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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

There are, happily, few of the large territorial organisations among ringers who are in the unfortunate position of having to face a serious falling away of members such as the North Wales Association has experienced. We are not in possession of the full facts, but at the annual meeting it was reported that the Rhyl band had intimated their intention of seceding, and the District Master expressed regret at the general loss of membership. The area covered by the Association must, manifestly, be difficult to organise on account of its geographical character and the distance separating the majority of the towers; but taking the loss of membership in conjunction with the fact that not a single peal was rung last year, it would seem that there must be something lacking in enthusiasm among the affiliated bands. One must not jump to any hasty conclusions in a matter of this kind, and it must not be assumed that the fault lies at the door of the executive. The comparatively small number of towers with peals of bells in North Wales are widely spread and the means of intercommunication are nothing to be compared with those which exist in the areas of the majority of associations, so that 'missionary' work, which under other conditions has proved such an invaluable help in bringing in new bands and maintaining the interest of old members, cannot be so easily organised or carried out.

Everyone, and the officials of the North Wales Association most of all, must regret the falling away among the members of this organisation, for it must inevitably react upon the interests of ringing as a whole. This lack of enthusiasm leads to loss in two directions. In the first place the art itself suffers in the district concerned, and change ringing gradually dies out, leaving the bells merely to be chimed or, as a peal, entirely silent. In the second place the bells themselves, a valuable part of the church property, suffer from neglect; for if there are no ringers to use them they hang away out of sight and forgotten by all else, and neglect and dilapidation overtake them. There is, therefore, we feel, a duty not merely upon the Association, but upon the clergy whose churches possess bells, to take up this matter seriously, and endeavour to revive the flagging interest. At such a moment the circular issued by the Central Council, calling the attention of the Church dignitaries and clergy to the desirability of encouraging change ringing in their towers, comes most opportunely for the North Wales Association, and should make a useful introduction to an intensive campaign throughout the counties in the north of the Principality which might be carried on through the influence of the clergy. We hope a determined effort will be made to bring back old members and gain new ones.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7
*GLADYS E. BATEMAN ... 2	HORACE BELCHER ... 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	†ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 10
†JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	HENRY CHAPMAN ... 11
†WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 6	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal of Maximus on tower bells in which a lady has taken part.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.	
ISAAC G. SHADETreble	ARTHUR MASON ... 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... 11
HORACE BELCHER ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.	
ARTHUR MASONTreble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 8
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HUGH T. SCARLETTTreble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	*HENRY C. ALFORD ... 8
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 9
HAROLD W. CLARK ... 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Wilkins, late Hon. Sec. to the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, on his 86th birthday. * First peal on ten bells.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.**

GEORGE CHARLES Treble	NOAH REES 5
OLIVER E. THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
CHARLES GOULDING 3	JOHN AUSTIN 7
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 4	FREDERICK SANDFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. DAVIS.

The above was rung with the bells muffled after the dedication of a beautiful stained glass window at a memorial service in the above church to the memory of those who laid down their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918.

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.****Tenor 17 cwt.**

EDWIN HORREX Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
FRANK BALL 3	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	RICHARD F. FORWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Edwin Horrex, which took place on February 28th. He was heartily congratulated on ringing throughout practically faultlessly. The peal was also rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. P. G. Newman's first peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST PALMER Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOSEPH SADDINGTON... .. 2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 4	GEORGE LINES Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by G. LINES.

First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on eight bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.**

HARRY COOMBS... .. Treble	ALFRED MILES 5
GEORGE BARTLEY 2	*JAMES H. JARVIS 6
DANIEL G. COOMBS 3	HARRY MILES 7
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 4	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

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

WILLIAM A. JEAUDS... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL PEARCE 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
ALFRED H. FLETCHER 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Summers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Summers, of Coseley, and Miss E. T. Ranschaert, of Gerrard's Cross, Bucks, who were married at the Parish Church, Coseley, on the above date.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.****Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.**

JEFFERY R. GAMMON Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
JOHN CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 7
ROBERT G. CHAPPELE 4	WILSON RUSHTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

GEUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, April 1, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**Tenor 10 cwt.**

JOSEPH LAST Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

ILMUNSTER, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**Tenor 23 cwt.**

THOMAS DOBLE Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	HARRY BENGAY 6
EDWARD LLOYD 3	PERCY MERSON 7
GEORGE SIBLEY 4	JAMES HUNT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. N. Boughton, M.A., who was inducted to the living on the previous Wednesday. First peal of Major on the bells. The Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 hail from Taunton, the remainder are local.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.****Tenor 14½ cwt.**

LEWIS HOLROYD Treble	GILL SUTCLIFFE 3
*TOM FIELDEN 2	JOHN NASH 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE... .. 7
FRANK FIELDEN... .. 4	*JOHN LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Charles W. Hall, who began his ministry at the above on April 3rd. The peal was also a wedding compliment to Mr. John Mitton (who was a ringer at this church for 40 years), an unsuccessful attempt having been made on the day of the wedding, Monday, March 28th.

RAMSBOTTOM.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Tenor 10½ cwt.**

*JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble	GEORGE HARGREAVES 5
JAMES H. BANKS 2	THOMAS COLLINGE 6
SMITH W. RILEY 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON 7
*WILLIAM MITCHELL... .. 4	JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by THOMAS COLLINGE.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. Messrs. Mitchell and Ramsbottom hail from Bury; Messrs. Riley, Hargreaves, Collinge and Rollerson, from Ramsbottom; J. H. Banks from Helmshore; J. H. Haydock belongs to the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	LOUIS E. ALLEN 6
*WILLIAM SMITH 3	†PRYCE TAYLOR 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal Rung immediately after a previous attempt had come to grief three courses from home.

OODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM C. ROMSEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 3	GEORGE FARNISH 7
ERNEST E. LANHAM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. C. ROMSEY.

This peal, together with the one at Grundisburgh, was arranged to oblige Sergt J. Bennett, R.M.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUGH WATTS Treble	HARRY ALLRED 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	HERBERT ALLRED 6
JOSEPH LETHERBARROW ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. Robert Allred (ringer of the tenor) and Mrs. Allred, and also as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. S. J. Fleming). The ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Middleton, 3rd from Newchurch, 7th from Walkden, the rest are local men.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

F. J. LAMBERT Treble	F. BUTCHERS 5
L. MANNERING 2	J. BEACH 6
T. MANNERING 3	F. RICHARDSON 7
C. H. SONE 4	W. HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th hail from Horsmonden, 2nd and 3rd from Maidstone, 7th and 8th from Rochester Cathedral and 4th from Linton. J. Beach was elected a member of the K.C.A. previous to starting the peal. For calling see K.C.A. Report, No. 160, 1892.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

REGINALD POLE Treble	ALFRED SHUKER 5
*FRANK MOLE 2	CHARLES BICKEN 6
ERNEST BAKER 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4	THOMAS GWILLUM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Ringers of the 1st and 7th hail from St. Chad's, Salop, 2nd and 4th from Malins Lee, the remainder from Shifnal. The above was rung as a compliment to Mr J. Bradney, of Penn, late of Shifnal, on attaining his 71st birthday * First peal of Triples away from the treble.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED RACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM POTTEN 5
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	BENJAMIN GREATEREN ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	JOHN CLARK 7
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 4	WILLIAM WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung after meeting short for Major. Mr. W. Williams kindly consented to ring the tenor, and this was his first peal.

ORMSBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	SIDNEY TUNNELL 5
†GERALD DUNCAN 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method on an inside bell

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Maflanny Trippier, only daughter of the tenor ringer, and as an induction peal for the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Proudfoot.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL Treble	*FRANK SHAW 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 2	JAMES SHAW 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM RILEY 7
*JACK BARNES 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung by the local company. This is probably the first Surprise Major peal rung by a Lancashire lady on a working bell. W. Riley is the fourth member to have rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

* First peal in the method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD CITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	VICTOR BENNETT 5
†WILLIAM HARRIS 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
THOMAS PAYNE 3	HARRY MILES 7
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 4	*THOMAS STYLES Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd is the Master of the Oxford City Society, and of the 7th the Master of the Oxford University Society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Oxford, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES A. ORGILL... .. Treble	W. HARRY BUNTON 4
G. WM. BRAME 2	WM. ALBERT PARSONS 5
WM. POYSER... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BASIL WOOD Treble	GEORGE WOOD 4
PERCY NASH 2	FREDERICK WILLS 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3	EDWARD COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE KENWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First inside and first attempt.
 † First of Doubles. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. G. Wood. This was the first peal of Doubles on the bells and by an entirely local band. New members of the above Association and Guild were proposed previous to attempting the peal.

WISTASTON.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal of Minor.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

HUBERT FIELD Treble	FREDERICK MASON 3
FREDERICK KINSEY 2	GEORGE MEE 4
FREDERICK J. LONG Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE MEE.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Bramford and the 4th from Sproughton. Credit is due to the ringer of the treble who has only recently learnt to ring. It is 15 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Extreme, 4 of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire and 12 of Extreme, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE Treble	FRED COTTON 3
ROWLAND BARROW 2	ARTHUR CATTELL 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the second peal on these bells, which were five as long ago as 1637. The first peal was called by the late Mr. A. R. Aldham in 1915.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Single Oxford.

GEO. WM. BRAME Treble	WILFRED H. BUXTON 4
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 5
WILLIAM POYSER... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

Longest length by all and on the bells.

FULBECK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF FULBECK BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

VICTOR NISBETT Treble	CHARLES W. BAINES 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK 2	RICHARD W. PORTER 5
CHARLES W. ELSE 3	GEORGE SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

The band are all residents of Fulbeck parish. Rung after the unveiling and dedication of war memorial, with the bells half-muffled.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*RICHARD F. REECE Treble	*WILLIAM STURMAN 4
*GEORGE ASHEV 2	*PHILLIP E. HIBBARD... .. 5
*HAROLD KIRK 3	*WILLIAM KENNAN Tenor

Conducted by PHILLIP E. HIBBARD.

First peal. † First peal away from treble. It is also the first peal ever rung by a local band who have worked assiduously to master change ringing since the bells were augmented from 5 to 6.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford & Violet.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN Treble	THOMAS W. HILTON 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*JOHN W. CHAMPION 3	ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Violet, daughter of J. W. Champion. The ringer of the treble hails from Crofton, the 2nd and 4th from Darfield, the remainder belong to the local band.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' 720's. (1) Marple, Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised; (2) Bocking and Willesden; (3) Braintree, Grove Delight and Neasden; (4) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (5) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Islington and Norbury; (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD HALLWORTH, JUN. Treble	REV A. T. BEESON 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1—2	JAMES E. GROVES	5—6
ALBERT WALKER	3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN	7—8
JOSEPH E. SYKES		9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and ALBERT E. NORMAN.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Friday, April 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT 52, STANLEY ROAD,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES:

*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	1—2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	*WILBY J. HAZELL	7—8
†EDWARD H. KING		9—10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caterers in hand. † First peal of Stedman Caterers.

HARWICH, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
NO. 1 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
NO. 2 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN	7—8
JAMES E. GROVES	3—4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9—10
ALBERT WALKER	5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11—12

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by A. WALKER.

Referees: J. E. SYKES and J. NEAL.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	1—2	F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F.	5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ...	3—4	ARCHIE C. STOKES	7—8

Composed by F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**IS THE COMMITTEE TOO LARGE?**

A well-attended meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Miles Platting on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Moor-side, Hyde, Ashton, Oldham and Tunstall. Mr. J. W. Washbrook was voted to the chair, and gave the visiting ringers a hearty welcome to the tower. Three new members (Mr. G. H. Barlow, of Manchester Town Hall; Mr. A. B. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Owens, of Manchester Cathedral), were elected, and Radcliffe was selected for the next meeting on April 30th.

A resolution was read from the Rossendale Branch that the Branch were of opinion that there are too many members on the Committee of Management, and suggesting that one from every Branch was quite sufficient, with the president, vice-president, hon. secretaries and hon. treasurer, to carry on the management of the association.—After some discussion, it was agreed to let the matter stand over for further discussion at other meetings.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities, also to the local ringers, was passed, and their captain suitably responded.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing in the standard methods, in which some of the visitors found it difficult to handle these easy-going bells, ended a successful meeting.

THE NEW WIGAN BRANCH.

A successful meeting of the Wigan Branch was held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday week. There was a good attendance of members, together with friends from Bolton Branch, who are doing their best to help forward the new branch. The bells were kept going merrily from 3.45 p.m. until 9 p.m., with the exception of the time taken up at the meeting.

The Rector of Standish (the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton) took the chair at the meeting, which was held in the belfry.—The Secretary reported that he had received letters from Preston Branch and Liverpool Branch, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting, between Liverpool and Wigan Branches, at Aughton some time in May, when the boundary on the Liverpool side of Wigan Branch could be formed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers of Standish, was carried, and the Rector, in reply, welcomed the new branch, and also thanked the local ringers for their services in the past year.

As this was the first meeting of the Wigan Branch since its inauguration at St. James's, Poolstock, Wigan, in March last, it was very gratifying for all concerned to see the good attendance, and the hope is expressed that the next meeting will see more towers represented.

'THE BEST LAID SCHEMES'

'One of the Boys,' writes with regard to the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Loughborough bell foundry on Saturday week, that this was the result of an attempt to set up a new record by a first pealer, who in this case was Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry. The band were out for Cambridge and Superlative on the same afternoon, but Cambridge had to be the first. 'So,' says our correspondent, 'away we got with Cambridge, and had 2½ hours' good ringing. Then a most unholy mix put paid to any attempt for creating the new record, and this with only 500 changes to ring. We all felt very sad about it, especially the culprit—no, it was not the would-be first pealer, neither was it Uncle Sam and George, who unfortunately could not or would not stand in the two attempts. But after a good tea and the arrival of the spare parts we put our tails up again, determined to rescue what we could from the wreck, the boys ringing, and Uncle Sam and George doing the umpire business. In 2 hours and 50 minutes after "Go Cambridge," rounds came up beautifully, and the peal having materialised, the rest of the evening was spent, as only ringers can do, with Mr. Taylor as host. But we are still very sad about the new record that did not come off.'

AN ILMINSTER PEAL.

A peal of Bob Major at Ilminster on April 2nd was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. N. Boughton, and it also served as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Doble, who reached the age of 70 on the previous day. To him the band extend their greetings, and they also offer sincere congratulations to Mr. D. J. Taylor, the esteemed captain of the local band, on his election as people's warden at the recent vestry meeting. Mr. Taylor has done a lot of spade work in ringing in his district, and his election will give pleasure to all his ringing friends. Tea was kindly provided after the peal, and was much appreciated, as were the services of the two kind ladies who attended to the wants of the company. The Rev. J. N. Boughton looked in upon the party, and congratulated the band on the good peal they had rung, and also thanked them for ringing it in his honour.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and resulted in an exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable gathering. Ringing began shortly before 10 a.m., and the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Cardington and Elbow Churches were all utilised throughout the day. A service was held in St. Paul's Church at noon, and the members and visiting friends were delighted to receive an address from the President of the Association (Canon W. W. C. Baker). The Vicar (Canon Speck) kindly conducted the service. Luncheon was followed by the business meeting, at which apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. King (vice-president), the Revs. Canon Speck, J. E. Gilbert, G. C. Rolfe, J. J. Atkins, F. W. Kingston, Canon C. W. Browning and Mr. H. Thody. The President occupied the chair, and was supported by Miss Evelyn Steel, Mr. E. Ransom, Mr. E. P. Duffield (hon. secretary), Mr. H. L. Harlow and Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. district secretaries). Those present also included Mr. F. Hopper (President, Central Northants Association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (London), and many Northants friends. Nearly fifty members attended. The officers were all re-elected, with the exception of the hon. secretary.—Mr. Duffield said he regretted very much that he was obliged to give up the post, which he had been pleased to hold.—Mr. A. E. Sharman was elected to fill the vacancy.—Mr. Duffield, in replying to a hearty vote of thanks, urged the members to support the new hon. secretary in his work, and drew the attention of the members to the need for support from more honorary members.

The past year's accounts showed a loss of about £4.

It was decided to send two representatives to the Central Council instead of one as hitherto, and the President and Hon. Secretary were elected.—One non-resident and one performing member were elected, and discussion followed on the advisability of holding the usual summer meeting on August Bank Holiday. It was, however, thought that it would be better to hold it as usual, about the end of June. Turvey being chosen as the venue, while Bedford was again selected for the annual meeting of 1922.—The peal booking fee was then discussed, and it was decided to alter Rule 9, by making the fee 3d. instead of 1d. per member.

Mention was made of the very good work done on the Central Council and the National Church Assembly by the President, and Canon Baker, in replying, gave an account of what he did on behalf of ringers at the recent National Church Assembly.

The usual votes of thanks to the President for presiding, and the

clergy for the use of bells, and of the Church Lads' Brigade Drill Hall for the luncheon and meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk was held at Fakenham on Easter Monday. The members were kindly granted by the Rev. W. Irwin (Rector) the use of the fine ring of eight bells in the Parish Church tower. The President of the Association (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) presided at the dinner, and was supported by the Rector of Fakenham, Mr. C. S. Tuthill (Master of the Fakenham company), and the following members of the committee: Mr. F. Knights, Mr. J. A. Godfrey, Mr. J. Souter, Mr. A. L. Coleman (general and branch secretary), and representatives from Fakenham, Diss, Hovingham, Reepham, Shropham, Shouldham, Norwich, Gaywood, Marsham, etc.

The general business meeting was held in the Church Hall Rooms, the President being in the chair, and 26 members being present.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read a list of nine nominations for membership. The President, on putting these before the meeting, declared them duly elected, and announced that three members had re-joined the association.

The Secretary moved: 'That members on re-joining the association shall pay a fee of one shilling, together with the subscription for the then current year, and that the motion shall come up for confirmation at the general meeting of the branches to be held at Lowestoft on Whit-Monday, May 16th, 1921.'—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The Dean of Norwich moved, and Mr. A. L. Coleman seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rector of Fakenham for the use of the bells, and this was carried unanimously.—The Rector (the Rev. W. Irwin), in reply, spoke of the pleasure that it had given him to welcome the association to the town.—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and the Rev. W. Irwin seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. C. S. Tuthill for the very kind assistance rendered in making the arrangements for the meeting, and this was also carried unanimously. This terminated the business, and the members then adjourned to the belfry for ringing.

The Dean of Norwich and the Secretary had the pleasure of inspecting the well-kept ringing records of the Fakenham company, and were pleased and gratified to see such a fine record of the regular ringing for Sunday services, as well as on special occasions, thereby upholding the ideal use of church bells and the ringers' work as office holders in the church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We often refer to the enthusiasm of some of the younger generation of ringers, but there are those among the 'veterans' who are equally as keen. Before many present-day peal ringers were born, 'George Williams' was a name to conjure with in ringing. Yet last Saturday we find him, accompanied by his namesake, cycling from Southampton to Salisbury and back (23½ miles each way), and sandwicheing a peal of Stedman in between!

Dear old Ted Horrex has had the satisfaction of ringing a birthday peal this year after all. Robbed of the opportunity at Southwark Cathedral on his natal day owing to an unexpected service, cheated out of it on the following Saturday by the common enemy 'Flu,' he scored at length on Easter Monday, when he took part in a peal at Clapham Park. A man who can ring a peal of Stedman Triples after passing his 83rd birthday is something to marvel at.

Ten years ago next Sunday the record length of Treble Twelve was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. This was 12,240 of Kent, composed and conducted by that pillar of Lancashire ringing, Mr. Samuel Wood. The peal was rung in 8 hours 31 minutes, and was a crowning performance in the career of Mr. James George, who though 57 years of age at the time, rang the 27 cwt. tenor in great form.

It is interesting to note that the previous record in the method had stood for more than 77 years. It was put up at that church of many long peals—Painswick, and comprised 10,224 changes, rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins. The peal was composed and conducted by a ringer very famous in his day, William Estcourt, and was unopposed by another well-known performer, Mr. Daniel Wood, of Norwich.

The 17th of April is the anniversary of one of the older Treble Twelve records, 7,200 New Treble Bob Maximus having been rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day in 1820 supplanting a 7,104 rung by the Cumberland Youths eighteen years before. Thomas Thurstans rang the tenor in the Birmingham peal.

Speaking of Painswick and Norwich, recalls the fact that there was rivalry between these places nearly two hundred years ago. A tablet in the Gloucestershire tower records the fact that in the progressively long lengths of Grandsire Caters rung in the first half of the eighteenth century, a peal of 12,006 changes was performed in 7 hrs. 55 mins., on April 18th, 1737.

When this was done the hand, we think, could hardly have been aware of the fact that, less than six weeks before, 12,693 had been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, and they must have been a little disappointed when they did get to hear of it—if they ever did.

'Bells and Bell Ringing' was the subject of a lecture by Mr. Robert Holloway, conductor of the St. Mary's, Acton, band, at the Adult School on Friday evening. The lecture, which dealt with the history of bells, their uses and manufacture, and with the elements of change ringing, was illustrated by handbell ringing by Messrs. Rootes, Fardon, Brown and Wincote, and working models kindly lent by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

'Conductor's' third article on 'Hints for Beginners' is unavoidably held over until our next issue.

The tenor at All Saints', Hereford, which it is hoped to recast as a memorial to the ringers of the Diocesan Guild who fell in the war, is a bell of 18 cwt., and not 30 cwt. as stated in error in a recent issue. Those who have not yet subscribed should send their contributions to the hon. secretary of the fund, Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

We have not yet got the exact age of the youngest ringer of a peal on tower bells. It appears to be just a question of months. The young men who think they can claim the present record need not be bashful, but should send along the particulars of their earliest performance, for the Exercise will be interested to know who is really entitled to the honour.

Beccles tenor is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., not 30 cwt., as published last week.

AMONG THE BELLS.

A SECOND EDITION.

The limited number of the first edition of 'Among the Bells' is now sold out. In the second edition, part III. (pp. 65 to 96) has been reprinted. As the copper blocks were commandeered during the war, these 30 pages are reproduced without the pictures, which appeared in the original. This is recorded in an additional preface, together with some account of the memorials erected in the author's memory. Delay in delivery has been caused by trade difficulties, but these have at length been overcome, and the 'second edition' is now on sale as advertised.

BELLS AND BELL HANGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Young, in his letter in your issue of the 25th March, states that if a tower be a strong one the frame is better for being wedged up to the walls. It may be better for the frame, but it is not so for the tower, no matter how good a tower it is. The insertion of wedges—no matter how carefully done—has the tendency to push the walls outwards away from the frame, but I agree that less harm will be done to a tower by a wedged frame, than by a frame that is free all the way round and batters the walls at every swing of the bells.

The following points have been put to me: What is the difference between a good solid wood frame in a tower that is wedged to the walls all the way round than a modern iron frame erected on steel girders and supports taken from the top of the frame to the tower walls? The difference, in my opinion, is this: you have a rigid mass in the iron frame that is sufficiently cross braced in the foundation, and is, therefore, made one unit. By carrying members from the top of the frame into the masonry, such as in the case of the 'H' frame, providing these extensions from the top of the frame are properly anchored to the tower walls, (the tower wall is supported by the frame, and you have no force pushing outwards in the same way as you do in the wedged wood frame. A low-sided frame is not tied to the walls at the top. Sir Arthur Heywood was very keen, where a girder was anchored into the wall, to have an extension bolt to go right through the wall with a large nut and plate on the outside, this plate and nut, of course, to be kept below the masonry and then covered in. By this means the tendency was to hold the wall up to the frame.

Mr. Young states that a properly designed hard wood frame is, in his opinion, preferable to iron. No matter how well a wood frame is built, there is always shrinkage of timber, and, as years go on it is sure to get loose, which means movement, and, unless this movement is at once cured by the frame being continually tightened up, trouble is bound to arise. With the iron frame, the only thing that is required, is to keep it painted.

If wood was preferable for frame work, where it is absolutely necessary to keep bearings in alignment, as it is in bell frames, it would have been used in many jobs in engineering where cast iron and steel have superseded wood.

As regards Mr. Young's third point, that is a matter of opinion.—
Yours truly,
The Lodge, Haslemere.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

RINGERS' WAR MEMORIALS.**TABLET UNVEILED AT GUILDFORD.**

An interesting ceremony took place at Guildford on a recent Saturday, the occasion being the dedication of a memorial tablet to two members of the Holy Trinity Society, who gave their lives for their country in the recent war. The proceedings opened with a 504 Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled by the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and E. B. James, and six members of the Holy Trinity Society. The Rector then conducted a short form of service, and unveiled the tablet, which is of alabaster, bearing the inscription:—

To the proud memory of Albert Victor Burdock, Robert William Melville, ringers of this tower, who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918; in grateful remembrance of whose sacrifice this tablet is erected by the members of the Holy Trinity Society of Change Ringers.

After the dedication, a short memorial service was held in the beautiful chapel of the Queen's, R.W.S. Regt., when an address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who spoke of the striking similarity in both age and ideals of the Winchester and Oxford Diocesan Guilds. They should remember, he said, when they uncovered a memorial, as they had that day, that it must not be with the idea that they had done all they ought to have done. The memorial should be a reminder of what had been done, of a real Christian life that had been given, and an example to those who remained to live in their time a truly godly Christian life. It reminded them also that those who were commemorated were, indeed, living, and had now an actual part in what was done, though that part was not now transacted through the medium of a body.

After the service, those present, numbering about 45, proceeded to the Parish Hall, where tea had been prepared, after which handbells were enjoyed, till, at the conclusion of the daily evensong, the bells at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas Churches were available for ringing.

In addition to a full attendance of Guildford ringers there were present the Revs. Sir John Herschell (hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild), E. Bankes James, C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Kirwan, Rector of Holy Trinity; Mr. J. W. Wilkins, High Wycombe; and representative ringers from Worplesdon, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Haslemere, Witley and Dorking.

There was also unveiled, without ceremony, a tablet of alabaster recording the first peal of Guildford Surprise Major, which was rung by the society in 1913, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which fact is duly recorded, and which forms the only permanent record which the building contains of that event.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**LOSS OF MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association took place at Bangor on Easter Monday, a fairly large and representative gathering of about 60 being present from Wrexham, Llangollen, Buckley, Portmadoc, etc. The visitors were welcomed by the local ringers, and the bells were kept going merrily to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. A well-attended service was held at St. David's, Glanadda, conducted by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar and President of the Association. The Rev. Morgan Jones gave a most eloquent and interesting address, which was much appreciated by the members.

The business meeting followed, and was held in the Schoolroom. The President occupied the chair, and the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A. (President), Mr. A. E. Pegler (Master), Mr. E. H. Jones (Buckley), secretary; and Mr. Rowlands (Wrexham), treasurer. The President, in thanking the members for their confidence in him, said that he had been President of the Association since its formation, and that so long as he was able, he would continue to further the interests of ringers and the association (cheers). He considered the bell ringers to be the most important branch of church workers. His experience was that if a Sunday School teacher or a chorister left he was always able to find a substitute from somewhere to fill up the gap. But if a ringer left or was ill, it was much more difficult, and often an impossibility to fill the vacancy.

The date of the annual meeting was changed from Easter to Whit-Monday, on a proposition from Buckley; an amendment by Mr. A. J. Hughes, to adhere to the old date, being defeated by one vote.

After a recount, Portmadoc was selected, by three votes, for the next half-yearly meeting, subject to the usual consent.

The Secretary read a postcard from the Rhyl Secretary, informing him that the Rhyl ringers were withdrawing from the Association. After various comments, Mr. A. J. Hughes was appointed a delegate to visit the Rhyl ringers, and endeavour to get them back to the Association if possible.

Mr. W. T. Pegler (district secretary for Bangor) remarked that it was a pity that so many towers had dropped out of the Association.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a balance on the right side. No peals had been rung during the year for the Association, and no report had been printed owing to the low state of the funds. Several new members and probationers were elected, and the Rev. Morgan Jones was elected an hon. member.

The President emphasised the necessity for the election of more hon. members, and also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Morgan Jones for his very appropriate and excellent address. The Rev. Morgan Jones said it gave him great pleasure to become an hon. member, and thanked the president for proposing him, and the members for electing him.

The bells were utilised again while the tea was being laid, and subsequently about 60 sat down to a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Vicar, Mrs. Jones, and the ringers' wives, etc., who were ably assisted by several prominent church workers. The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Jones, and the other ladies concerned, were accorded. After further ringing, the visitors gradually dispersed, and everyone vouched that, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, which was a bit of 'real Wild Wales,' a most happy and enjoyable day had been spent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

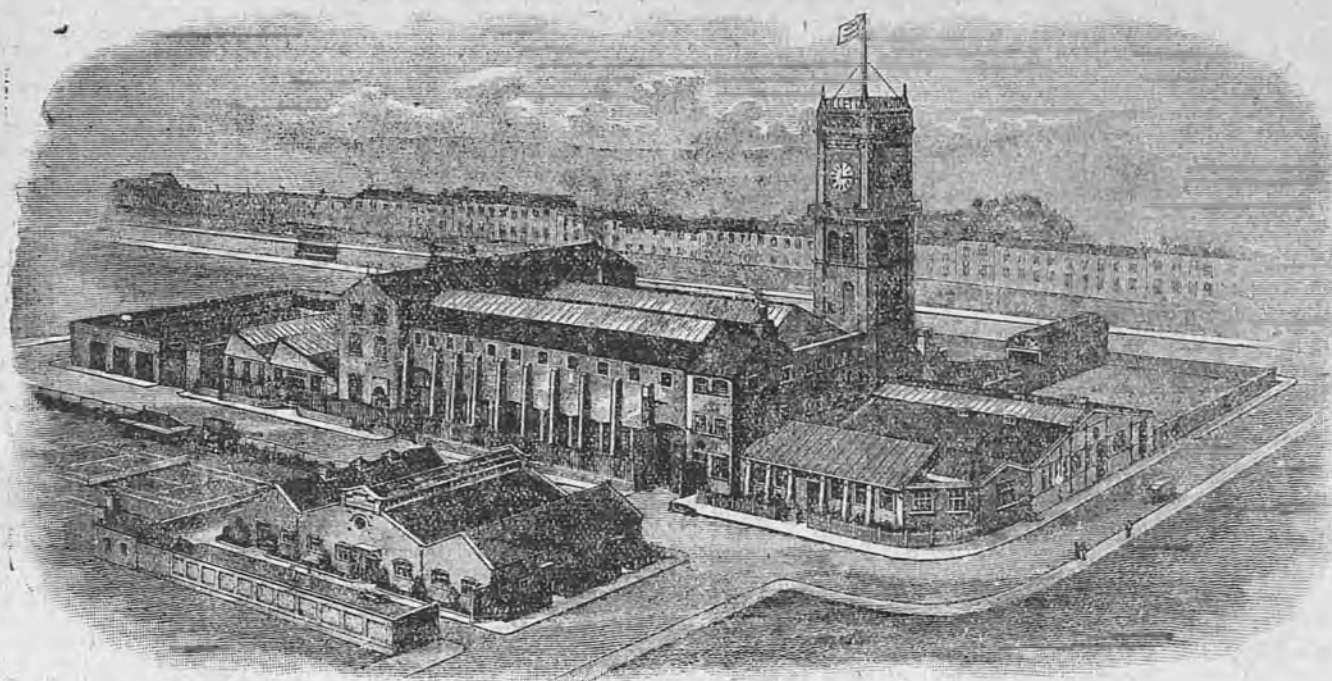
A successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Worksop on Easter Monday, when upwards of 60 members attended from Anston, Rotherham, the Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Sheffield; Treston, Ecclesfield, Rawmarsh, Handsworth, Chesterfield, Norton Cuckney, Laneham, Gainsborough and Worksop, including a goodly number of lady ringers. The methods rung during the day were: Bob Minor, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. Upwards of 60 sat down in the Priory Gatehouse to tea, presided over by the Rev. Canon D'Arcy, and supported by Mrs. D'Arcy, the Rev. F. E. Franks, the Rev. Amiens, of Chesterfield; Messrs. Sam Thomas (hon. secretary), H. Haigh, ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., and J. Weaver, sidesmen.—Canon D'Arcy extended a cordial welcome to the members of the association, and said he was glad to see them at Worksop.

Touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells by mixed bands, which included Miss Winifred Hague, of Rotherham; the Rev. F. E. Franks gave selections on the piano and a few songs and recitations, and was heartily applauded.

Mr. Harrison, of Sheffield, moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded, that the best thanks be accorded to Meedames Haigh, Hardwick and Johnson, and all the Worksop ringers for providing tea, and a similar vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon D'Arcy for presiding over the meeting and for the use of the bells.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

The annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on April 2nd, was attended by a company of about 70, and proved a very enjoyable gathering. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, who was supported by the Rev. A. Taylor, Rector of St. Bride's; the Rev. R. Palmer, D.S.O., M.C., of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; Mr. R. Warner (trustee), Mr. J. W. Cornford (hon. secretary), and Mr. E. A. Young (London County Association). Among the company were the other officials of the Society, the veteran, Mr. Ben. Foskett (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. Smith (senior steward), Mr. A. N. Hardy (junior steward), and Mr. E. Chapman, who is a trustee and 'father' of the society. The visitors included Mr. John Carter (late of Birmingham), Mr. Jefferies (Bristol), Mr. William Willson, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. A. Brainley and Mr. A. Gelsthorpe (Leicester), while the members of the society in and around the Metropolis were well represented.

After an excellent repast, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, on the call of 'The Chairman,' and Mr. R. Warner submitted 'The Church.' He referred to the close connection between the clergy and ringers to-day, and remarked upon the great advance that had been made in this respect in recent years. They could not, he said, have any better example of that close fellowship and good feeling than the fact that that society had received permission from the authorities at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to erect a memorial to their fallen members in St. Martin's Church (hear, hear).

The Rev. R. Palmer, who responded, expressed regret that indisposition had kept Canon Isaacs from the gathering. Referring to the proposed memorial, he congratulated the society on the design, and hoped they would be successful before long in raising the necessary funds so that they might soon see the memorial in its place. There was just a danger that as time went on they might begin, somehow, to forget what these men went through for the sake of a great cause. He hoped, more than he could express in words, that they would not allow their memory to fade (hear, hear), and that the great cause these men were prepared to die for, they, in their turn, would be prepared to live for (applause). Continuing, the speaker said that in his first parish they had a bell dated 1297, and he could only suppose, if bells were hung in their English parish churches in the 15th century, that there were bell ringers in those days, and that there would have been a pretty close connection between the parsons of that day and those who rung the bells. If that were so, then the office of bell ringer was, next to that of parish clerk, about the oldest institution in our English church affairs; certainly it was older than the office of churchwarden. After urging that it was more than ever essential in these days that those who loved the Church should stand loyally by her, the speaker went on to say that there was a very large public that appreciated the ringing that was done by the society at St. Martin's, and he concluded by appealing to every churchman and churchwoman to assist in making the new corporate life of the church, which was to be developed through the machinery set up by the Enabling Act, a reality.

THE FUTURE OF RINGERS.

The toast of 'The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths' was proposed by the Rev. A. Taylor in a facetious speech. He said he was glad to find the society perpetuated the ideal of youth. There was something about ringing which preserved their juvenility, and he believed it was due to going up the belfry stairs (laughter). When he saw the extraordinary skill with which members of the ringing fraternity nipped up his stairs at St. Bride's, he believed the Exercise was a preservative of life (laughter). Mr. Matthews had told him a great deal about the society. He (the speaker) was not worrying about its past history, but he was concerned about its present life and its future possibilities. It was a very good thing for them to have a fellowship. It would be quite possible to have independent groups of people to ring the bells, but it wanted something more than that if they were to have real success in their calling, and make it something more than merely a performance of a regular duty. That fellowship of theirs, which stretched out even across the waters, was symbolical of the tie of kinship that bound them together all over the world. He did not know how ringers would be affected in the future by the new Enabling Act. Up to the present he supposed it was by the happy agreement of churchwardens and incumbents that it had been settled when the bells should be rung and by whom they should be rung. Now, if the churchwardens were having their liberties curtailed and the clergy were to be put under restraint of the Church Councils, they might find themselves in this predicament, that unless the bell ringing fraternity got on the right side of the Church Council they would be out of the game (laughter). He recommended them, therefore, to take good care to get on to the roll of electors, and to get from the roll on to the Council. Then they would be able to dictate their own terms—if they could square the parson (laughter). But, seriously, there was a real call just now for a greater spirit of co-operation between the laity and the clergy in this land of ours. Men should go into this matter more seriously than they have hitherto approached it, and should back up the Church. Unless they did so they were likely to have stagnation where they ought to be progressive. This applied not only to bell ringers,

but to every other section of the laity. Continuing, the speaker said he felt the city had got its call as well as the populations outside, and the churches in the city, though threatened in some directions, had got a mission before them, in which religious life was revived. People were inclined to realise now that religion was not a matter which began on Sunday morning when they got up and finished on Sunday night when they went to bed, but was a thing that went right through the week. Concluding, the Rector of St. Bride's said he was delighted to have the Society of Cumberland Youths associated with his church, but every time they came to ring his bells he had to take his life in his hands (laughter). The people who lived beside the bells got it 'in the neck' (laughter)—they did not put it so elegantly to him (laughter)—but he explained to them as best he could that he must keep the bells oiled (laughter), that he tried to choose harmless times for the ringing, and that he had a good lot of ringers to ring them (applause).

THE INSPIRATION OF THE PAST.

Mr. A. J. Neale, who responded for the society, regretted that the Cumberlands were not able to arrange more practices than they did, but in this they were more handicapped than the College Youths. He would like, he said, to see more young men come into ringing than there were, for ringing was one of the finest things a man could take up. He was pleased to see the clergy were assisting them much more than they used to do, but he would like to think that there were still more of them taking an active part in ringing. The efforts of every society should be directed to drawing in the younger elements, for if they did not do this they would fail altogether in the years to come.

Mr. F. Smith proposed 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and welcomed those who had come to join them at that feast.

Mr. Wm. Willson, who first replied, said the deeds of their predecessors in that society in the brave days of old had inspired many men to great things. When he was a young ringer he used to delight to read of Anable, Holt and Reeves, of the marvellous performances of those days, and of 'ye men who called ye bobbies' (laughter). The time came when he himself 'called the bobbies' but the realisation did not satisfy him so much as the anticipation (laughter). He had seven times rung over 10,000 changes, and he attributed a great deal of his ambition in that direction to the inspiration he got from the old records of the Cumberlands and the College Youths (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young also responded, and spoke of the value of such social gatherings as that at which they were assembled. It was sometimes an uphill fight to resuscitate functions that had been allowed to die out, but he hoped the Cumberlands would persevere. Looking through the old minutes of the St. James's Society, he found, though they did not say a great deal, that they did say one thing every year: 'That the company do hold its annual feast.' And a little later he found the record that the society did hold its feast at such and such an inn at Putney, or the Crown and Dragon at Fulham. He would like to make a pilgrimage and find those old inns, and think of the feasts which their forefathers used to enjoy. He liked these feasts because of the meetings which they provided for old friends and when they could see the young ones coming along who would take their places at those tables when they were gone. By all means let them keep up those gatherings (applause).

The remaining toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. W. Theobald, and acknowledged by Mr. Matthews.

Thanks to the efforts of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Cornford) there was a most enjoyable musical programme of more than average merit. An overture was contributed by Mrs. Cornford, who played the accompaniments. Some delightful songs were sung by Miss H. Kersley; Mr. G. Thatcher, and Mr. H. Stripe gave humorous items. Mr. Cornford also contributed a song, and banjo and mandoline solos were rendered by Mr. G. Blackburn. The programme would have been incomplete without the handbells, and a capital course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. A. J. Neale, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith, W. Willson and T. Newman.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19th, a monthly meeting was held at Wroxeter, once a Roman city, but now a village. The gathering was well attended, some 21 putting in an appearance from Coum, Coalbrookdale, St. Chads, Shrewsbury, Ropington, and Wroxeter. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. W. O. Hobbs), who gave the members a hearty welcome; 720's of Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a fine 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by: A. Bayley 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Wace 3, G. Jones 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, W. Saunders 6.

FINCHINGFIELD BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged, £21 14s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, £2 2s.; Barking Company, 14s. 6d.; Pentlow, 10s.; Romford, 24s.; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, £1. Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordan, Finchfield Vicarage, Braintree.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

The bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, are now open for Sunday service ringing. They have been silent for years on these occasions, but by the efforts of St. Martin's Guild, this reproach has now been removed. Ringing took place on Sunday evenings, March 20th and 27th, and the bells will be rung as often as possible. There will be ringing next Sunday at 5.30 p.m., and visitors may rely upon a band meeting for service on every third Sunday in the month at this hour. The Cathedral authorities welcome the new step, and have provided new ropes.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: E. H. Kilby 1 (first 720, aged 14), W. G. Matthews 2, G. M. Kilby 3, A. Tennant 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. Also touches of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor, with R. Kilby 1 and B. Foskett 2.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. C. Edwards (first 504, and bells from Calverton) 4, H. Sear 5, H. F. Morris 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Starton 8.

LONDON.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1058 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: H. W. Clark 1, A. W. Coles 2, W. Hewett 3, I. G. Shade 4, G. R. Pye 5, C. T. Coles 6, A. Mason 7, J. E. Davis 8, W. J. Nudds 9, M. F. R. Hibbert 10, R. Sanders 11, W. Pye (conductor) 12. First touch of Cambridge Maximus by Messrs. Mason and Hibbert.

CHIPPING BARNET.—Previous to the unveiling of the town war memorial, on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells of St. John's Church half-muffled, in 50 minutes, by: Miss Howse 1, H. J. Eldred 2, F. Chandler 3, R. Roffey 4, S. Childs 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, R. Sturgeon 7, G. Herbert 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 minutes: A. Dale 1, L. Ambrose 2, E. Perry 3, R. Pearce 4, F. Lambeth 5, W. Hulbert 6, S. Wiltshire (conductor) 7, F. W. Selby (Swindon) 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Stevens 1, J. B. Hessey (composer and conductor) 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, G. Warinton 4, J. Crocker 5, H. J. Chaffey 6, A. E. Gray 7, H. R. Stevens 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Stevens and G. Warinton.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong, at which a memorial tablet was unveiled and dedicated in memory of those who fell in the great war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung in 48 minutes with the bells half-muffled: Miss L. Law 1, F. Rollings 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law (conductor) 5.

TOTTENHAM.—On April 3rd, for evening service, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, A. E. Hall 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—For evening service, at St. Chad's Cathedral, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 minutes, on Sunday, March 20th: T. Fee-

rick (1st touch away from tenor) 1, T. Miller 2, E. Mullins 3, E. Wood 4, C. Mackenzie 5, J. Porter (conductor) 6, T. Kelly 7, J. King 8.

BORDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harris 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, S. B. Dobbin 4, J. Exall 5, W. Walker 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, E. J. Dobbie 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: "H. J. Hunnisett" 1, Robt. Holloway 2, J. W. Frain 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, W. A. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. *First quarter. †First quarter inside. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wincote 1, J. Rooles 2, C. Brown 3, S. Breeze 4, R. Fardon 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. T. Vickery (conductor) 7, E. Easton 8.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on March 20th, for evening service, 1040 Bob Major: P. Ward 1, G. W. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6, R. Harris 7, Canon W. W. C. Baker 8. Longest length of Major by all except the ringers of 2, 6, 8. The quarter peal, published in "The Ringing World" on March 18th, was started for, but owing to lack of time the bells were allowed to run round at the 4th course end.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major from "The Ringing World" of March 4th: Wm. Cook 1, B. Douglas 2, Wm. Norman 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5th, Jno. Rothery 6, Jno. Spedding 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all.

EXCELSIOR.

By the REV. W. C. PEARSON.

I remember in my earlier days one of my Vicars telling me that when he was in his first curacy he went on one occasion to see the old year rung out. Arrived at the church, he found the ringers sitting round the altar with their hats on, pipes in their mouths, and mugs of beer in front of them. Such a thing could not happen now, for ringers of the present day would be horrified at such profanity, but it is an instance of the low ebb to which ringers had then sunk. Now all is changed. The influence of Associations and Guilds, together with personal religious feeling and self-respect, have combined to raise the tone amongst ringers to its present high level, and there is much—very much—to be thankful for. But let us not rest therewith content. 'Like a mighty army moves the Church of God,' and we as members of it must move onward too if we would not go back, for in the spiritual world, as in the natural, there is no such thing as remaining stationary. We love our bells, we love our peal ringing, but let us ever keep to the forefront the purpose for which bells were placed in the tower, viz., to call worshippers to the House of Prayer, and when we have done our duty in the belfry above, let us not neglect our part in that higher duty in the church below. We need all the help we can obtain to keep us in the Homing course throughout this life, but we know that we have a Conductor upon whom we can ever rely, to keep us right, and bring us Home at the last, if only we will listen for and obey His calls. He has said, 'When thine eye is single thy whole body also is full of light.' And we know how and where to obtain that Heavenly Food for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls, which will be our mainstay and support in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. In the past few years we have passed through a time of much tribulation which has sorely depleted our ranks; but now the war is over, Peace has come, and re-organisation and reform are on the wing. Let us then go forward thankfully, perseveringly, hopefully, taking as the motto of our lives as well as of our ringing the word 'Excelsior.'

WM. C. PEARSON

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

234567
342675 2
273564 4
732645 2
637245 5
456237 1
724563 3
357246 3
623574 3
236745 2
452736 1
234675 4

*Twice repeated.
J. Beazins.

240 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B M R
45362 — 1 — —
23456 — — — —
352 BOB MAJOR.
23456 W B M R
52634 — 1 — —
35426 — — — —
23456 — — — —
J. A. Trollope.

336 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2514567 1 2 8 9 10 12 13
3154267 — 8 — — — —
Three times repeated.
Fred Dench.
672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.
231456 7 12
251436 — 8
241356 — —
253146 — —
213456 — —
Repeat.
J. Carter.

1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

62354978 1 4S
32564 1S 5S
43265 9 in 3S
24365 9 in 3
32465 9 in 3
43265879 1 3 4S
24365 8 in 3
32465 8 in 3
23455978 1 3 4
42365 9 in 3
34265 9 in 3
23465879 1 3 4S
42365 8 in 3
31265 8 in 3
R. F. Deal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SCARBOROUGH.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Easter Monday, members from all parts of the county, to the number of about sixty, taking advantage of the holiday to visit this delightful old seaside town. Ringing on the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was indulged in, in the various Standard methods, throughout the day.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the afternoon, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair. This was followed by the general meeting, at which it was decided that the September meeting shall, if possible, be held at Sheffield, and, failing Sheffield, that Rotherham be approached to make arrangements for that meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Scarborough, and the local company for their kindly arrangements, were responded to by Mr. H. Fergusson, who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. MacLagan at St. Mary's Church, after which the visitors were entertained to a bountiful tea, train time bringing a most pleasant day's meeting to an end all too soon.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Keighley, when over 70 members and friends attended, representing 14 towers. During the afternoon and evening, the fine melodious peal of eight at the Parish Church was rung in different methods. Tea was partaken of in the Schools, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. G. Bolland president, supported by the Rector of Keighley (the Rev. E. T. G. Hunter). With regard to the tower for the June meeting, the Secretary said he had received a personal invitation from Thornhill, and this on being put to the meeting was accepted.

Mr. Bolland was unanimously re-elected vice-president, and Messrs. Hopwood, of Bolton; Dransfield, of Earlsheaton; and Smith, of Leeds Parish Church, were elected to serve on the District Committee for the ensuing three years. Mr. Hopwood was chosen to serve on the Central Committee for the same period.

Seventeen new members were elected. Mr. Lawson proposed, and Mr. Kell seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolrooms, and the Rector, in replying, expressed his pleasure at that, his first, opportunity of addressing a bell ringers' meeting. He said he much appreciated the good work they were doing, and made special mention of his own ringers. Proceeding, he gave a brief history of bells and their uses, and said bells brought a lot of joy and pleasure into life. It made all the difference to Sunday if the bells were rung regularly. He remarked that it was six years since the Association had a meeting at Keighley, and he gave them a hearty invitation to come again in the near future.

A vote of thanks to the local company and ladies who served the tea was responded to by Mr. Bob Jennison.

BELL RESTORATION FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest your article in April 1st issue re the desirability of raising funds for bell restoration by members of ringing societies. At the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held at Leicester at Easter, I was asked to bring before the members the question of relanging and recasting of the bells of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. These bells are now at the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and it is estimated that a sum of £2,285 is needed to put them in good order. We have no funds from which to make a grant for such a purpose, and all we could do was to have a collection in the room, which only resulted in a small sum being obtained for so desirable an object.

It appears to me that every parish possessing a peal of bells should have a bell repair fund, to go towards any necessary outlay for keeping the bells in good order, but in addition to this, it would be a great help if the local association could have a fund to assist in the restoration of any bells requiring a large expenditure within its area, the cost of which should not depend entirely on parochial efforts. It seems that this would be a suitable matter for discussion at the next meeting of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

Littleover House,
Derby.

R. B. CHAMBERS.
President. M.C.A.

LATE NOTICE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock for those who send word not later than the 23rd inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—The practices at St. Margaret's will be resumed on Friday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m. and fortnightly, and ringing for evensong on Sunday, April 17th, at 5.30 sharp and fortnightly. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Est. 1824.—Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 23rd Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th. At the service at 5 p.m., the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet St., E.C. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting, at which business of importance will be discussed, and four representatives to the Central Council elected. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood St., E.17; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Rd., W.4, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham Parish Church, on April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service by the Vicar at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6, followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and Emscote (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note: Subscriptions (1/6) for 1921 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business at the Swan at 5.45.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, April 16th (Biddenden bells not being available). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements. W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 16th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary Magdalene (Chapel of Ease), Holloway, on Tuesday next, April 19th. Tower open at 7.30 p.m. sharp.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for those only who notify me before Wednesday, April 20th. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. The Vicar is providing the tea, and it is necessary that all intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, April 19th, the latest. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithumes Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Tuesday, April 19th. Business meeting immediately

after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Room, 1/6 per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, not later than April 19th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—By permission of the Rector, the bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.—Fred. R. Borrett.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available. Short service at 4.30, meeting and tea to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The Oswaldtwistle ringers will provide tea for all ringers attending provided they send in their names to Mr. J. Houldsworth, 33, Margaret Street, Oswaldtwistle, not later than April 21st.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting of this district will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head. Will all members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 19th, enclosing P.O. for tea?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on April 23rd. Bells ready at 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, April 19th?—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Unveiling of peal boards. Ringing from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Iden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—
A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service,
with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church In-
stitute, provided for those sending me notice by April 26th.
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