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## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The tabulated results of the past year's peal ringing are published to-day, and, as always, are extremely interesting. Thanks to the labours of the Central Council's Committee, the Exercise has the opportunity of seeing in compact form exactly what has been done throughout the country, and to compare, as far as comparisons are of value, the efforts of the various Associations. The most gratifying feature of the present analysis is the evidence which it provides of the recovery of ringing from the effects of the war. The peals, which increased in volume as the year progressed, passed the four-figure level before the end of December was reached, and, as further evidence of the revival of the art, there is the fact that peals in a variety of the higher methods reappear in the table.

The decision of the Council to continue the publication of the analysis in alphabetical order largely robs it of official recognition of the competitive spirit, but peal ringers will scan the figures with interest to ascertain which association has the best results. The divergence of view with regard to the merit of awarding peal points is responsible for the decision of the Council, but this attitude is hardly in consonance with the adhesion to the points principle. If points are worth recording, then there can be no objection, it seems to us, to giving full recognition to the competitive spirit, and placing the associations in the table in the order of point merit. On the other hand, if the opinion is that competition in this direction should not be encouraged, then there is little valid reason for recognising points at all. The present is only a half-and-half arrangement. Granted that peal ringing in the main is really a gratification of personal ambition, and that success in this direction gives an added glory to the records of an association, there is little valid reason why the point-scoring method should not be fully accepted as the basis of the analysis, for there is no doubt that in peal ringing, as in any other pastime, the competitive spirit makes for keenness among the members. But the point system is one upon which there is never likely to be unanimity of opinion.

The report which accompanies the Analysis Committee's tables is, as usual, full of interesting statistics, and there is one matter to which we feel compelled to refer. The Committee complains of the late publication of certain peals. In regard to three of these we must take the blame, two reports having been overlooked, while the third, defective when originally sent in, was kept back through a misunderstanding. Having thus made open confession we hope we may be forgiven, and plead, in mitigation of punishment, the many thousands of peals which we have

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published without exceptional delay in past years. But at the risk of castigation, may we ask the Committee a question? They tell us that two of the late reports are omitted from the analysis because to have included them would have involved 20 alterations to the figures. Would the task of making the alterations have been much more prodigious than going through the table to count up the places where the amendments would have had to be made?

### TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. Treble	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 6
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... .. 2	FRED W. STOKES ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 8
F/S. F. A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 9
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... .. 5	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by F/SERG. F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER8, 5003 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*JAMES P. LOCK ... .. Treble	HARRY PAGE ... .. 6
EVAN COLES ... .. 2	*HENRY BELLAMY ... .. 7
WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 3	SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 8
FRED ATTWELL ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

\* First peal of Caters. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Edmon-  
ton, London, and the 6th from Pentre, Rhondda.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER8, 5238 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. Treble	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 6
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 9
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. H. DEXTER.

A short-course composition, now rung for the first time. Rung for the festival of St. George, and the 1,000th anniversary of the freeing of Leicester from the Danes by Ethelfloda, daughter of Alfred the Great.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*W. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	W. OAKES ... .. 5
F. GRUNDY ... .. 2	*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6
W. JONES ... .. 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 7
*S. HARRISON ... .. 4	*J. RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BANKS. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

† First peal as conductor. † First peal. \* First peal away from tenor. The first peal to be rung by the local company since April 10th, 1914. An attempt was made a week previous, but after ringing an hour and forty minutes a rope broke. At that date Joseph Ridyard on the tenor was made a member of the Association previous to starting.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

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

H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM K. MELVILLE ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	HARRY HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 6
HARRY DURLING ... .. 3	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 7
JAMES FORD ... .. 4	REUBEN S. GOODCHILD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal. This peal was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Anthony F. Nussey, who was people's warden for 14 years and Rector's warden for five years (retiring in 1916), and died on March 2nd, age 80 years.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

* JONATHAN WHERWELL ... Treble	* LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
* MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JAMES SHAW ... .. 6
WILLIAM RILEY ... .. 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.  
Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

This is probably the first peal in the method in Lancashire by a lady ringer. L. J. Williams hails from Church Kirk and Arthur Tomlinson from St. Michael's, Blackburn. \* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

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

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4	JACOB SEABORN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the journalistic Golden Jubilee of Mr. Sidney Barton Eckert, who has for many years taken an interest in local campanology and done what he could to further its interest.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

* GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 5
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	FRANK COLE ... .. 7
HARRY SMITH ... .. 4	ALBERT HANKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 5
FREDERICK MORGAN ... .. 2	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 6
JOHN H. EDWARDS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 4	EDWARD MILLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss K. Hoad, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoad, of Glottenham, Robertsbridge, and sister of the ringers of the 5th and 6th, who was married to Mr. S. J. Lulham, of London, at Salehurst on this date. Also rung on the 11th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 3rd.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANAY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
ALBERT ROUGHT ... .. 2	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 6
MISS MAY DURRANT ... .. 3	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
ALFRED WATSON ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Fred H. Knights, his 50th birthday being on 13th April. It was the first peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd, great credit being due to her for the way in which she rang, she having had no previous practice in this method.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 5
ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWARD J. LOTT ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
* HERBERT ACDSLEY ... .. 4	JOSEPH SPOONER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor.

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TO SUPPORT

THE RINGING  
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BY  
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EVERY  
WEEK.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MORTON... ..Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	†FREDERICK J. CULLEN, JUN. 6
†HEREBERT ADESLY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK FOX ... ..Treble	MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 5
*EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	SERG. JOHN W. DAVIES ... 7
GEORGE JONES ... .. 4	GILBERT GERRARD ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major by all members of the tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor about 23 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ...Treble	REN W. YORK ... .. 5
*MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 2	WALTER T. WILSON ... 6
*GEORGE FOSTER ... .. 3	†BERT KILBURN ... .. 7
*JOSEPH SADDINGTON... .. 4	ALBERT V. INNS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First attempt for a peal on eight. † First peal of Major. Ringers 1, 2 and 6 hail from Isham, 4 from Burton Latimer, tenor from Epping, and the remainder are local men.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

H. W. BOYLES ... ..Treble	*F. NYE ... .. 5
SERG. J. HERROD, S.W.B. 2	SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
G. UPSHALL ... .. 3	B. HAWKINS ... .. 7
G. MILES ... .. 4	T. UPSHALL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS.

Conducted by B. HAWKINS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Major and Mrs. C. F. Jerram of 'Talland Vean,' Pen-werris, Falmouth.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE ...Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	†GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal of Triples with an inside bell. † 40th peal as conductor.

## CILENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS F. THATCHER ...Treble	CHARLES BOUGHTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 6
WILLIAM BOUGHTON, SEN. 3	WILLIAM BOUGHTON ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	JOHN SHILVOCK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Messrs. C. Boughton and J. Shillock were proposed members before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the officers and men of the parish who fell in the war.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE ...Treble	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 5
THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. 2	ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 6
ROBERT W. HYNER ... .. 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
*WILLIAM G. LANCASTER... 4	ALBERT E. W. SMITH ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

\* First peal in the method.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF S. PETER AD VINCOLA,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON...Treble	JOHN SADLER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM HOWELL ... .. 2	*WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 7
JAMES FLEURY ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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

## ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GERALD DUNCAN ...Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 5
*HENRY TAYLOR... .. 2	†WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
ROBERT STEPHENSON ... 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY... .. 7
SYDNEY TUNNELL ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

\* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method.

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

## AND ST. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. net.

FREDERICK W. SHARMAN...Treble	ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... .. 5
CHARLES ALLSOP... .. 2	WILLIAM ALDRIDGE ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 4	*ROWLAND BARROW ... ..Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal on these bells, recently augmented to eight by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son of Ipswich. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the local company for their kind entertainment after the peal.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

[6 Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.  
\*SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble | ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 4  
W. PERCY HOODLESS ... 2 | †HAROLD EASTOE ... 5  
\*MISS MAY LOWSON ... 3 | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. John Morley, a sidesman of this church, and Mr. William Tomlinson, a respected member of the choir, both of whom passed away after a brief illness.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*WILLIAM FLEMING ... .. Treble | FREDERICK W. WAITING... 4  
WILLIAM DREW... .. 2 | \*HENRY PHILLIPS ... 5  
JOHN W. AVIS ... .. 3 | SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. J. BENNETT, Royal Marines.

First peal of Minor.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.  
(THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

LOUIS J. ABBOTT ... .. Treble | \*JOHN R. JACKSON ... 3  
\*CECIL BLAKEY ... .. 2 | \*ARTHUR DRURY ... 4  
ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WARD.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung on the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble | GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 4  
HENRY BURCH ... .. 2 | JOSEPH LAST ... 5  
GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 3 | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to George W. Ablitt.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being seven 720's called differently.

JOHN WELLAND ... .. Treble | JAMES HEMMING... .. 4  
WILLIAM NEED ... .. 2 | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... 5  
HUBERT SALISBURY ... 3 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Fletcher) and in connection with the unveiling of a memorial to fallen soldiers. The Vicar very kindly entertained the band to supper after the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ARMLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At 10, MITFORD ROAD,

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

\*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | \*GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5—  
\*J. W. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | MISS O. L. LUMLEY... .. 7—

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by MISS O. L. LUMLEY.

Witness: MR. A. WINDSOR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on handbells in Yorkshire and rung at first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Malcolm Moorhouse who attained his 15th birthday on the 12th inst. First peal as conductress.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Vicarage,

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

Tenor 15 size in E.

WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 1—2 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5—6  
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 7—8

Composed by W. WARHURST.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Umpire: CHRISTOPHER WELDON WOOLLEY.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 2, CARLTON STREET,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALBERT V. INNS ... 1—2 | DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5—6  
CECIL CHAPMAN ... 3—4 | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7—8

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Witness: J. SADDINGTON.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by C. Chapman.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, April 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Vicarage,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6  
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

CLAPHAM.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANCES;**

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 1—2 | HERRBERT LANGDON ... 5—6  
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3—4 | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7—8

JOHN W. GOLDING... .. 9—10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, April 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Vicarage,

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

Tenor 15 size in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6  
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 7—

Composed and conducted by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PROPOSED DIVISION OF E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at High Wycombe on Easter Monday, when members and friends numbering about 100 were cordially welcomed by the churchwardens and the All Saints' Society. The towers represented were those of High Wycombe, Hughenden, Marlow, West Wycombe, Slough, Beaconsfield, Woodburn, Penn, Great Missenden, Bledlow, Culmor, Old Windsor, Warfield, Bray, Boyne Hill (Maidenhead), Caversham, Burnham, Binfield, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St. Peter and Chalfont St. Giles' Cookham, Windsor (Parish Church and Curfew Tower) and Hillingdon.

A special service was arranged at the Parish Church, the choristers being present under the direction of Mr. G. F. Andrews A.R.C.O., to lead the singing of the hymns. The Rev. Canon P. H. Elliot, of Slough, gave an address of encouragement and helpfulness to ringers, and referred particularly to their inclusion in the corporate life of the church.

Tea was served in the Church House, a band of ladies attending to the wants of those partaking of the repast, which was under the supervision of Mr. F. Hayes.

The annual business meeting succeeded the tea, the proceedings being under the chairmanship of the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.). Among those present were the Revs. P. H. Elliot (Slough), A. L. Whitfield (Hughenden), O. F. Spearing (Marlow), W. U. Wooler (West Wycombe), E. J. Teesdale (Bledlow), Dr. Lewis, W. Reynolds, Mr. W. H. Fussell (Hon. Secretary of the Branch), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), Mr. Geo. Twitchee (Hon. Secretary, Wycombe), and also the following visitors: Messrs. J. Thomas and G. Paice (Eghamton), J. C. Truss (Marlow), W. Simmonds and H. Simmonds (Caversham), W. R. Melville (Guildford), C. Smith (Maidenhead), R. Marshall (Denford), G. R. Fardon (Shepherd's Bush), D. Taylor (Stockwell), A. D. Barker (Islington), etc.

The Master first introduced and welcomed the Rev. P. H. Elliot, the new Chairman of the Branch, in succession to the Rev. Canon Drummond; while Mr. Bennett of Beaconsfield, referred in terms of gratitude to the reverend gentleman for the inspiring address he had given that afternoon in church.

The Rev. P. H. Elliot briefly acknowledged the kind expressions, and assured the members that he should do his best to forward the welfare of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the organist and choir of All Saints' Church for their services that day.

The balance sheet for the year was presented showing receipts amounting to £49 8s. (including a balance in hand from the 1918 account of £19 15s. 2d.). After the payment of the expenses, there was a balance in hand of £19 8s. 5d. The financial statement was adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Rev. P. H. Elliot; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Fussell (who was heartily thanked by the Master for the valuable services he rendered to the Guild); representatives on Guild Committee, Messrs. Alder, Buckland, Martin, Boreham, Leader, Truss, Twitchee, Blackmore, Welling, White, Kirk, and Smith.

The Hon. Secretary submitted his annual report, as under:—The good work carried on by the members of the Branch continues to expand and the number of members increase, which means that sooner or later a division of the area covered must arise. There is a suggestion that the Walthams and Warfield might be thrown into the Sonning Branch, like Binfield. Again, it is rumoured that an Amersham Branch might be made. The formation of a Diocese for Bucks may compel us to amend the district. I have referred these matters to you for consideration, but the committee named to report to you on the subject have not been able to meet. It was hoped to do something at Bray, but owing to the numbers present, everyone was too occupied by friendly reminiscences of war and peace days. I feel strongly that we should be wise in adopting two districts, as divided by the Thames, and thus preserve the original titles—'East Berks' and 'South Bucks.' In this connection, we sadly miss Boyne Hill tower as a rallying point for the Maidenhead Deanery, owing to their bells being practically unringable. We have to report with regret the death at an early age, of the Rev. Walter Thackeray, of Boyne Hill, and the Rev. C. A. Raymond, late of Bray, both good friends of the ringers, and hon. members of this branch. Also, by removal to other counties, of the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Braywood; Canon Ridsdale, of High Wycombe; and the Rev. H. H. Skirrow, Maidenhead. The present was a fitting time and place to mention the loss of two Wycombe ringers, Messrs. Wm. Horne and W. Phipps, whose deaths in the prime of a useful ringing career, were sadly felt by us all. Since our meeting at Windsor last year, we have been strengthened by the addition of Penn tower, and a promising young team of change ringers; and we have hopes that Ritcham, with a new ring of six bells, will shortly become affiliated. There are still a number of parishes where the clergy and ringers have not co-operated with the Guild, and I would suggest that the ringers and honorary members who do belong, use their influence to bring these towers in. The new Enabling Act means that ringers must assert themselves more in the work of the church. We have been favoured by the patronage of the Very Rev. the Dean

of Windsor, and the majority of the St. George's Society of Ringers have joined us. Now that His Majesty King George V. is in residence at Windsor, and a near neighbour, we may possibly be privileged to add the Head of the House of Windsor to our list of patrons.

### INCREASE OF NUMBERS.

Our numbers increase. Some of our 'boys' have returned from war, like veterans, so that the total strength of the Branch is now 623—about one-third that of the whole Diocese. We have 32 towers in union (including a double parish), with 474 performing members, 366 of whom have studied change ringing sufficiently to earn the title and the Guild certificate. This total includes 43 ladies, 33 of whom are change ringers, and 11 clergymen who are practical ringers. The hon. members muster 68—10 being on the 'life' list, and 44 have kindly contributed to our funds for the year 1919. Non-resident church ringers total 84, and the unattached 15. The roll of war service includes 223 men who have served in H.M. Forces—24 of whom have patriotically made their 'last stand' for England. During the past year, meetings for combined practice and friendly intercourse have been held at Warfield, Beaconsfield and Bray—all well attended, and supported by our beloved master, the Rev. C. W. Jenkyn, whose personal interest in the Guild is only equalled by his war service. There are still living some five or six of the original founders of the old Berks and Bucks Association of 1877, including Canon Drummond (its president for over 40 years) and Mr. J. J. Parker, noted for his researches in the mysteries of composition all over Great Britain where bells and ringers flourish.

The report was adopted.

Mr. W. H. Fussell (branch hon. secretary) said that they regretted the absence of the new Vicar of Wycombe, but owing to the kindness of their friends and a committee formed by the All Saints' Society, they had been able to make the gathering equal to and worthy of any of its predecessors. The co-operation of the Wycombe hon. secretary (Mr. G. Twitchee) had been extremely cordial and helpful.—Dr. L. W. Reynolds replied.

After a cordial vote of thanks had been passed to the Master of the Guild, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert having said a few words, the meeting ended.

During the afternoon and evening ringing was indulged in on the fine peal of twelve bells, the methods including Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc.; and 'rounds' on the twelve bells were rung several times, to ensure every visitor an opportunity of having a 'pull.' The ringing concluded with a fine course of London Surprise on the back eight.

### PRESENTATION AT NEWCHURCH.

A presentation has been made to Mr. Jas. Ashworth, who retires after 31 years' service as a bell ringer at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, in Rosendale. The ringers of Newchurch, with the addition of Messrs. Haydock and Leach, of Ramsbotham, and Amos Trippier, of Rendleton, and a few friends, sat down to a 'hot pot,' provided by Host and Hostess Cowell, of the Boar's Head Hotel. Prior to this, Messrs. J. Taylor, T. Harrison, J. H. Haydock, L. Taylor, R. Leach, Walter Taylor, J. T. Might and O. Eastwood had rung 210 of Grandsire Triples at the church, and afterwards 500 in the same method was rung by J. Taylor 1, J. H. Haydock 2, Jas. Ashworth 3, Samuel Lowd 4, R. Leach 5, Walter Taylor 6, O. Eastwood 7, Amos Trippier 8. A convivial evening at the Boar's Head followed, Mr. Trippier being in the chair. During the evening, Mr. Trippier made the presentation of a walking stick, suitably engraved, to Mr. Ashworth, with a few well-chosen remarks.—Mr. Walter Taylor and Mr. Haydock also spoke in highest terms of Mr. Ashworth for his long services, and expressed regret that they were to lose him through business reasons.—Mr. Ashworth suitably responded, and thanked the company for the present they had made him.—Messrs. L. Taylor, W. Taylor, E. Taylor, J. Taylor, R. Leach and A. Trippier contributed to the evening's harmony.—A vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Cowell for catering, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday in fine weather ringers being present from Grimsby, Bigby Barton, and Thornton-Curlicis. The proceedings started with 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Crowder 1, W. F. Heyhoe 2, J. W. Seamer 3 Hy. Hebatson 4 H. E. Dannatt 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6. Afterwards other visitors arrived and the bells were kept going to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Bob Minor and Grandsire. Evensong followed, and was attended by all the ringers, the Association form being used, and the address by Mr. J. Bentley in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Stedman).

Afterwards tea was provided by Mr. J. Parking. The business meeting followed in the belfry, and further ringing was indulged in during the evening.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting was held at Midsomer Norton, on Saturday, April 17th, when 19 towers were represented by 50 members. A service was held in the Parish Church at 3.30, at which the Rev. W. H. W. Williams officiated, being assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, of Leigh-on-Mendin. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Holmyard tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. In the absence of the Master, through illness, Mr. Honnywill was voted to the chair, and a vote of sympathy with the Master was passed.

Two new members were elected. It was announced that the annual meeting of the Association would be held at Minehead on July 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging and officiating at the service was heartily carried, as was also a vote of thanks to Mr. Honnywill for presiding, and to the ladies who kindly assisted at the tea.

This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

The most successful meeting of the Kettering District was held at Desborough, on April 10th, 54 members being present from Barton, Burton, Broughton, Cransley, Cranford, Isham, Orlingbury, Northampton, Kettering, Weekley, Wellingborough, and the local tower. A short address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. T. Eacott), and a collection was taken for the Bellry Repairs Fund, which amounted to 14s. 0<sup>d</sup>. Tea was partaken of in the schools, presided over by the Vicar. One new member and also three life members were elected. The question of the Central Council's powers was discussed at some length.—Mr. E. M. Atkins proposed that it was time that the Central Council had power to enforce their decisions, and hoped that members would vote on the same at the annual meeting of the Association. He also hoped that members would look to it that they only sent their best men to sit on the Central Council.

Kettering was chosen for the next meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. A move was again made to the bellry, and some of the party went to Harrington, where the bells were set going to Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor until a late hour.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 10th. The Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, M.A., R.D. (Rector), conducted the service, and gave an inspiring address, taking his text from I Cor. xii. 17th and 18th verses. Amongst the items of ringing during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. An attempt for a touch of Stedman Cinques came to an untimely end. For more than a quarter of a century it has been the custom to arrange for all present to sit down together to tea, but on this occasion members were obliged to go to various restaurants to satisfy the inner man, as it had been found impossible to make better arrangements.

As the estimates for printing the report have so greatly increased, some means must be found to meet the additional cost; thus it is proposed to raise the annual subscription and to make a nominal charge to those ringing peals for booking the same—which is also a costly item. Both these matters are to be brought up for discussion at the annual meeting in June, at Lichfield. A statement was made with regard to the fund re the Rowland Cartwright Memorial. It is a little disappointing that donations are coming in so slowly; and it is hoped that members who wish to pay tribute to the deceased for his valuable assistance in past years will do so at their earliest convenience.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Bradney, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address, use of the bells, etc.; to Mr. Hughes for presiding at the organ, and to the choir boys for their valuable assistance.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Warwick, on Saturday, April 17th, when about 30 members attended from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Nuneaton, Northampton, Rugby and Warwick. Ringing commenced at Enscote at 3 o'clock, and touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

The business meeting was afterwards held. It was decided to hold the monthly meeting in May, at Corley and Fillongley, and the June meeting at Berkswell.

After tea, the ring of ten at St. Mary's was raised, and touches of Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were brought round.

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## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUN

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Council

ASSOCIATIONS.	TOWER BELLS.														
	MAXIMUS.		CINQUES.		ROYAL.			CATERS.		MAJOR.					
	Treble Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Surprise	Treble Bob	Double Methods	Plain Methods	Stedman	Grandsire	London Surprise	Bristol	Cambridge	Superlative	Double Norwich	Various New Methods
Points per peal	18	32	13	40	16	22	12	28	10	50	48	30	30	16	
Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	7	2	3	—	—	—	—	1
Bath and Wells .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Bedfordshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Cambridge U. Guild .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Central Northants .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	3	—	2
Chester Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	2
Cleveland and N. Yorks .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dudley and Districts .....	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1
Durham and Newcastle .....	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	3	5	—	1
Ely & St. Edmundsbury .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Essex County .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	1	—	3
Gloucester and Bristol .....	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	8	10	—	1	1	2	—	3
Hereford Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Hertfordshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	1
Kent County .....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	2	3	2(b)	9
Lancashire .....	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	2
Lincoln Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Llandaff .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
London County .....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	6
Middlesex County .....	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	4	1	5
Midland Counties .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	1	1	6	6
North Notts .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich and Ipswich .....	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	4	3	18
Oxford Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
Peterboro' and Districts .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
R. Cumberland Youths .....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild .....	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	—	1	—	2
Salisbury Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salop Archidiaconal .....	(1a)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Archdeaconry .....	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Stoke Archidiaconal .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surrey .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Sussex County .....	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	4	1	3
Warwickshire .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	2
Winchester Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcester & Districts .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	2	1	1	2	4	8
Yorkshire .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	22
Independent Societies .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS...	5	21	1	4	12	2	3	47	34	15	6	8	31	40	51

(a) Plain Bob.

(b) 1 Victory, 1 College.

The twelve peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Derby, 1; Glamorgan, 2; Gloucester, 1; Huntingdon, 1; Lincoln, 1; Middlesex, 1; Salop, 1; Somerset, 2; Surrey, 1; York, 1.

The 145 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows:—In the Kent Variation, Maximus, 5; Royal, 17; Major, 108. In the Oxford Variation, Maximus, 1; Royal, 1; Major, 13.

The 232 peals of Grandsire Triples may be subdivided as follows:—Holt's peals: Original, 42; Ten part and variations, 35; Five part, 3; Double Grandsire, 1. Parker's peals: Twelve part, 61; Six part, 7; Five part, 1; One part, 4; other peals, 2. Carter's peals: Twelve part, 5; other peals, 8. Hollis' peals, 7; Taylor's peals, 17; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 10; Bruerton's peals, 5; Banks' peals, 4; Vicars' peals, 4; Thurstans' peals, 2; Landoff's peals, 2; Pimman's peals, 2. Other peals, including one unnamed, 10.

The 151 peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for:—Thurstans' peals: One part, 8; Four part and variations, 114; Ten part, 1; Washbrook's peals, 18; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 4; Lates' One part, 2; Carter's peals, 4; other peals, 2.

The 77 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 5; Bob Major, 70; College Single Major, 1.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following list. (Figures in brackets denote the number of Handbell peals): W. Pye (1), 32 peals; A. H. Pulling (21), 28 peals; J. E. Sykes, 21 peals; C. F. Bailey (11), J. W. Washbrook, 19 peals; T. H. Taffender, 16 peals; J. E. Groves (2), 14 peals; B. M. Atkins (3), A. E. Edwards, K. Hart, 12 peals; W. A. Cave, F. H. Dexter, J. Potter, 11 peals; F. Bennett, 10 peals; W. H. Barber (3), J. T. Dyke, A. Wright, J.



## DURING THE YEAR 1919.

## Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

HANDBELLS.													

Thomas, 9 peals; C. Edwards, T. T. Gofton, H. Langdon, G. E. Symonds (1), 8 peals; E. Barnett senr., J. Beams, T. Groombridge, senr., T. Hemming (1), F. A. Holden, R. C. Loveday, F. W. Naughton, A. Relfe, F. W. Richardson, E. C. Shepherd (7), G. F. Swann (2), 7 peals; C. W. Clarke, Rev. H. L. James, R. G. Knowles, C. R. Lilley, W. J. Mears, W. Page, A. Walker (5), W. White, G. Williams, 6 peals; R. F. Deal, E. P. Duffield, W. Fisher, W. J. Jeffries, A. King, H. J. Mansfield, R. Matthews, J. Motts, G. Pigott, W. Poston, O. Sippetts, C. A. Valentine, W. Welling, 5 peals. In addition to the above, 27 persons conducted four peals, 31 three peals, 85 two peals, and 182 conducted one peal. There were two peals on handbells non-conducted, and one peal was published without the name of the conductor. Three ladies appear among those who have conducted peals viz.: Miss E. K. Parker, who conducted a peal of Stedman Caters, and two peals of Stedman Triples; Miss E. Hole, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells, and Miss C. Thorp, a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Lancashire Association. It will be of interest to note that Mr. W. Pye rang his 1,251st peal in November, thus passing the record of 1,250 peals rung by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

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## ALDERSHOT'S NEW BELLS.

The two new trebles at Aldershot Parish Church are to be dedicated at the evening service next Sunday. On the following Saturday there is to be a combined practice at the church by the Winchester Guild when there will be full opportunity for all ringers who wish to do so to hear and try the new eight.

The number of Methods rung in the various peals of Minor and Doubles are shown in the following table:—

	MINOR.										Total	DOUBLES.				Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		2	3	4		
Bath & Wells	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	1	—	—	8	
Bedfordshire	1	1	2	—	1	—	7	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	
Central Northants	2	—	4	1	1	—	8	—	—	16	9	—	—	—	9	
Ely & S. Edmundsbury	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Essex County	—	—	1	—	—	4	3	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	
Gloucester & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	
Hereford Diocesan	5	1	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	12	3	1	—	—	4	
Hertfordshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Kent County	2	2	—	1	2	2	5	—	—	14	—	—	2	—	2	
Lancashire	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	
Lincoln Diocesan	1	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	1	
Llundaff Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Midland Counties	3	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	8	1	2	—	—	3	
North Notts	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Norwich & Ipswich	6	—	6	4	4	—	2	—	—	22	—	1	—	—	1	
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8	3	—	—	—	3	
Peterborough	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	
St. Martin's, B'ham	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	
Salisbury Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	
Staffordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	
Surrey Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	4	
Warwickshire	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	—	—	5	
Worcestershire	3	1	2	2	2	2	8	—	—	20	2	1	1	1	5	
Yorkshire	1	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	
Independent	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	
	11	7	24	12	13	8	56	1	162		45	7	4	1	57	

No peals above 7,000 changes were rung in 1919. The number of peals rung upon tower bells was 968, and on handbells, 80.

The peals rung month by month in 1918 and 1919 are appended for comparison:—

	1918	1919		1918	1919
January	15	54	July	18	138
February	16	58	August	28	116
March	7	50	September	14	87
April	15	41	October	18	61
May	15	85	November	43	143
June	15	67	December	75	150
	81	353		196	695

Total for 1918, 277; for 1919, 1,048.

The total number of peals on tower and handbells rung year by year since 1881 is as follows:—

1881...155	1882...244	1883...799	1884...797	1885...766	1886...791	1887...1313	1888...1469	1889...1628	1890...1725	1891...1739	1892...2277	1893...2329	1894...259
1895...766	1896...791	1897...905	1898...1002	1899...912	1900...924	1901...1194	1902...1474	1903...1474	1904...1474	1905...1474	1906...1474	1907...1474	1908...1474
1909...1474	1910...1474	1911...1474	1912...1474	1913...1474	1914...1474	1915...1474	1916...1474	1917...1474	1918...1474	1919...1474	1920...1474	1921...1474	1922...1474

Grand total, 37,909.

## REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE, 1919.

In their report for 1918 your committee stated that they looked forward to more arduous duties in the years to come, and with the coming (more or less) of peace, that expectation is being fulfilled. The total number of peals on tower bells has risen from 229 in 1918, to 968 in 1919. The number of handbell peals has also increased from 48 to 80, so that the grand total has once more reached four figures, viz., 1,048, which is greater than in any year before 1901.

The greatest number of peals on tower bells was rung by the Lancashire Association, viz., 71, Kent County and Norwich Diocesan coming next with 70 and 67 respectively. On handbells, the Winchester Guild heads the list with 14, followed by St. Martin's, Birmingham, and Norwich with 13 and 12; the greatest number of tower and handbell peals combined being 79, rung by the Norwich Association.

The number of ringers taking part in their first peal was 362; first with a bob bell, 31, away from tenor, 3, first as conductor, 32, of which one was on handbells. First peal on the bells jumped to 27, first since augmentation, 4, after rehanging, 10, first by local band, 10. There was also a first peal by officers only, and the whole Exeter must sympathise with those who rang in the first attempt for this, which was brought round successfully, but proved to be false. There was also a first peal in which a Mayor took a rope.

Peals in commemoration of peace were 167, muffled peals in connection with the war, 35; other muffled peals, 38; Welcome Home peals were 28, including one of Bob Royal at Worcester for the parade of 10,000 men returned from the war, in which the tenor was turned in for the first time and there were 13 other peals of welcome to soldiers home on leave. Bishop's Enthronement, new incumbents, etc.; Peals for Church Festivals, 7; Empire Day, 7; Farewell, 9; Royal Occasions, 6; Anniversary, Quarterly, etc., 15; Harvest, 2;

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**THE CROYDON  
BELL FOUNDRY  
1920.**

Watch Night, 4. One peal was rung by Oddfellows, and one muffled by railwaymen for railwaymen killed in the war. A considerable number of peals were rung as usual for weddings and birthdays. It must be understood that these figures are only approximate, as the occasions of peals are frequently not clearly stated, and are sometimes omitted altogether. In addition to the officers' peal mentioned above, two other peals were withdrawn.

A peal rung at Oldham, published on October 31st, causes some difficulty. The date given is Wednesday, June 18th. If the date be correct, there can be no excuse for withholding the publication of the peal until the end of October, but June 18th was not a Wednesday. A peal of Minor rung at Gaywood on November 11th did not appear until February 13th, and a peal of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden (stated to be the first peal on the bells) on December 28th, was not published until March 5th. The committee have decided to include these peals, but would urge on conductors to see that reports of peals are sent within a reasonable time of their performance. There can be no possible excuse for holding them back for months. Since the completion of the Analysis, two more belated accounts of peals have appeared: a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at East Hagbourne, rung on December 27th, published on March 18th, and a peal of Double Norwich Major by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Caythorpe on December 26th, published on March 26th. A footnote to the latter peal leaves it uncertain whether the omission was the fault of the sender or the printer. Had these two peals appeared earlier (and surely it is not too much to ask that reports may be sent in within two months) the total number of peals on tower bells would have been 970, and on tower and hand bells combined 1050. To have included these in the Analysis would have involved 20 or more alterations in the figures. It will be remembered that the Council decided that two months afforded quite sufficient time for the publication of peals. There is one other complaint we have to make with regard to the reports of peals. Three peals were repeated, in one case with some alteration, but in none of the three was there any hint that the peals had been published before.

Acres of ringers have always an interest when they are above or below the ordinary. We find ringers of 70, 76, 78, 79, while Mr. Mark Owen rang his first peal at Woodchester on his 80th birthday, having been a ringer for 60 years, and Mr. W. R. Small celebrated his 80th birthday by ringing two peals within a week! Mr. E. Horrex rang in a peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne on September 13th, but it was not mentioned in the report that he was more than a year older than Messrs. Owen and Small. It is to be hoped that these youths will be spared to continue their ringing careers for some years yet. The boys are also in evidence, several being mentioned of the ages of 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The Analysis, it is interesting to notice, contains the record of the performance of peals in two new methods, Victory Major and College Major, a peal of Stedman Triples in which a father, mother and son took part, and a peal on handbells successfully accomplished by two married couples.

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## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

A well attended and successful quarterly meeting was held at Bridgend on Saturday last, members attending from practically all over the diocese. The bells were raised, and kept going during the afternoon until 5 o'clock. The business meeting was then held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Phillips), who welcomed the association to Bridgend.

Arising out of the minutes was the question of the Memorial Tablet to the Association's fallen ringers. The drawing and plan was exhibited to the members, and it was unanimously decided to go on with the work by placing the order immediately the permission of the Dean and Chapter was obtained. The chairman very generously subscribed one guinea towards the cost, remarking that they could but give of their best to the memory of the brave lads who had fallen.

Instructors' reports were received from Pontypridd, Machen, Magor, St. Athan and Lanishen.—It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at St. Nicholas', or, failing that, St. Nicholas', Bonvilston, the next Monmouthshire meeting to be held at Blaenavon.

The election of new members, and various other items were dealt with, and at the conclusion a substantial meat tea, very kindly provided, was partaken of. The best thanks were accorded the Vicar for his exceptional kindness and hospitality. The bells were afterwards rung in the various Standard methods, and this closed a very pleasant meeting.

WELLS.—On April 23rd, at the Cathedral in 53 mins. 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the back eight: T. Hayward 1, W. J. Mills 2, H. J. Trim 3, W. Farley 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, T. Griffin and J. Pain 8.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The spring meeting was held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 24th, and was well attended. This pleasantly situated village, about five miles from the city, has long been a favourite meeting-place with Birmingham ringers. The church stands in a commanding position at the top of the village green, around which the old cottages comprising 'Old King's Norton' are clustered, and from its tower, which is in the Perpendicular style surmounted by a lofty crocketed spire, a splendid view of the surrounding country may be obtained. From this vantage-point may also be seen the city, with its octopus-like tentacles stretching out into the country ever further and further, and one realises that it cannot be many years longer before King's Norton will be 'joined up.' So far the facts have been fairly kind, and the place has developed mainly along the lines of a garden suburb, so that its rural aspect has not yet suffered appreciably.

The tower contains a very melodious peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt. in E and sounding much heavier.

It will be remembered that here was rung, a few years ago, the record peal of London Surprise Major, on which occasion Mr. Harry Withers took down every course-end as it was rung, from outside the tower. Talk about concentration of mind!

Tea was provided in the old Schoolroom, or Guildhall, an ancient half-timbered building standing in the churchyard, and was followed by the business meeting, with the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in the chair.

Routine business being quickly disposed of, Mr. Alderman Pritchett proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Price for the use of the bells and that very ancient room, and to the ladies who had prepared the tea and waited at table. It may be mentioned that the ladies were Mrs. Price, the Vicar's wife, and Mrs. Pritchett, the Master's wife, and both were indefatigable in attending to the wants of a somewhat large and very hungry party.—This was seconded by Mr. Albert Parsons, supported by Mr. Wm. Rock Small, and, needless to say, carried unanimously.

The Secretary then said that he thought the person or persons who so kindly and generously provided the tea should be thanked heartily, and Mr. Alderman Pritchett said that the donor who wished to remain anonymous, would be sufficiently thanked by the knowledge that it had been so much enjoyed.—Mrs. Price briefly responded, but Mrs. Pritchett would not be drawn.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods, among them being Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### MIDLAND DISTRICT MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland District was held at Handsworth Old Church, on Saturday April 24th. Although the month of April had been fearful throughout, it managed to smile cheerfully on this occasion; consequently a good attendance of ringers resulted. The first contingent arrived at three o'clock, and the bells, a light, easy-going ring of eight, were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (Canon H. G. Daniel Bainbridge), at which the Guild form of service was used for the first time in that district.—The Rector, in extending a hearty welcome to the Guild, expressed the hope that at some future date he might be able to renew the welcome. He then gave a brief but interesting history of the local bells, remarking that originally there were only four bells, but in the year 1601 they were recast, and two more added by a firm named J. Smith, of Edgbaston, that being the first peal by that firm. The bells remained six until the year 1890, when two trebles were added and dedicated on March 26th of that year, since when they had not been altered. It was the custom to ring the Curfew Bell at Handsworth until the year 1688.

After service, a move was made to the schoolroom, where several enterprising members had thoughtfully arranged tea, to which about 30 sat down. At the business meeting which followed Mrs. Groves was unanimously elected to the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Erdington about June 26th. The invitation of Mr. Cyril Johnston to visit the Croydon bell foundry was received with pleasure, but the majority of the members regretted their inability to be present.

A general discussion then took place with regard to combined practice for members, several towers being offered for this purpose. It was decided to hold monthly practice meetings, the first of which will be held at Erdington on May 29th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his services in church, to Mr. Danby, and the local company for having everything in readiness; also to the organist. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major brought round. About 8 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and a very successful meeting brought to a close.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir.—A week or two ago, on the suggestion of the President, I asked representatives of the various committees to send for publication in the 'Ringing World' a report of the work of the committee for the past year. Mr. A. T. King, for the Analysis Committee, has forwarded the analysis which I enclose herewith; and for the Methods Committee, the Rev. H. Law James says that all he has to report is that Mr. Lewis has got out all the 'little' methods, and proposes that they should be printed with the selection of Plain Methods, which last is at present in the hands of the hon. secretary of the Council. He adds that he has also

	105 pure T.B. Major Methods,
	246 Mixed T.B. Major Methods,
	125 Pure Exercise T.B. Major
Class A	126 Pure Surprise,
Class B	20 Pure Surprise.

Total ... 622

The representatives of the other committees are doubtless sending direct to your columns.

In accordance with the resolution passed last year that Affiliated Guilds and Associations should send in their decisions on the question of conferring compulsory powers on the Council not later than 25th inst. I have to report that I have received the following:—

The Chester Guild is of opinion that such a course would not prove satisfactory.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association adopt the Chester resolution.

The Kent County Association asks the Council to indicate how they would propose to make their decisions binding.

The Lancashire Association considers that the Council will best do its work as an advisory body as hitherto.

The Norwich Diocesan Association does not consider the Council as at present constituted to be fitted to enforce its decisions, and that for such a purpose it would require to be fundamentally remodelled.

The foregoing is an epitome of the sense of the various resolutions which will, of course, be read in their entirety at the meeting.

Before closing let me reiterate an appeal for immediate payment of affiliation fees. As yet only about one-third of the number have come in, there still being twenty-three unpaid!

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

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Hon. Secretary.

27th April, 1920.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 24th and was attended by members from the Swindon district, and the local towers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, the bells of which were available during the afternoon and evening. Some useful practice was obtained in Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire being left on the shelf. It was gratifying to learn that the Chippenham members had made advance in these methods, and congratulations must be extended to Mr. Pearce, who rang his first course of Double Norwich at the first attempt.

The Association form of service was conducted by the Rev. Parsons at St. Andrew's Church, and a substantial tea was partaken of at the Waverley Cafe. The business meeting followed, with Mr. Ernest Bishop, Branch President, in the chair. Four new members were elected, three of whom were hon. members. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells and for the service.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Luton District was held at Dunstable on April 17th, when members were present from Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Woburn, Tring, Berkhamstead, Harpenden, and the local tower. A very pleasing feature was the large number of the local band who attended, ten members being present to welcome the visitors. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. After tea, which was held at Wilson's Restaurant, a business meeting was held, with the Rector (Canon W. W. C. Baker) in the chair, supported by Alderman A. W. Webb, churchwarden.—The Rector brought forward the question of granting more power to the Central Council, and this provoked an interesting discussion, and the following resolution was afterwards passed: 'That this meeting, while recognising the good work done by the Central Council has done and is doing; and while being willing to respect the Council's decisions, thinks it undesirable to grant more power to the Council.'—Four new members from the local tower and one life member (Mr. O. Bayes, of Berkhamstead) were afterwards elected, and Husborne Crawley and Aspley Guise were selected for the next meeting to take place on May 14th.

## BELL RESTORATION IN KENT.

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, is just now very busy in North Kent and has completed the restoration at Halling, where the old peal of five have been recast, and a new steel frame for eight and a new treble added, the addition being the 'Pease' bell. The five at Snodland have also been rehung and a new treble added. Mr. Bowell is at present rehanging the eight at Chatham, and goes from there to Northfleet to rehang the present six and add two new trebles.

On Monday evening, April 26th, the dedication service took place at Halling before a large congregation by the Archdeacon of Rochester, Canon Tait. During the singing of the hymn, 'Now at length our bells are mounted,' the choir and clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the dedication prayer was said, and a short touch rung by members of the Rochester district of the Kent Association. In a stirring address, the Archdeacon reminded the congregation that above all the first message of the bells was a call to service; he also paid a glowing tribute to the bell ringers of to-day, and complimented the various County and other Associations on the reforms that had taken place in belfries during later years.

At the close a collection was taken for the bell fund and it is hoped that by the end of the year sufficient funds will be raised to add two more bells to complete the octave.

The ringers were welcomed by Mr. A. Bowell, and the bells were kept going from 8 until 10, and their tone and 'go' were much admired, the tenor being 11 cwt. in F sharp. Two 720's were rung of Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford, and other methods were indulged in. Rochester district was represented by the secretary, district representatives, and members from Frindsbury, Gillingham, Milton-next-Gravesend, Rochester and Maidstone. The travelling members would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Halling, for their kindness in entertaining them after the ringing.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## EASTERN DIVISION SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division took place at Hailsham on April 24th, the following towers being represented: Battle Blacklands (Hastings), Bexhill, All Saints', St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Chiddingly, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Waldron, Heathfield, Pevensey, Shoreham, Brighton, Westham. Letters regretting absence were received from Salehurst and Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. Mr. Matthews, the leader of the local band was present to welcome the members. Notwithstanding the new ropes, good practice was had in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble and Double Norwich during the afternoon and evening. About 40 members sat down to an excellent tea, and Host Christian was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the good things provided by him.

At the business meeting the Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A., Vicar of Chiddingly, was voted to the chair, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. A. W. Huggett and A. Coggin, of the St. Mary's band, Eastbourne and G. Hobbs, of All Saints' Eastbourne.

At the election of officers which followed, Mr. G. H. Howse tendered his resignation, and gave as his reason for giving up that, after 12 years as hon. secretary to the division, he thought he was getting a bit stale, and that a younger secretary would infuse new life into the division.—After a great deal of discussion, in which Messrs. Merritt, Statham, W. D. Smith, A. Piper, the Chairman, and others took part, the retiring hon. secretary proposed his friend, Mr. G. W. Stokes of All Saints', Eastbourne, and in doing so stated that Mr. Stokes was a keen ringer and just the man the Association needed.—Mr. Piper, having seconded the proposition, it was carried with acclamation.—Mr. Stokes thanked the company for so kindly electing him to the post, and said he would try and do the best he could for both the Division and Association generally.

The following members were elected to the committee: Messrs. W. Franks, J. Livermore and G. H. Howse.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring secretary, to Canon Harvey for the use of the bells, to Mr. Matthews and the local band, and to the Rev. Clarke for presiding at the meeting.

## AN 'IN MEMORIAM' QUARTER.

At St. Werburgh's Church, Blackwell, Derbyshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on April 22nd in memory of the late Mr. George Hill, an old ringer at this church. The bells were half-muffled, and the ringers were: J. G. Ball 1, G. Taylor 2, S. Clowes 3, J. England (conductor) 4, E. Ball 5.

## MR. GEORGE H. CROSS'S 100 PEALS.

Minor: 1 Method, rung 1, conducted, 1; Minor: 3 Methods, 1, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples 5; Bob Major, 14, 7; Bob Royal, 1, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 18, 11; Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 10, 5; Royal 1; Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 21, 2; St. Clement's Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2. On handbells: Bob Major 14, 13; Bob Royal 2, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 1, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; total, 100, conducted 45.



## MEMORIAL TO STEBBING RINGER.

A district meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Stebbing recently, when ringers were present from Bocking, Braintree, Dunmow, Stisted, Rayne, Greenstead, Green Sible Hedingham, Felsted, and the local company. A service conducted by the Rev. W. W. Judges, Vicar, commenced with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' after which the Vicar proceeded to the belfry for the unveiling of the tablet to the late Pte. Edward Harry Emery, who, before joining the army, was a ringer at Stebbing Church. Colonel T. Gibbons, D.S.O., of Dunmow, who was colonel of the late ringer's regiment, unveiled the tablet, which bore the following inscription:—'In Sacred Memory of Edward Harry Emery, a ringer of this church, who bravely fell in action at the first battle of Gaza, 26th March, 1917.' The hymn, 'For all the saints who from their labours rest,' concluded the service, the organist playing 'O rest in the Lord' while the congregation was leaving the church.

Tea was provided at the Sunday School, followed by a business meeting, over which Mr. H. F. Cooper, District Master, presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Essex Master, the Rev. W. W. Judges, Vicar, and Mr. B. Ridgewell, district secretary. Seven honorary members from the South-Eastern Division were elected; also the Rev. W. W. Judges, of Stebbing, was elected an honorary member to the Northern Division. Five ringing members were elected from Stebbing. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Belchamp Walter, in August. Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, also to the ringers' wives for making the excellent arrangements for the tea. Continuing, Mr. Howard spoke of the growth of the Association since the war had ceased, and welcomed the Rev. Judges as an honorary member of the Association. Referring to the meeting at Belchamp, after they hoped to hold one also at Finchingfield in the near future, as it was the oldest ring of eight bells in the deanery.—Mr. Judges replying, said he was glad to know that he had a very good band of ringers at Stebbing; and they had thoroughly cleaned and beautified the church belfry at their own expense. Subsequently various methods were rung on the church bells during the afternoon and evening including Kent Oxford, Plain Double Court, and a 720 of Cambridge.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, April 17th, about 24 members putting in an appearance. This was a slight improvement on the last meeting, but still left something to be desired. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were brought round. A short service was held at 5.30, the address given by the curate-in-charge, being very appropriate, and was much appreciated.

At the business meeting, which took place 'near by,' one new member was elected, viz.: Mr. A. J. Trappitt of Wallington. As the Master (Mr. A. D. Barker) was, at the annual meeting of the Association elected to fill the office of general secretary, a new Master was required for the Northern District. Mr. W. G. Matthews was duly elected to fill that office, but remarked that he thought some of the young blood might come forward for the job and put some 'go' into business. Mr. A. Howell was elected to the office of steward.

A hearty vote of thanks being accorded the Vicar's wife (the Vicar being out of town) for the use of the bells, and to the curate-in-charge for his excellent address, also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Riley, for having the bells ready, brought the meeting to a close.

## NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

## To the Editor

Sir,—The report of the meeting in your issue of April 23rd, while not incorrect, may convey the idea that we treated the affairs of the Central Council rather cavalierly. What happened was, that the resolutions which you have fully printed previously, were brought up, and discussed, somewhat cursorily, it is true, but as fully as could be expected when there was so much other business to deal with, and it was proposed and seconded that these points should be left entirely to the elected representatives. In the division I believe, this was carried unanimously.—Yours

HERBERT DRANELL

Ufford Rectory, April 26th, 1920.

## AN INGENUOUS DATE TOUCH.

Mr. A. J. Perkins of South Beddington, sends the following ingenious date touch of Bob Major (1920 changes):—

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This has to be repeated eleven times with a single at home, half-way and end. It has 5—6 reversed and at home at alternate course ends, and the full extent in these positions.

## NOTICES.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Salisbury in celebration of the 700th anniversary of the Cathedral foundation, on Saturday, May 8th. Meeting in Church House 1.15. President, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Festival service in Cathedral 3 p.m. Sermon by the Bishop. Tea, by his lordship's kind invitation, in Palace grounds. Those intending to be present please write at once to Major D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset. Towers open: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's (8), Fisherton, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Wishford (6).—F. L. Edwards, Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, May 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Baltonsborough on Saturday, May 8th.—Service 4.15; tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m.—E. Creed, Hon. Sec., Castle Cary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Brafield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting at Eling on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 2.30, also Diben (8). Tea and meeting at the Anchor Inn at 5.30.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newton Road, Eastleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on May 8th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A District meeting will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, May 8th. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Darwen on Saturday, May 8th, 1920. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting p.30 p.m. A special meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, May 15th, to unveil a memorial tablet erected to the memory of the fallen ringers of the branch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Unveiling at 4.15, followed by a short service. A tea will be provided in the school at 5.30, for which a charge of 1s. 9d. will be made. All applications for tea to reach Mr. A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn, not later than Wednesday, May 12th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th, 1920. Ringing: St. Nicholas (10) from 11 a.m., St.

Peter's (10) from 12 a.m. Lunch at St. Nicholas Parish Hall 1.30 p.m., 4s. each (members 2s.). Business meeting to follow. Service at St. Nicholas 4.30 p.m. Half railway fares. All members are asked to attend. — H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sudbury to-morrow, Saturday, May 8th. Meet at All Saints' 2 p.m.; tea at the Black Boy Hotel 4.15, 1/6 members, 2/6 non-members.—A. Symonds, Lavenham, Suffolk.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 13th and 27th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham. S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on May 15th. Bells from 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting to follow.—E. Butler, District Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5; tea, followed by business meeting, after. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present at the meeting must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15th, at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea at 5, meeting following.—P. C. Williams, Branch Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolfstencroft, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 15th. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringers to make their own arrangements for tea after meeting at Lyons' (near by) or elsewhere.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell on Saturday, May 15th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30. All wishing tea please notify Mr. A. Chamberlain, Easthorpe, Southwell, by May 13th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead (10 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors. A combined practice will be held at Aldershot (8 bells) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 18th?—G. Miles, District Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing at all the churches, including Kingsthorpe, from 10 o'clock. Service in All Saints' Church at 2.30 p.m. It is also intended to unveil War Memorial tablet in All Saints' Church if possible. Meat tea in St. Giles' Church buildings at 3.30 p.m. (1/6 each), meeting to follow. As we are doing this at a low figure, it is most urgent that all who require tea let me know not later than Wednesday, May 19th.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Cliffe on Saturday, May 29th, and not June 5th as arranged. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign and Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 5, with an address by the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn. Tea at 5.45, business meeting to follow.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Harrow, Herefordshire.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION** for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Whit-Monday, May 24th. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available for the use of ringers. Business meeting at the Priory Hall at 12 o'clock, to elect officers and committee for the Norwich branch. It is proposed that after the business meeting members should adjourn to Goole's Hotel and Assembly Rooms, Marine Parade, for dinner.—Albert L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Colchester on Whit Monday, May 24th. Short service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m., address by the Rev. T. Evans, M.A., Rector of St. Giles. The meeting in Christian Court, Old Schoolroom, North Hill, at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Room. Towers open all day, St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (5), Great Horkesley (6). Members intending to be present should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than first post Tuesday, May 18th.—C. H. Howard (Master), H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Sec.), The Temple, Witham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, April 17th, the Manchester Branch met to do honour to the memory of the esteemed vice-president, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Worsley. Owing to the widow (Mrs. Ridyard) having to leave early, the simple yet beautiful ceremony of unveiling a memorial tablet to the memory of Mr. Joseph Ridyard was reverently performed by Canon Elsee, M.A., prior to service in church, where he gave a eulogy of the character and disposition of the deceased. Another peal tablet was also unveiled in the belfry to the memory of those who gave their lives in the great war.

A goodly number of ringers and friends did homage by their attendance at the service, the following branches being represented: Manchester, Bolton, Rochdale, Preston, Rossendale, Liverpool Diocesan Guild, etc.

Tea was partaken of in school, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Canon Elsee, M.A., supported by the Rev. H. W. Thorne, M.A. (Vicar of Worsley), who was elected an honorary member of the Association.

It was proposed by the branch that it be recommended at the annual meeting to alter the date of the yearly meeting to a date earlier in the year a little before Whitsuntide.

Reddish was chosen as the next meeting-place on the 15th May.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to a local ringer for having things ready, and to the ladies for looking after the needs of the inner man.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, April 8th in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Vine 1, W. H. White 2, Rev. C. H. Clarke 3, W. Jenner 4, A. Reed (conductor) 5, E. Milham 6. Rung at the wedding of Mr. H. R. Wilkinson (L.C.S.), and Miss T. Daintree at the above church. First quarter-peal by the treble and tenor men.

LONDON.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, April 11th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Cripplegate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, R. D. Marshall (first quarter of Stedman aged 16) 2, A. W. Hardy 3, W. H. Pickett (first quarter of Cinques) 4, A. J. Neall 5, T. Newman 6, W. H. Theobald 7, J. W. Cornford 8, G. Cord 9, W. Berry 10, E. Wightman 11, P. Smith 12.

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