apply to the Guide Shop in Cranbury Terrace.

Assisted by members of the St. Mary's team, the leader of whom is training the Guides, the five enterprising beginners made a remarkably good job of their bellringing.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION. CLOSER RELATIONS WITH GUILDFORD GUILD PROPOSED.

### The Question of Young Ringers.

As an earnest of the good relations existing between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, in the area where they overlap, it was suggested at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association on Saturday at Southwark that each society should elect a representative to the general committee of the other, and the proposal is to be considered by the respective executives.

The meeting was attended by about 60 members, who were present from Ashted, Battersea, Balham, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Buckland, Camberwell, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom, Ewell, Godalming, Leatherhead, Reigate, etc., and there were other ringers from Edgware, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Isleworth, London, Lewisham, Leytonstone, Maidstone, etc.

A large part of Surrey is in the diocese of Southwark, and on this occasion the association returned to the mother church of the diocese. Ringing was enjoyed upon the glorious peal of twelve at St. Saviour's Cathedral, where the members attended the evensong, and were welcomed, on behalf of the Provost and Chapter, by the Vice-Provost, Canon N. C. Christopherson.

The Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House, and was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. G. Talbot) and other officers.

At the outset a letter was read from Mr. W. Massey, announcing the death of Mr. R. T. Hesketh, people's churchwarden of Kingston-on-Thames and an hon. member of the association. Mr. Hesketh had been instrumental in having the bells at Kingston rehung, was a great friend of the ringers and his loss would be deeply felt. The funeral was taking place that afternoon, and the local company were ringing the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect.

The Master expressed the association's regret at the death of Mr. Hesketh and the members stood in silence for a short time.

The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts for the year amounting to £25 9s. 4d., including £16 19s. 4d. from the North-Western District, £6 1s. 6d. from the Southern District, £2 10s. from compounding members and 8s. 6d. interest. The expenditure was £23 14s., leaving a balance in hand of £23 4s. 3d., compared with £30 18s. 11d. at the beginning of the year, but the reduction, the secretary explained, was due to certain non-recurring expenditure.—The accounts were adopted.

### POSITION NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY.

The committee, in their annual report, said that the past year could not be said to have produced any outstanding features, but a perusal of the records showed that the membership of the association was on the increase and the standard of ringing in the towers was being fairly maintained. In making this statement, however, the committee did not regard the position as entirely satisfactory, as, whilst progress had been made in some cases, it could not be denied that in some instances lack of interest had been displayed. It was hoped, therefore, that those members who had the responsibility of furthering the interests of the association would make special efforts in the present year, where necessary, to arouse the enthusiasm of the members to take a more active part in the affairs of the association. The committee strongly recommended that members who did not do so should visit neighbouring towers, on their respective practice nights, and, wherever possible, quarter-peals should be attempted at frequent intervals by local bands. If these were attempted on Sundays, especially in the evenings, it was unlikely that exception would be taken either by the incumbent or by the parishioners. This practice would be found to be of great help in keeping a band together and for maintaining interest among ringers. A further benefit accrued if the conducting was shared. In those cases where a local band was not strong enough to attempt a quarter-peal on its own account it was suggested that on occasion ringers from a neighbouring tower be allowed to complete the necessary number. In other words, the stronger tower, when opportunity permitted, should assist the weaker.

Thirteen meetings were held in the North-Western District and five in the Southern District, and in this connection the committee would like to see greater support given by the members, as it was by this means that interest in the art and in the association was strengthened. Twenty-four peals were rung for the association during the year, an increase of one over those of the previous year, and, whilst the number was not high, it had to be remembered there was not the particular incentive as in the year of the Coronation.

An analysis of the peals showed that eight had been rung at Beddington, and special mention was made of the peal of Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart, wherein the average age of the ringers of the front five was 17 years and the peal was their first rung at the first attempt. The association extended congratulations to these ringers and to their conductor, Mr. L. A. Tidy.

Referring to the annual dinner held last October, at which the hon. secretary was presented with an oak wall clock, to mark the occasion of his marriage, the report said that although the international situation which immediately preceded the event was not conducive to a successful function, it had to be admitted that the support was rather disappointing. Of the 56 tickets sold, only 15 were disposed of outside the Croydon area. There was a small deficit of 7s. 9d., and it would appear that the function was one which did not appeal to the majority

of the members. The membership of the association showed a fair increase, and the number of annual subscribing members now stood at 297, as against 277 in 1937. The committee, in conclusion, extended their very warm thanks to the many members who had given their support during the past year.

### MASTER'S TALK WITH CLERGY.

Commenting on the report, the Master said one of the things that ringing was apt to suffer from was senility. They were apt to get too old and to go on in their towers with very excellent people ringing for many years and not getting young members. Then something happened and the ringing went nup in the tower. The moral of that was, surely, that what they wanted was youth and they wanted to encourage the young ringers in every way they could. Young ringers were encouraged at the district meetings, and, provided they came, they got just the things they wanted, and the ringing masters made a point of trying to find out what suited each ringer. He hoped the older members would also try to bring forward young conductors. That was another important point upon which ringing was apt to stick. He welcomed the recommendation in the report about the ringing of quarter-peals; he thought they would help promising young ringers who did not get much chance of ringing peals.

During the year, continued the Master, he had been in touch with the parsons of the Rural Deanery of Reigate. He was asked by the Southern District to speak to them at their Ruri-decanal Chapter about what they could do to help ringing, and it was a very interesting meeting that they had. What he found himself up against was that the parsons themselves were apt to feel strangers in their own belfries. They came into the belfry with the best intentions in the world, but they knew nothing about ringing, and, when they sat down to watch the proceedings, they wondered what it was all about. The art of ringing was a closed book to so many people among them the parsons. If they could find a way to help them out of that and get them to understand a little bit of what was going on it would be a great help. They had all heard of parsons not taking an interest in ringing, but when the poor men went into their own belfries there was nobody to explain in untechnical language which they could understand what was going on and they went out of the belfry saying, 'Yes, that is all right, but it is not for me.' Then the ringers complained that their parson did not take any interest in their ringing. He appealed particularly to captains of towers to try to help the parsons to understand what was going on when the bells were being rung, because there were occasions when the parsons could be of immense help to the ringers. He assured them that the parsons at that Ruri-decanal Chapter went away intending to do what they could (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes, referring to the recruiting of young ringers, quoted from his own experience at St. Lawrence Jewry, where he started a band a few years ago from members of the choir with most successful results. It was, perhaps, not always possible to do this, he said, but there were many choirs where they could interest the boys in ringing when they lost their voices. If they could attract them to the tower and interest them in ringing it was an advantage, not only to the belfry, but to the church as well, by keeping their interest in church work.

The Hon. Secretary said one useful suggestion for recruiting was contained in a letter from Mr. Overy in 'The Ringing World' on the preceding day. It was suggested that every ringer should obtain one new member every year. Even if they did not all continue their interest, he was sure it would bring in more members than the haphazard way in which most towers were recruited at present.

The report was adopted.

Mr. B. F. Baker, of Maidstone, was elected a non-resident member of the association, and Croydon was chosen for the next annual meeting, the other places suggested being Leatherhead and St. Martin's, Epsom.

### SUGGESTED 'LIAISON' WITH GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The general officers of the association were elected as follows, there being no other nominations: President, the Bishop of Southwark; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis; hon. secretary, Mr. A. G. Talbot; assistant secretary, Mr. A. J. Cook; auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

The Master thanked the members and said the officers and committee would do their best to make the association useful in accordance with its objects to foster ringing in each district. They would continue to do that and also to cultivate the most friendly relations with all the other ringing associations and guilds in their neighbourhood (hear, hear). They were, he added, sorry to lose the services, as assistant secretary, of Mr. Holden, but they welcomed Mr. Cook in his place.

The Bishop of Croydon and Mr. Arthur Dean, of Leatherhead, were elected vice-presidents, the latter in recognition of his long services to the association. He is now incapacitated from ringing and is just one short of a total of 200 peals rung for the association.

Messrs. D. Cooper, W. Claydon and C. H. Kippin were re-elected representatives of the association on the Central Council.

Mr. Kippin said in view of the good feeling existing between the association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which he trusted would ever continue, he would suggest that the committee consider the possibility of asking the Guildford Guild whether they would agree to a mutual arrangement by which the Guild should elect a member

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## DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS. A GREAT COMPOSER.

One of the best known men for something like two generations is lost to the Exercise by the death of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, who, as briefly recorded last week, passed away on March 1st at the advanced age of 79 years. Mr. Knights, not merely as an enthusiastic ringer throughout his long life, but as one of the most talented composers of our time, has earned a lasting place in ringing history, for his contribution to the science in the realm of figures has been a colossal one. He was widely known in the Midlands and Yorkshire and held in the highest esteem among ringers, not only for his gifts, but for his kindly and genial disposition. His death leaves a gap which will be difficult to fill.

Arthur Knights was a great composer and few men can claim the authorship of more peals than he has produced. He composed peals in many methods, but Treble Bob was his particular interest. He first produced peals in this method nearly 60 years ago, but, strange as it may seem, it is only within the last two or three years that some of his early compositions have been rung. In the meantime he composed literally hundreds of peals, and his work has been among the most popular of any ringers' and in great demand among the conductors. He composed about 430 original peals of Treble Bob Major and over 300 of Treble Bob Royal. But he had a great many peals of both Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques, and in other methods, too. Indeed, there have been nearly 1,200 of his peal compositions rung, including some of the reverse variations of peals of Treble Bob.

Mr. Knights had a life-long interest in bells, for he was not yet nine years old when he learned to chime the bells at the church of his native village of Brome, near Eye, in Suffolk, where he was born on December 17th, 1859. As he grew up it was only natural that change ringing should attract him, and he rang his first peal on May 19th, 1879. It was at Diss, Norfolk, and was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Soon after this he removed to Chesterfield, where he had lived ever since. From the first he was associated with ringing at the Parish Church, with its famous crooked spire, and for many years was leader of the band there, until the condition of the tower and bells caused ringing to be stopped. He made great efforts to secure a restoration, but for years, to his great disappointment, the bells have remained silent. It was in this tower that Mr. Knights rang his first peal as conductor on July 15th, 1882, when he called one of his own compositions of Kent Treble Bob Major. Mr. Knights had rung well over 600 peals and had conducted considerably more than 200. Of this total some 380 have been peals which he composed, nearly all of which were rung for the first time. With the exception of Holt's Original and Davis' ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Knights never called the same peal twice, and very rarely has he even rung the same composition more than once.

His peals included Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Major, Caters and Royal, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and Royal, Superlative, London and other Surprise Major methods.

Although living in Derbyshire and being a member of the Midland Counties Association since 1890, Mr. Knights rang a large number of peals for the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1880. He had rung over 300 peals for each of these associations. He rang in the first peals for the Yorkshire Association of New Cambridge, Bristol, Peterborough and Norfolk Surprise Major, Double Norwich Caters and Royal, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the first and only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on tower bells in Yorkshire. His longest peal, which he also conducted, was 8,228 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on May 19th, 1900, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith.

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THE LATE  
MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, February 25th, at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Rector (Canon R. L. Whytehead). The lesson was read by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Rector of Bergh Apton). Tea was served at St. Nicholas' House, 49 members sitting down (seven more than sent postcards).

The business meeting followed, and, at the invitation of Mr. W. J. Lee (branch chairman), Canon R. L. Whytehead presided, supported by Mr. W. J. Lee (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary), Mr. W. S. Duffield (chairman of South Norfolk Branch) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary to North Norfolk Branch).

Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected chairman and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood secretary. Messrs. R. Woodley, C. Parnell, S. Gail, R. W. Barber and A. May were appointed on the Branch Committee, and Messrs. A. King and R. W. Barber elected representatives to the Association Standing Committee.

Seven new members were elected, viz., the Rev. Canon R. L. Whytehead, Messrs. A. E. Crow (Gorleston), Allen White (Lowestoft), Kenneth Haynes (Lowestoft), Pearl E. Grapes, Timothy G. Bugden (Ranworth) and George T. Bussey (Haddiscoe).

The date of the next meeting was fixed for May 20th at Acle, if the tower is available.

The general secretary thanked the officers and committee of the branch for their assistance to him during the past year. Thanks were also accorded to the acting matron of the home for the excellent tea that was served, and to the Rector for the use of the bells and his assistance in making the meeting a success.

Ringers attended from Norwich, London (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Beccles, Gorleston, Wymondham, Reedham, Acle, Barham, Kessingland, Saxlingham, Ranworth, Mulbarton, Haddiscoe, Chediston, Bergh Apton and Norton. Ringing was renewed in the evening, and methods rung during the day ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

## STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having studied Fabian Stedman's Principle on and off for some years, and being desirous of furthering my investigations, I would be greatly obliged if any of your readers can inform me if Stedman's System has ever been applied to 'even-bell' ringing other than Duffield by the late Sir A. P. Heywood and Shipway's Principle, both of which I understand are based on Stedman's Principle.

F. E. PITMAN.

Bromley, Kent.

## RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

(Continued from previous column.)

Some time ago Mr. and Mrs. Knights celebrated their golden wedding, and his wife survives him. His two talented sons, Mr. Ben Knights, of Preston, and Mr. A. Percival Knights, of Sheffield, are left to carry on the family connection with the Exercise.

A composition of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major by the late Mr. Knights was rung at Market Drayton, Shropshire, as an 'In memoriam' peal.

At Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, a half-muffled peal of Little Bob Major was unfortunately lost only six courses from home after 23 hours' ringing. Those who took part were J. H. Brothwell 1, J. H. Haywood 2, Jack Brothwell 3, G. Gordon Graham 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (conductor) 5, N. Chaddock 6, J. E. Turley 7, T. Brothwell 8.

## THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Spital Cemetery, Chesterfield, on Saturday, and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers, in addition to the family mourners and a number of friends. Among those present were Messrs. G. Lewis (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association), C. Haynes (president of the Sheffield District Society), H. Warburton (secretary of Peak District Society), A. H. Ward and J. Pagett (Derby) and J. H. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent), representing Midland Counties Association, W. Biggin (Norton), W. T. Palmer S. Scattergood, W. Allwood, W. J. Thynne and T. Gore (Chesterfield), P. J. Jervis (Eckington), J. J. Moss (Bolsover), H. Stenton (South Anston), F. Knott (Staveley), T. E. Lee (Sheffield), G. M. Thorpe (Dore), etc. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. J. Pagett, G. Lewis, A. H. Ward and W. Allwood.

Mrs. Knights and family desire to express their gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy which were received from friends far and near during Mr. Knights' illness, and for the condolences extended to them in their bereavement.

## A VALUED FRIENDSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The passing of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, must have been received with profound regret throughout the Exercise. He leaves behind the memory of a most valued friendship and the work of a very great composer.

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

## BEDFORD SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My method of Bedford Surprise rung by the talented band at Bushey and published in your issue of February 18th is one of a few methods with a perfect extension to Royal and Maximus. There is only one false course-end for Major, viz., 24365, therefore all peals of Treble Bob on all numbers can be used, with bob made in 4th. If the bob is made on the three back bells, peals with the 6th its extent can be had.

It may now be noted why the method was called 'Bedford.' While I was a member of St. Stephen's Society, Rochester Row, Westminster, Mr. A. B. Peck, the present secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was also a member. A few years before he had come to London from Bedford. The method now appears to have been dedicated to the secretary of the College Youths.

Suffron Walden.

F. DENCH.

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## BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### FELKIRK VICAR'S WELCOME.

Barnley and District Society held their February meeting at Felkirk (the Church in the fields). The fine weather was no doubt a great help in making the meeting highly successful. 37 members being present from Arksey, Barnley, Badsworth, Bolsterstone, Burghwallis, Cawthorne, Conisbrough, Doncaster, Horbury, Penistone, Rotherham, Sandal, Shelley, South Kirkby and the local company.

Previous to tea those present assembled in front of the Old Schoolroom within the churchyard for a photograph to be taken at the special request of the Vicar, Bishop Dickinson. Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom.

At the business meeting the Vicar, who presided, expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers. It was, he said, the first time he had had the opportunity of meeting ringers, having been working overseas previous to being appointed Vicar of Felkirk. He had always hoped that the first church he got in England would possess a peal of bells, and he was pleased his wish was fulfilled.

The President (Mr. C. D. Potter), in his usual jocular and homely manner, thanked the Vicar for all he had done and the ladies for the teas and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Vicar was elected a ringing member, and Kirkthorpe was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 11th.

Ringing, which had been enjoyed in the afternoon, was continued in the evening in a good variety of methods.

### LICHFIELD BROADCAST.

The ringers who took part in the broadcast from Lichfield Cathedral on Sunday, March 5th, were: S. Cope 1, A. Sedgwick 2, A. Bowler 3, F. Hayes 4, A. Bowler, sen., 5, F. Cope (conductor) 6, W. J. Cope 7, F. Winter 8, A. Cartmale 9, A. Smith 10. A touch of 168 Grandire Triples was rung with 9.8.10 covering

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MEETING CANCELLED.—The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at Kendal tomorrow (Saturday), has been cancelled.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, Mar. 11th. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. Please send word for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 6, Brookside Avenue, Eccleston, St. Helens.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on March 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, near Stockport, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Fearnley, 7, Vernon Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. All ringers welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Bells (8). A good attendance is requested.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

TATER PIE AND BELLRINGING for all those who like it at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Meeting during the evening. A good turn-up requested.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., Lancs Association.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at Barnby-in-the-Willows, near Newark (6 bells, tenor 6½ cwt.), on Saturday, March 11th. Look up your methods and then come and ring them.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Watlington on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Ardingly (6 bells) on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by the church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A joint meeting of the Western Division and Huddersfield District Association will be held at St. Mary's, Elland, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting—election of officers, etc. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 11th. Usual times for ringing. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5. Subscriptions for 1939 are due.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Berkhamstead on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m., followed by tea.—Walter Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on March 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for March: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 14th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 16th and 30th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. \* Business meeting afterwards. All at 7.30, except St. Andrew's, 8.—A. B. Peck, Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.**—The new ring of eight bells, installed by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea provided at 4.30 for those notifying Mr. A. D. Howell, 6, Copland Terrace, Stanford-le-Hope, not later than March 14th. Bells available until 7.30 p.m.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, March 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please do not fail to send numbers for tea to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, March 18th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. S. Briggs, Clinton, Gerard Road, Rotherham. Please make an effort to attend this, the most important meeting of the year, and so make it a success. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, E.C. Tickets, price 6s. each, may be obtained from either of the following: Messrs. T. Bevan, J. Cornford, G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, G. Gilbert, R. Heazell, J. Parker, G. Radley, A. H. Pulling, N. Summerhayes or the secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 4.30 to 6 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify me by March 13th. The method for special attention is Double Court Minor; other methods will be rung as required. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, in Hockforth's Cafe. Names, please, to Mr. T. J. Twivey Wild, 38, Hilda Street, Goole, by previous Thursday. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. All welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon, March 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Also Thornham (6) and Stoke Ash (5) and Brome (5). Service 4.30, conducted by the Rev. MacGee, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. All requiring tea please inform me by 15th. All are welcome.—R. J. D. Nelthorpe, Dis. Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wilburton on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at Royal Oak, 5 p.m. Service if arranged.—F. Warrington, Station Road, Swavesey, Cambs. (Please note new address.)



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The tenth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. The Rev. N. E. Hope, Master of the association, will preside, supported by other gentlemen. The following towers will be open: Cathedral (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 3.45 to 4.45; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45. Dinner tickets 3s., obtainable from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's from 7.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Church Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card on or before the 15th inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will take place at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at 1s. a head.—D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Hurst Cafe (1s. each) at 5 p.m. Please send me word by Wednesday, March 15th, if you intend to be present. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Hyom, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street (opposite Borough Underground Station). Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby (8 bells) on Saturday, March 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance to induce the local ringers to rejoin the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Sat., March 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers who require tea please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. Will ringers please rally round? All are welcome.—J. A. Brown, and F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart. The Vicar is anxious to meet the diocesan ringers, so a hearty

welcome is extended to the neighbouring districts and others. A postcard to me, stating number, by Wednesday, the 22nd, will ensure a good tea.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The golden jubilee will be celebrated on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at Leeds Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Hot pot supper and entertainment in Sherwin's Restaurant 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 9d. each. Please book your ticket before March 20th.—H. Lothhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—Book this date, March 25th, for Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. The above district will hold its next meeting there, and a hearty invitation awaits all ringers. Excellent bus service from all parts. Usual tea arrangements for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham (Chilham unavailable) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, 1s. per head. Please send your names in to Mr. F. Verney, Briar Bank, Elham, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, March 23rd. Usual methods, but special attention to Double Norwich, please.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Erith on Easter Monday next. Service in the Parish Church of St. John at noon, followed by luncheon (free to practising members, 2s. 6d. others). Business meeting follows for the election of officers and Central Council representatives (4). Nominations must reach me by March 27th. New rule to be submitted. Further particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Stroud, Glos, on Easter Monday, April 10th. Full details in these columns later. Notice of motions concerning rules, etc., should be handed in on or before March 13th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

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to the Executive Committee of the Surrey Association and the Surrey Association should elect a member of the Executive Committee of the Guildford Guild, with the object of keeping the two bodies in close touch. The two associations were so bound together that it would always be useful for one association to know what the other was doing.

The Master said the relations between the two societies had been and he hoped always would be close and cordial, and any arrangement which would draw them closer would be welcome. Whether it could be done in the form suggested by Mr. Kippin he did not know, but the committee would be glad to consider it.

Mr. C. E. Smith (Ringing Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Guild) said, personally, he welcomed the suggestion. A meeting of the Guildford Guild Committee was to be held on the following Wednesday and he would raise the matter there. He thought Mr. Kippin's suggestion was a good one.

Mr. W. Hewett: It seems to me that in the future we shall have a Surrey Association with a Guildford Diocesan branch and a Southwark Diocesan branch.

In reply to Mrs. Kippin, the Master said the committee would consider the question of holding another association dinner.

It was resolved to authorise the committee to make a contribution to the expenses of entertaining members of the Central Council when they meet in London at Whitau.

The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements, and particularly to Vice-Provost Christopherson for his welcome in the Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers concluded the business and further ringing took place at the Cathedral.

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