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### A WEAK POINT.

The various motions which were discussed by the Central Council resulted very much as we anticipated would be the case. The proposal that the Analysis Committee should be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the association in whose territory it is rung, was made very short work of and dismissed as undesirable and impracticable without a single word being said in its favour. On the other hand, there was complete accord on the next motion, that in every diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells.

Obviously, it is important that there should be someone in each area competent to give advice to Church authorities who contemplate restorations or augmentations. The difficulty which, we are afraid, may occur in some dioceses is to find a man in whom the authorities will be able to place full confidence. The associations who adopt the Council's suggestion will note that the idea is not the appointment of a committee, but of an individual, for their area, and that individual, if the scheme is not to do more harm than good, must be more than merely an experienced ringer. If the right men are secured—and they are to be found—it will be an admirable thing; but unless the right men can be obtained, it will be better left alone, for they might do more harm than good.

In connection with the passing of this resolution there came to light what, we think, is a curious attitude on the part of the Council. The Council has always been anxious—and rightly, too—not to do anything which will infringe upon the rights of the individual associations. Moreover, it is recognised that they cannot enforce any of their decisions, but why they should hesitate officially to convey their recommendations to the various affiliated bodies is beyond comprehension. It is left to the members of the Council to inform their associations as to what has been done. This has always seemed to us to be a mistaken view. If the Council makes a recommendation, why should it not be sent officially through the Secretary to all affiliated organisations? To leave it to the members to disseminate the information is, in many cases, to render the resolutions abortive, because there is no official or direct machinery to convey the proposals to those associations which are unrepresented at the meeting. This year there were eleven affiliated bodies who had no representative present. Where do they stand under this arrangement? If the Council have confidence in their own decisions, they should officially communicate them to the associations. This has always been a weak point in the constitution of the Council, and will, we hope, be altered.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	*JAMES ROSE ... .. 7
*ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 2	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 9
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	*WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	EDWARD EVANS ... .. 11
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V., as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. A. A. David, Head Master of Rugby Grammar School, on his appointment to the Bishopric of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and also in commemoration of the anniversary of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (16,608 changes) in 10 hours 32 minutes, at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, three of the ringers then taking part being James Motts, who conducted the peal, Robert H. Brundle and Frederick J. Tillett, who rang the tenor. \* First peal of Double Norwich Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*THOMAS SEYMOUR ... .. Treble	EDWARD D. LIVERMORE ... 6
*FREDERIC C. RICE ... .. 2	EDWARD HULL ... .. 7
*JOHN W. MALYAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR HULL ... .. 8
THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 4	W.H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 9
† HARRY G. LIGHTFOOT ... 5	EBENEZER A. HULL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by THOMAS J. HULL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells away from tenor. First peal as conductor on ten bells. Mr. Buckingham is President of the Hertford County Association.

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

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES**

Tenor 24 cwt.

ANOS CLARK ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 7
HENRY S. ELLIS ... .. 3	*JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 8
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. 9
ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 5	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. BRADLEY.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW WESTERN DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly-formed Western District of the Hertford Association was held at King's Langley on May 21st, and proved a successful and a very enjoyable gathering. Members and friends were present from Berkhamsted, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Whitwell (Isle of Wight), and the local company. A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address. After a look round the Vicarage garden, the visitors sat down to tea in the Churchroom, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwarden.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, three new members were elected, and Tring was chosen for the next place of meeting, in July.—The Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to King's Langley, and hoped now that the district was split up more frequent visits would be made.—Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar for providing the tea and presiding, and for his address and the use of the bells; and also to the ladies for so kindly attending to the ringers' wants at the tea-table.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HENLEY SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*ANTHONY R. PRICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 6
JAMES MOTTS ... .. 3	GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\* First peal in the method. This and the peal at Stonham Aspal were arranged for Mr. Anthony (Tony) R. Price, the 15-year-old son of the Vicar of Shouldham, Norfolk, who only began to learn to ring about a year ago.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION  
AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6
*ANTHONY R. PRICE ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung after meeting short for Royal. \* First peal in the method.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HEATHCOCK ... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... .. 4	THOMAS WHITEHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was arranged by Mr. T. Heathcock in honour of the birth of a son to Capt. and Mrs. Ogier in India, and grandson to the esteemed Rector of Oldswinford (Canon and Mrs. Owen).

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN LARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Larter.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

*GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
†FREDERICK HOUSEGO ... .. 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. R. COPEMAN.

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

CAVERSHAM, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Treble	JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 5
FREDERICK POUNDS ... .. 2	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 6
HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
ALBERT D. CULLUM ... .. 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the trebleman, who on this date attained his majority.

MERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, May 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS ROSE THOMAS ... Treble	PERCY PAGE ... .. 5
†ALFRED GOWER ... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	*GEORGE THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringers of the tenor and treble are father and daughter. Great credit is due to Miss Thomas, who rang remarkably well throughout. She is the first lady in the Ashford District of the K.C.A. and the first lady in the R.M. & D.G. to score a peal. The peal was rung for evening service.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... .. Treble	FRED ABBOTT ... .. 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	JOHN POTTER ... .. 6
JOSEPH LOWE ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Abbott and J. Leatherbarrow. T. B. Worsley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Tower,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST LESLIE ... .. Treble	*PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 2	JAMES HUTCHBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 3	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 7
HORACE STUBBS ... .. 4	EDWARD READER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by E. READER.

By peculiar coincidence this peal happened to be the 160th peal of both the ringers of the 6th and tenor. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 7th, who hails from Newport, Mon. \* First peal in the method.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. AMES ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 2	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 6
*ALLEN BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM WALKER ... .. 7
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 4	HARRY ANDREW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal. The treble, 3rd, 7th and tenor ringers belong to the local band.



**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEOFFREY BRADLEY... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
WILLIAM BATES... .. 2	HARRY HILL... .. 6
HENRY LETTS ... .. 3	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7
*FRANK OSBORNE ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Wright, schoolmaster of Duffield endowed schools.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD... ..Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6
GEORGE POVEY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
WILLIAM WHEADON ... .. 4	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to Canon G. J. Jones, Rector of Crayford, and the Very Rev. Dr. Storrs, Dean of Rochester, on the 50th anniversary of their ordination. H. Audsley has now rung a peal on all the bells at Crayford from treble to tenor.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.**  
**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY... ..Treble	FRED SHERATON ... .. 5
*R. THOMPSON ... .. 2	GEORGE A. WARD ... .. 6
R. PARKINSON ... .. 3	†STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... .. 7
ALF. F. HILLIER ... .. 4	WM. H. BARBER ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

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

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Thos. Groombridge, jun.

**STOKE, COVENTRY.**  
**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

(EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.)

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CPL. FRANK W. PERRENS, R.A.F. ... ..Treble	C.M.M. DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE, R.N.V.R. ... .. 5
CPL. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD, R. Berks ... .. 2	PTE. EDWARD H. JOHNSON, R. Warwick ... .. 6
*PTE. FRANK BRASSINGTON, R. Warwick ... .. 3	WELR. CPL. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 7
2/LIEUT. FRANK E. PERVIN, Tank Corps ... .. 4	PTE. THOMAS MALE, R. Warwick ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. I. HAIRS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	*H. P. JAMES ... .. 6
REGINALD BROUGH ... .. 3	J. A. TROLLOPE ... .. 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First Surprise peal. Birthday peal for conductor, it being his first peal as conductor of a Surprise peal.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BIGGIN ... ..Treble	*FRED W. HILL ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	*JOHN THORPE ... .. 6
JOHN FLINT ... .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 4	SAM THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\* First peal of Bristol. First peal in the method at Bolsover.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 3	†GEORGE GARNER ... .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 4	*TOM ATKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	KEITH HART... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... .. 7
GEORGE ILLMAN ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

**LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

*On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES FAMPSON ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

IPSWICH.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Clement's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Long 1, W. Kinsey 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, A. Bowell 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Field (first 720) 1, A. Bowell 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, P. May 6.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong, 720 Double Oxford Minor: H. Field 1, J. Long 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, A. Bowell 6. All conducted by Fredk. Bowell (1st 720 Double Oxford as conductor).

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALEC J. TAYLOR... ..Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First peal in five methods by ringers of 3, 5 and 6. First peal in five methods on the bells.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

TRAYN BOOTH ... ..Treble	*THOMAS HOAD ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	*WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The Messrs. Lambert hail from Burwash and Horsmonden, the rest from Salehurst.

HACKFORD AND WHITWELL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MATTHEW TIMBERS ... ..Treble	RICHARD H. BARBER ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 2	WALTER FORD ... .. 5
FRED J. BARBER ... .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Rung as a birthday peal for F. J. Barber.

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;**

Being 14 six-scores of Old Doubles, 4 Plain Bob, 32 Extremes and 4 Grandsire, each differently called. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL ... ..Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4
ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. BOWLEY, SEN. 5
ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 3	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The peal contained 444 calls.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT ... ..Treble	LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 4
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

First peal of Oxford Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

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

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine and Kent, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...Treble	*FREDERICK WADE ... .. 4
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 2	*GEORGE LEE ... .. 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in five methods. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bailey.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES F. SAYER ... ..Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEE ... .. 5
FREDERICK WADE ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in four methods.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

PERCIVAL BROOKS ... ..Treble	PERCY MARCHANT ... .. 4
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... .. 2	JAMES A. HART ... .. 5
FREDERICK WREN ... .. 3	ALBERT MARTIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Edmund Charles Blake and Katharine Winifred Graham. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to Barcombe, the rest to Uckfield.

GOLDBANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of College Exercise and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob called differently.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...Treble	GEORGE H. NEVILLE ... .. 4
ARTHUR C. LANGFORD ... .. 2	CHARLES J. MANN ... .. 5
FRED CHALK... .. 3	ARTHUR APPLETON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

The above was rung on the coming of age of Miss Gardner, daughter of the Rector.

BPPING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire, Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. J. MANSFIELD ... ..Treble	I. CAVILL ... .. 4
W. MARRABLE ... .. 2	JAS. MANSFIELD... .. 5
†B. G. BURTON ... .. 3	*ALF. MANSFIELD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

\* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. Messrs. Cavill and Marrable hail from Roydon; Burton and Jas. Mansfield from Nazeing; the rest belong to the local band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On April 21st, at St. Michael's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part): H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, H. Dew 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgewell 8.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

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

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9—10
*JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 5—6	*WILLIAM KENT ... .. 11—12

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS & PERCY O. LAFLIN.

\* First peal of Maximus on handbells. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

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

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)  
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;**

ERNEST J. KING ... .. 1—2	HORATIO J. GUMMER ... 7—8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9—10
ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... .. 5—6	*JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,  
Umpire: THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve handbells by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. It was a 14th birthday compliment to Jeffrey R. Gammon. Mr. R. G. Chappelle heard the last 2hrs. 45mins. of the peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

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

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 size in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: WILLIAM KENT.

**WEST COUNTRY BELL RESTORATIONS.**

On Wednesday, June 1st, the peal of six bells at St. Mary's, Botusfleming (Cornwall) was reopened by the Rural Dean (the Rev. Goss), in the presence of a large congregation, which included ringers from all parts of the West of England. Some excellent ringing was accomplished, and all were highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which have been restored by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford.

The bells have been rehung in a massive self-supporting iron frame, on steel joists, and modern fittings, including Messrs. Aggett and Sons' patent self-adjusting bearings, and their work has given great satisfaction to the authorities.

Messrs. Aggett hope to commence shortly the restoration of the fine peals at Rockbeare, Poughill, St. Budeaux and Skilgate (near Taunton).

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THE COLLECTING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Barlow Moor on Saturday, May 28th. Mr. W. Ryder, of Birch, presided, and 25 members were present, including visitors from Crewe. Worsley was selected for the next meeting, on June 25th.

After discussion, the resolution from the Rossendale Branch was referred to the next meeting.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft proposed, and Mr. W. H. Shaker seconded, that the leader of each tower should collect the subscriptions from his own band, and this was agreed to.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. J. Ridyard, seconded by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, that the subscriptions be paid to the branch secretary at the meetings held at the Town Hall or the Cathedral, was also carried.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities and to the local ringers and the chairman closed the meeting. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, May 28th, at the picturesque village of Kinver, where the quaint old church (with a peal of eight bells recently rehung and augmented from six) is situated on a hill overlooking the village. The following towers were represented: Brierley Hill, Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tipton, Kingswinford, Smethwick, Birmingham, Handsworth, Old Hill and Oldbury. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hooper-Slipper), who gave an excellent address. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and upwards of 60 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal (Bob Major) at Kinver, and Oldswinford was selected for the next meeting.—Mr. R. Small (Tipton) proposed, and Miss Saunders (Smethwick) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparation made.—The Vicar suitably responded. The tower was again visited in the evening.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

A most successful meeting was held at Cound on Saturday week, when twenty members enjoyed a delightful cycle run from different parts of Salop to get to the venue. Members were sorry to see that nothing had been done in regard to the belfry since the meeting held at Cound last year. Still, most of the visitors enjoyed the ringing there, and found themselves ready for the splendid tea that was provided for them in the School Room.

A short meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. B. S. Lombard presided, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmond early next month.—Mr. Lilley, in thanking the Vicar, on behalf of members, for his kindness in allowing them to hold the meeting at Cound, said the members were glad to see that he took some interest in the ringing of the bells, and expressed his opinion that something should be done to improve the belfry, as it badly needed attention, and it was a pity to let such a good set of bells lie idle.—The Vicar, in reply, said it was always a tremendous pleasure to him to have the Guild there. Mr. Lilley was always at him about the tower, and he thought that when they had finished off the debt for the heating apparatus and organ, the tower might be attended to. A short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells: L. Hewett 1—2, W. Wace 3—4, C. R. Lilley 5—6, W. Saunders 7—8, A. Woodvine 9—10; and the ringing in the tower included 720 Bob Minor: J. E. Lilley 1, R. Pole 2, F. Mole 3, W. Wace 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. Saunders 6; and a 720 Kent: A. Bayley 1, C. R. Lilley 2, W. Wace 3, L. Hewitt 4, A. Woodvine 5, W. Saunders 6.

**FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.**

A ringer at St. James's Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, for 57 years, Mr. W. E. Ryder, has just celebrated his 75th birthday by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. It was rung on Saturday on his parish church bells in 47 mins., by: J. Idle 1, W. E. Ryder 2, A. Frost 3, H. Brickill 4, F. Stoneley 5, J. H. Collier 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, G. Whitelegg 8. It is interesting to note that Mr. Ryder 75 years ago was the first child baptized in the church.

**BLOCKING UP OF LOUVRES.**

To the Editor.

Would any readers of 'The Ringing World' give me the benefit of their experience as to the blocking up of louvres so as to prevent the sound of the bells in the street below becoming an annoyance, as we have to face this difficulty in reference to All Saints', Hereford? There are louvres in the bottom of the spire, in addition to those in the tower. In this matter expense is a consideration.—Yours, etc.,

Great Bampton.

C. EDWARDS.

## DEDICATION OF TWO BELLS AT BISPHAM. A CLAPPER INNOVATION.

The beautiful old-world Parish Church of Bispham, the mother church of Blackpool, was filled with a very large congregation on Wednesday afternoon, May 18th, when the two new memorial bells and the organ, which has just been renovated, were dedicated and 'opened.' About eleven months ago, six bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean of the Fylde, the Rev. John Sinker, Vicar of Lytham. The two trebles which were dedicated on Wednesday now complete the ring to perpetuate the memory of the Bispham men who fell in the great war, and as a thankoffering for the victory won. The tenor (weighing 10 cwt.) is inscribed: 'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory.' The service, which was impressive and inspiring, was opened with a violin solo by Miss Adair Blackwell, accompanied on the organ by Dr. F. H. Wood, organist of Blackpool Parish Church. The Rector of Bispham (the Rev. Canon G. Leighton, M.A.) dedicated the bells, and as soon as the ceremony, which was conducted in the porch, was over, the countryside was flooded with melody from the steeple above. The ringers were: J. Jackson 1, A. Parkinson 2, B. Bradshaw 3, N. Sharples 4, R. Singleton 5, C. Sharples (conductor) 6, R. Porter 7, W. Singleton 8. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Vicar of Blackpool, the Rev. A. W. R. Little, M.A., from Exodus xviii. 33-35. The service was followed by a short organ recital by Dr. Wood.

An excellent tea was provided free to all ringers, and after tea an excellently struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by John Cooper (Silsden, Yorkshire), 1, Miss Hague 2, E. Geary (Oldham) 3, A. Hague (conductor) 4, H. Woodhouse (Arksey, Doncaster) 5, C. Sharples 6, J. Smith 7, W. Wilde 8.

When the new trebles were being hung the founders (Mears and Stainbank) took out the clappers of the old six, and worked out a new invention the firm has patented. This consists of a small hole made on each side of the clapper just below where it strikes the sound bow of the bell. The hole is filled with a composition of rubber and other materials, and the filling projects slightly outside the ball of the clapper. After the bell is struck by the ball of the clapper, the composition is so gauged that it is able to hold up the clapper off the sound-bow so that the note is held out. The effect of hearing the whole eight bells with this vibration dwelling in the bell chamber is beautiful. Yet with all this music in the belfry the clear tap of each bell in the ringing chamber enables each ringer to pick out his bell, and the striking is not in the least interfered with.

## YORKSHIREMEN IN KENT.

On Friday, May 14th, nine members of the Yorkshire Association left their home county for a week-end visit to Kent, under the guidance of the redoubtable 'Tommy Groombridge,' of Chislehurst. The party consisted of Messrs. F. W. Dixon, F. Salmons, P. J. Johnson, G. Naylor, A. C. Fearnley, J. Ambler, J. Broadley, J. Cotterell, and J. Hardcastle. Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, who was responsible for arranging the travelling facilities and other details, was as usual in his element with the party, but his task of keeping order was greatly reduced by five of the number taking their wives with them. To the great regret of all, Mr. G. B. Bolland had to abandon the trip at the last moment, owing to a serious attack of blood poisoning. Headquarters at Chislehurst was reached without mishap, and Saturday saw the party at Bromley, where a peal of Treble Bob was successfully brought round on a peal by Jannoway (tenor 19½ cwt.), in three hours 10 minutes. On Sunday, various touches were rung in the morning at Chislehurst, assisted by Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, who had joined up meanwhile. The bells at Chislehurst are by Warner (tenor 17 cwt., 1858), but badly need the attention of a bell hanger. St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was visited in the evening, and the peal by Taylor (15 cwt. tenor) was much appreciated in various methods. The party proceeded by motor charabanc on Monday, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Kent. At Great Wrotham, a splendid peal by the Croydon Foundry (tenor 21 cwt.) kept the visitors longer than the time-table allowed. Sevenoaks was reached after a delightful journey, and the fine peal by Mears was much enjoyed. Here the 'committee' got lost, and took another unwary member of the band to join him in his journey in a strange country. Westerham was next reached, and the party received a hearty welcome from the Rector, whose peal of bells by Mears aroused keen enjoyment among the visitors, the tone and 'go' being splendid. Tuesday saw some of the party at their official post at the Central Council meeting, while others began their homeward journey. On Wednesday, several of the party visited the Croydon Foundry, and were greatly impressed by the fine new bells for Carisbrooke, in the Isle of Wight, the wonderful clock factory, and last but not least, the carillon of twenty-five bells played by an expert. The present opportunity is taken of thanking Mr. C. E. Johnston and his sister for kindly entertaining the large party to lunch in a bountiful fashion, train time bringing the outing to an all too early end.

P. J. J.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is just over thirteen years since the first 10,000 of Surprise was rung by the Lancashire Association. This was rung on May 17th, 1908, at Oswaldtwistle. Owing to the conductor, C. Sharples, only being at liberty on Wednesdays, and the rest of the band being free on Saturday afternoon, the peal was rung on a Sunday. After about 35 minutes' ringing the attempt came to grief, but it was at once decided to try again, and the longest peal of Surprise Minor (10,080 changes) in fourteen methods was rung in five hours forty-two minutes.

Ringers should note that the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild is to be held at Saenley to-morrow. By an error the name of the place did not appear in the ordinary notice on the two first occasions.

The annual festival of the Hereford Guild has had to be postponed on account of the further curtailment of the train service.

Seventy years ago next, Wednesday—on June 15th, 1851, to be precise, the first recorded peal of Stedman 'in hand' was rung at the Osborn Arms, Henage Street, London. This was a peal of Stedman Caters, and the last survivor of that band was Matt. Wood, who died in 1912, at the advanced age of 85 years. Although to-day peals of Stedman 'double-handed' have been made a common performance, the peal in that far-off year was a great achievement, and we can imagine the patience and perseverance with which those men must have adhered to their task. The peal was rung by: John Cox 1—2, George Ferris 3—4, William Cooter 5—6, Matt. Wood 7—8, James Dwight 9—10.

The 12th of June is the anniversary of what was believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus out of London. This was rung at Birmingham in 1815.

Would any reader of 'The Ringing World' who may have a proper form of service for dedication and opening of a peal of bells kindly forward a copy to C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Herefordshire?

How welcome are ringers at some churches! There is no proper change ringing done at Somerleyton in Suffolk, but a peal was rung there the other day by a band of visitors, and when they came out of the belfry they found the following kindly note left at the belfry door for them:—

'From the Rev. Clement Willoughby Bean, Rector of Somerleyton. To the Foreman of the Bell Ringers now in the belfry of Somerleyton Church.—I wish to express the great pleasure you are giving me with your bell music, and to say how glad we shall be to welcome you here again. I would much like to speak to you and your company, but am afraid I might disturb you if I entered the belfry. My best wishes and thanks, C. W. Bean.'

J. R. Gammon, a pupil of the Master of the London County Association, has accomplished a distinguished performance by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells to celebrate his fourteenth birthday. This, we think, must be a record.

We mentioned a fortnight ago two ringers who had each rung more than a hundred peals on the same peal of bells. Mr. E. Barnett, senr., has rung 114 peals on the bells of his own parish church at Crayford, and 122 on the bells of St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith.

A correspondent writes with regard to our recent reference to the SS. 'Cambria,' upon which the only peal on the sea was rung, that Mr. E. Mullins, of Birmingham, crossed on this boat from Dieppe to England on her last voyage before she was mined in the English Channel, on September 25th, 1915—probably the only member of the Exercise on board.

A fine new ring of eight bells has been placed in the Parish Church of Basford, Notts, in memory of the men who fell in the war. The peal was cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the tenor is 15 cwt. in F. The bells were dedicated last Saturday.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### BREAKING NEW GROUND.

On Wednesday evening, the glorious first of June, a few members of the Salisbury Guild paid Buckland Newton a visit, with the idea of giving a helping hand to the local ringers, and also tapping a fresh district. Buckland is in the Dorchester branch, and is nine miles from the nearest railway station. It possesses a fine peal of six bells, with a tenor of 17 cwt. in E. The bells were raised in peal, and 720 Grandsire Doubles (the first on the bells) was rung by: J. T. Godwin 1, Major Hughes D'Aeth 2, W. J. Simons 3, C. H. Jennings 4, G. T. White (conductor) 5, J. W. Benger 6. This was followed by Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Most of the local band were piloted through their first 120, while others had their first touch of Stedman and Bob Minor. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to light refreshments at the Vicarage by the Rev. F. S. Field, Mrs. and Miss Field. Good work was done, and it is hoped other towers will be visited during the summer.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 321.)

### THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the report of the Records Committee, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World.' He said the committee had found great difficulty in obtaining information about first peals and longest lengths. As was pretty well known, a good deal of information was to be found in the British Museum. It happened, however, that each member of the committee lived a great distance from the British Museum, and it was impossible to use that information. One suggestion which the committee made was, therefore, that there should be an addition to the committee of a member living in the neighbourhood of the British Museum who could carry on the work there. When the committee was appointed they made an appeal through 'The Ringing World' for claims to the first peals in different methods and the longest performances to be sent in as soon as possible, but they received very little help from that appeal. The committee felt that if they had the authority of the Council to write in its name to the different associations asking them to authorise their secretaries to supply them with information on different points they might submit to them, it would be a great advantage. The committee did not feel that they had explored all the sources of information, and they would like the loan of 'Campanology' and of 'Church Bells' in which peals and ringing performances appeared between the years 1870 and 1880. (Offers of the loan of 'Campanology' by various members and of the ringing section of 'Church Bells' by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who at one time edited this portion of that journal, were at once made.) Continuing, Mr. Beeston said the committee did not know how to tackle the Minor Methods. What, for instance, was to constitute a 'first peal'? Was it to consist of six methods which had been rung long before and one which had never been included in a peal previously? Or, were they to find out what was the first peal in, say, seven plain methods, or in any higher number of methods, and likewise with the Treble Bob, 3rd and 4th's place Delights, and the Surprise methods? The committee would like the opinion of the Council on this matter. Continuing, Mr. Beeston wished to thank those who had loaned the committee copies of the ringing papers, and particularly Mr. James George, 'of England' (laughter), for his early volumes of 'Bell News' (applause), and Mr. Lucas, who generously gave them 20 vols of 'Bell News' (applause). If it had not been for this generous gift the committee would not have been able to present to the Council the particulars now before them.

The Rev. H. Law James said the committee, in their report, raised the question of giving the figures of the peals of record length, and he personally did not think it was worth while going on collecting the records unless they could put the figures down alongside them, and he thought the Council should give them power to do so. He also emphasised the need of having a member of the committee in London who could do the work in the British Museum.

Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. R. A. Daniell were proposed as members to help the committee in their task, and, in expressing their willingness to do all they could to assist, decided not to become members of the committee. Mr. Daniell added that he did not think they would find many of the figures in the British Museum.

Mr. C. T. Coles moved that the committee should include in their record only those peals of Minor which were rung wholly in new methods. If they dealt with peals comprising only one new method they would never get to the end of their task, especially in view of the difficulties that had been pointed out in connection with the naming of methods.

Mr. W. Pye seconded.

Mr. Beams (a member of the committee) thought it would be sufficient if the committee devoted themselves to the records of the first peals of Minor rung in plain, Treble Bob and Surprise methods, and the lengths above 5,000. He did think that would be valuable, but he did not think they could dig any deeper into the subject.

Mr. W. A. Cave thought it would simplify matters if the committee began their records with peals on seven bells, and left out Minor altogether. He did not want six bell ringers to think they were looked down upon, but there must be a repetition of changes in peals of Minor, and if they were going to start with Minor in this record they should record the first 720, and not the first 5,040, comprising seven 720's.

Mr. T. H. Taffender seconded Mr. Cave's suggestion, which was put in the form of an amendment, but Mr. Coles withdrew his proposal. Mr. Beams suggested that the words 'for the time being' should be introduced into the motion with regard to the omission of Minor methods, and this, meeting with approval, Mr. Cave's proposal, thus amended, was carried.

The result will be that the committee will proceed with the collection of records relating to peals on seven bells, and upwards, and the records of peals of Minor will not be dealt with for the present.

The committee was given the necessary authority to approach the various associations for information in the name of the Council, and it was also resolved that, where possible, the figures of a lead of the method and of the peal should be included in the record.

Mr. Beeston handed in a bulky schedule of the records as far as they are at present compiled.

The committee's report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed.

### A MOTION WITHOUT A SUPPORTER.

Having thus disposed of the reports of committees the Council turned attention to the motions on the agenda, the first of which was, 'That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.'

The President said the member who was going to bring forward the motion had sent a telegram to say that he could not be there, and he (the President), therefore, proposed to pass on to the next business.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought it would hardly be fair to treat the motion in that way, and as the Council might like to debate the motion, he would move it pro forma. He did not say he agreed with it; in fact, he thought he should vote against it (laughter).

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if the Council might know the name of the member who had given notice of the motion.

The President: The Rev. H. Drake.

Mr. J. A. Trollope: I will second the motion, but I shall vote against it (laughter).

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter (a member of the Analysis Committee): May I point out that the resolution says, 'if possible.' Well, it is not possible!

The resolution on being put did not find a single supporter, and was consequently declared lost.

### EXPERT ADVISERS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: 'That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.' He said that in his position as librarian, he received much interesting correspondence. For instance, he heard from one person who said he was appointed ringer at his parish church, where there was a new peal of tubular bells, and he applied to him (the librarian) because he understood he could supply him with a collection of peals to be rung thereon (laughter). People also wrote to him on the question of work to be done in their towers and to their bells, and wanted advice upon the subject. That advice was very difficult to give unless one paid a personal visit, and many of those who applied to him were at a very long distance, and out of his diocese altogether. If it were in his diocese they had a whole programme arranged beforehand as to what was to be done. He believed that their bell hangers were, for the most part, people who welcomed anyone who could come in and really knew something about it, who could say to a vicar or churchwardens that 'this man is not trying to swindle you when he talked about the whole box of tricks being cleared out of the tower.' But there were Guilds in whose territory there was no recognised method of dealing with applications of this kind for assistance. He felt that there was something wrong in this, and that it was because the authorities in these other dioceses did not know to whom to apply for advice outside the purely professional man. He thought it was the business of every Guild and Association to be able to inform the authorities, in need of advice, who to apply to. He did not wish to suggest any names at all, but merely to move the resolution.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded. In the Devonshire Guild, he said, they had appointed someone to give advice when it was sought.

Mr. Story suggested it would be a good thing if all associations could get mention in the Diocesan Calendars, so that the attention of clergy might be drawn to the people who knew something about bells and bellfries.

Several members mentioned that in the case of their own associations this was already done, but Mr. P. J. Johnson said that what was wanted was an advisory committee set up in each of the associations, who could give expert advice in connection with bells and bell restorations.

The President said he had had some experience of advisory committees, and his experience was that in many cases they were an unmitigated nuisance (laughter). He thought they ought to steer clear of advisory committees altogether in this matter. He believed the intention of the mover of the resolution was that there should be an expert to whom those who desired advice could go. He did not think they would be right in sending any instruction to associations or guilds that they should appoint such men. The Council had always been very careful not to interfere with the working of local bodies. They could pass that resolution, and it would then be the duty of the representatives to bring the matter to the attention of their guilds. The Council should not send a resolution from that meeting.

The resolution was then put and carried.

### A DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Willson had given notice that he would call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and move a resolution. He said for a long time past he had wondered why that Council, while worrying itself with abstruse questions not always to the benefit of the Exercise, had neglected one primary thing, and that was 'self-defence.' He claimed that the first plank in the platform of any

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organisation should be self-defence, otherwise any structure they might build up could be undermined by hostile public opinion. The active minority could always defeat the passive majority—they saw it in the political and the industrial world—and public opinion could undermine change ringing fatally if it were not carefully guarded. In the past it had been left to individuals to reply to attacks in the Press, but if a committee of that Council were formed with authority to answer hostile attacks, whether from within the Church or from without, it would be a far better policy than leaving the matter to local men. Any communication would have far greater weight if it had the name of the Council behind it. He moved 'that a Committee for Ringing Defence be formed of five persons, or more as may be expedient, whose duty it shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies and to reply to any attack in the Press or otherwise when required to do so.' He suggested that the committee should be appointed of one member each from the North, South, East, West and Midlands, and in that way they would have a representative in easy touch with the associations in the different areas. He was not out to defend the class of company that rang on three or four nights a week and three or four times on Sundays, for they must admit that the public had some rights, but unfortunately when such companies came down they might bring others with them who were not guilty. The appointment of such a body as he suggested would enable a distinction to be made between the just and the unjust, and the Exercise would consider that the Council was giving it a backing that it had not had before.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in seconding, said the suggestion was a very practical one, and was one of the best things the Council could undertake.

Alderman Pritchett asked if it were worth while to appoint such a committee. It seemed rather like getting a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Alderman Pritchett referred to a recent correspondence which had appeared in local papers with regard to King's Norton bells, which had shown that there were more letters in favour of the bells than there were against them. In the present state of the law church bells could not be suppressed except by Act of Parliament, and unless the Church authorities combined to keep ringers out of the belfry altogether. No action would lie in English law against bells being rung so long as the amount of the ringing was reasonable. There were crotchety people everywhere, and some who had a special hostility to the Church who occasionally wrote to the papers complaining, but he thought the best plan was for the Vicar or someone else to answer these complaints. It seemed to him that the duties of such a committee as was suggested would be altogether too vague, and he ventured to hope that the resolution would not be carried.

Mr. Cave said he was going to vote against the resolution, and supported the view that it was best to reply to local attacks locally.

Mr. George said the resolution seemed to him to overlap the work of the Literature and Press Committee. In connection with the King's Norton complaint, practically no notice was taken of it until at last the Vicar replied in a very nice letter, and settled the whole thing. He thought that was the best course to take. The less notice they took of complaints the better, and he thought the matter might be left to the Literature and Press Committee.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said, on behalf of the Literature and Press Committee, they would be glad to do all they could to help.

Mr. Willson said if they ignored attacks judgment would go against them by default, and no one knew that better than Alderman Pritchett. It was a poor general who ignored the enemy until he was surrounded. He was prepared to accept the Literature and Press Committee as the committee for this purpose, and would incorporate it in his motion if that committee were willing to take it on. It was time the Council did something.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said the question of answering attacks in the Press was the least important work the committee would have to do. By far the greatest danger arose out of two things, first and foremost the great ease with which the most absurd restrictions on liberty of the subject could become law, when a Bill was brought in by some crank. They might find, for instance, a clause prohibiting the ringing of church bells tacked on to the end of a Bill for the suppression of street noises. It was a common experience in these days, when Acts of Parliament were passed so hurriedly and without mature consideration, and were voted upon to the crack of the party whip, the judges discovered afterwards that things are implied in the language of the Act which no single persons who had to do with framing it ever suspected. That was one danger. Another was, and he spoke in all humility as a member of the class affected, that occasionally there was injudicious interference with the lawful practice of ringing on the part of Church authorities. In a case where an incumbent was appointed to a church who had no ear for music and no knowledge of bells, and to whom bells had no meaning, a single troublesome parishioner might succeed in silencing the bells during the whole incumbency. It was in cases such as this that the committee should be prepared to act.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried by 28 votes to 27.

On the motion of Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. George, the Literature and Press Committee were appointed to act in the matter, and by another motion, Mr. Willson and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards were added to the committee to bring the number up to five members, as provided by the original resolution.

(To be continued.)

## WESTHAM BELLS.

### RECAST PEAL DEDICATED.

Sussex ringers from Eastbourne, Brighton, Hastings, and other centres, attended the dedication of the recast ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Westham, on Saturday, May 14th. The bells were originally a ring of six with the tenor 8½ cwt. Four of them were badly cracked, and were held together by means of iron straps. All have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, into a new ring of six with the tenor 10½ cwt. in G, with all new fittings added, and are hung in a new steel frame, and provided with new rope guides.

A special form of service was used at the dedication, which was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon A. W. Upcott, Archdeacon of Hastings, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Lucas, the Vicar of Westham. Immediately after the dedication a few rounds were rung on the bells by local men, who are just learning to ring, under the direction of Mr. Penfold, of Pevensey, and subsequently a touch of Bob Minor was rung by the following: A. Gower 1, J. Sharp 2, A. C. Pankhurst 3, G. A. Howse 4, G. Penfold 5, B. Hobbs 6. Various touches were afterwards rung of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and other methods.

The churchwardens very generously provided a tea at the Railway Hotel for all ringers present, numbering about 30, and a vote of thanks and of congratulation to them and to the founders was passed, and duly responded to by Mr. Roods, one of the churchwardens, and by Mr. C. Dean on behalf of the bell founders.

On each of the bells is the inscription: 'Cast 1789. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1921.' In addition the tenor bears the following names of local ringers who lost their lives in the war: George Burgess, Harry Burgess, Albert Hazelden, William Hobden, Robert Marchant.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE MEMORIAL BELLS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

On Saturday last, a combined practice was held at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. By the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. S. W. Sedgwick), the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The Rector presided over the tea, and was supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. E. J. Harding (Portsmouth district secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, Twyford, Portsea, Curdridge, and the local band. — Mr. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for being present at tea, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester seconded. — The Rector, in responding, gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and said he would do his best to get the defects of the peal rectified. — Mr. Williams moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Ayliffe and Miss Ayliffe for the tea, and Mr. E. J. Harding, in seconding, included thanks to the district secretary for the arrangements made.

A sum of £50 is needed towards the two trebles for Winchester Cathedral, and it is hoped that towers which have not subscribed will do so as soon as possible.

## GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Shere on Saturday week, and was attended by members from Clandon, Cranleigh, Cobham, Dorking, Dunsfold, Mew, and Guildford. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) officiating. Tea took place at the White Horse Hotel, about 40 sitting down. In the absence of the Rector, who apologised for not attending, Mr. J. J. Jones (late hon. secretary) presided. At the business meeting which followed, several new members were elected. The bells at Shere were rung in the afternoon and evening; also the bells at Albury, by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. F. M. Skene).

ASTON.—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, with the bells half-muffled on the day of the interment of the late Canon Sutton (Vicar of Aston), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Clifford 1, W. H. Jones 2, O. G. Norman 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. E. Norman 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, E. Plummer 8. — On Sunday, April 24th, for evening memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. R. Twist 1, W. H. Jones 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, J. Hopkin 4, M. J. Morris 5, A. E. Norman (conductor) 6, W. Kent (composer) 7, O. G. Norman 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

In giving the calling of a large number of touches, as we are doing on this page, it is almost inevitable that sometimes the same figures will appear twice over different names. Such a case has recently happened over a 1,260 Double Norwich Major. It was given first over the name of Mr. J. George, and afterwards over that of Mr. J. Hunt. Conductors should also note that the touch of Grandsire Triples by Mr. George, given last week, is false.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BOW, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. A. Alps (conductor) 1, Jas. Scholes 2, R. Turner 3, E.

Brett 4, G. A. Scrambler 5, A. J. Baynes 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Barrell 8. This was also rung as a compliment to Mr. Jas. Scholes, whose daughter, Florence, was married to Mr. Jas. Holloway on the previous day, the bridal couple being the recipients of good wishes from many ringing and other friends.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, Miss M. Durrant 2, J. Hare 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. Croft (first in the method) 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. Else 8.

**ERTH, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. J. Morton 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, D. Harvey 3, J. T. Lowrey 4, E. Hott 5, H. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, J. Morton 8. Arranged for Mr. F. J. Cullum, jun., home from Buenos Aires.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, for evening service, on Sunday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, H. R. Newton 4, C. F. Winney 5, C. Edwards 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, Portsea, on the occasion of the special visit of Archbishop of York, 504 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers 4, E. J. Harding, sen., 5, K. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 7, E. Hardy 8.—For evening service, 324 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, E. Hardy 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, June 5th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples

(1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, Miss W. King 2, F. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Wyman 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, O. Sippetts 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Crawley, Sussex.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—For evening service, on Sunday, June 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Goodsell 1, \*L. Booth 2, T. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, E. Mills 5, \*C. Creasey 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8. \* First 504 with an inside bell.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, J. A. Trollope 2,

W. H. Hollier 3, W. E. Judd 4, A. Outtmore 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Driver 8, A. Harding 9, M. Smith 10.

**GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. M. Butter 1, J. Bowell 2, J. Souter 3, E. Eady 4, H. Bacon 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. Andrews 1, J. Bowell 2, H. Bacon 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 5, A. Cole 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bowell. Mr. Frank M. Butter hails from Clacton-on-Sea.

**HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Jones 1, S. Danby 2, F. Williams 3, J. Porter 4, E. Mullins 5, W. G. Ellis 6, E. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

**BARLBORO', DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, (the first) 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: R. F. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, P. Morris 3, W. Sturman 4, P. E. Hibbard (conductor) 5, W. Kennan 6.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by John Carter, and containing the 'Queens', 'Whittingtons' and 'Tittums': A. S. Bayley 1, R. Evans 2, W. D. Wase 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, Wm. Saunders 7, J. H. Rixom 8.

**DORKING.**—At St. Martin's Church, for evening service, on May 29th, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fisher 1, W. P. Tarling 2, Mrs. Hazleden 3, T. Streeter 4, H. Boxall 5, C. Hazleden 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, W. Lynch 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Baker 1, W. P. Tarling 2, J. H. White 3, T. Streeter 4, H. Boxall 5, C. Hazleden (conductor) 6, A. Dean 7, W. Lynch 8.

## KEEN RINGERS SHOULD BE KEEN CHURCHMEN.

BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

The last half-century has witnessed a most wonderful revival not only in change ringing, but in the status of the bell ringer. He is now regarded, and rightly regarded, as a church official—of equal importance with the choirman. Our belfries throughout the country should be considered as sacred as the vestry, both being parts of the consecrated edifice. It is a matter of regret—often alluded to by ringers—that the majority of the parochial clergy who have the legal custody of peals seldom enter the belfries. I cannot help feeling that they would be welcomed there, as they are in the vestry or at choir practice. If every Assistant Curate on entering his sphere of work would learn to handle a rope, and gradually make himself an efficient ringer, we should eventually possess many clergy who would understand the duties, difficulties, and the position of ringers. Much has been said from time to time concerning ringers who call people to worship, and yet who seldom worship themselves. To-day there are many, who though keen ringers in advanced methods, can hardly be called keen churchmen, for some worship only occasionally. To such as these, I would say, with all respect, 'What would become of "the noble art," if peals of bells were not hung in churches for the glory of God, not merely to provide the means for indulging in an interesting pastime?'

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

## USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

### 1,544 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2514567

3425167	1
2451367	2 S 6 9
5213467	2 9
1534267	2 9
1542367	1
4351267	2 5
5234167	2 5
3125467	2 5
2413567	2 5

Repeat 3 times, substituting bobs at 6-7 for the single in 2nd and 4th parts. Contains 108 6-7's, 48 4-6's, 48 7-4's at back stroke. For 336 changes omit the single, for 672 call two parts alike.

A. J. Pitman.

### 720 BOB MINOR.

23456

— 23564	1
S 63452	2
S 64352	5
S 54236	2
S 52436	5
S 25364	1
— 43256	4
— 24356	5
— 32456	5

Repeated.

H. W. Wilde.

### 657 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567

345267	1S 3
425367	2 3
235467	2 3
435267	1S
325467	2 3
245367	2 3

Repeat with B for S in first course. Whole of the 5-6-7's and 5-7-6's.

J. Carter

### 1,356 BOB MAJOR.

23456

W	B	M	H
23564	1	—	—
52364	—	—	—
53284	—	—	S
25364	—	—	—
32564	—	—	—
35264	—	—	S
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
32456	—	—	S
43256	—	—	—
24358	—	—	—
23456	—	—	S

J. A. Trollope.



**NOTICES.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, June 13th and 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms.—P. Timson, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, June 11th. All ringers are invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gosforth on June 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price.—Jas. E. Gofton, 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 11th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Maxey on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Glington (6) in the evening. Service at Maxey at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea provided. Motor bus leaves Broadway, Peterborough, at 1.30 and 4.3. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Ipswich Branch.—The bells of Stonham (10) will be open for practice on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, June 11th, it being a bi-centenary of the Cathedral bells. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.30. The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare will preside.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly meeting is to be held at Kington Magna, on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open for ringing all day. Service with orchestral music at 5 p.m. Address by the Rector and Gen. Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector and Churchwardens, in the Schoolroom. The bells at Buckhorn Weston (6) and Gillingham (8) will be available from 7 to 9 p.m.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The usual meeting will be held at Bennington on June 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—Tea will be provided free by the Rev. Canon Mills at 5 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, near the Wandle Bridge, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than June 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on June 18th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and general meeting to follow, in the Church Hall. Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, will kindly arrange for tea, at 2/6 per head, for those who advise him by June 14th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Service at 5; preacher, the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1/9 each, for those who notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 1, Morley Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday June 14th. Will those who ordered reports and have not had them try and get them at this meeting. Subscriptions received.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Thornhill, all day; Dewsbury and Earlsheaton, from 2.30 p.m. Short service in church, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. H. Parkinson, 69, Hall Lane Cottages, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, before June 14th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkeford, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 9. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 5 o'clock. Kindly let me know by the 14th how many intend being present.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Stokesay, on June 18, postponed owing to further reduction of train service.—G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 18th. Cathedral bells from 2.30 to 3.45 and 6 to 7.30. St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6), from 3. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at 4.50 at Lloyd's (late Seagrave's) Restaurant, 1/- each to fully-paid members, to others 1/9. General meeting to follow. Please notify intention of being present by 14th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A Meeting will be held at Barton-le-Clay, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. North, Dunstable.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Next meeting of the above will be Aldington, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**LAVENHAM.**—On Saturday, June 18th, the bells will be at the disposal of visitors at 2 p.m. It is hoped that new as well as old visitors will be present. Entrance West end 'Tower Door.'—A. Symonds.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (D.V.) be held at Rostherne on June 18th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 18th. The President, Canon Back, extends a hearty invitation to all members to be present. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—(Bristol Branch).—The next Monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Brislington, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Members requiring tea please notify not later than June 13th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec.

Bristol Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**ALL SAINTS', WEST HAM, ESSEX.**—Meetings for practice, Thursday, June 23rd, and fortnightly after; also service ringing—1st Sunday, 10.15 a.m.; 3rd Sunday, 5.30 p.m. in each month.—G. Hayden, 29, Maryland St., Stratford, E.15.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vine for all who notify me at 1/6 per head. Business meeting afterwards.—O. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The district Quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 25th. See notice next week.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—(Established 1623.)—The 298th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All ringers are cordially invited. A meat tea will be held at 5 p.m., and those wishing to be present should notify the Secretary not later than the 24th.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Hersham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me without fail by Tuesday, June 21st?—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, at a small cost, at 6, to those who advise me by Tuesday, June 21st, at latest.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Summer meeting of this branch will be held at Beaconsfield, on Saturday, June 25th. Evening service (Guild booklet) at Parish Church at 5 p.m., with an address by Rev. E. J. Teesdale, M.A. An invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett has again been kindly offered to the members and ringing friends. It is hoped Lady Burnham will preside at the Burnham Hall. A short musical entertainment will follow. Tower and handbells available by permission of the Rector and Churchwardens. Please inform the branch secretary before 20th June how many of your company propose to be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Nr. Slough.

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**EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.**

Two ceremonies of considerable parochial and general interest were performed at Stoke Parish Church, Coventry, on Saturday, June 4th. The memorial erected in memory of Stoke men who fell in the great war was unveiled and dedicated, and the new Holy Table, oak panelling and appointments of the Sanctuary were dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Walter Perkins, and were the gifts of his wife. A new Sanctuary carpet, presented by Miss Anslow and Mrs. H. Maddox in memory of their father, Mr. J. Anslow, was also dedicated. The war memorial consists of a porch at the entrance to the church made of oak, with a stone base and a slate tablet, on which is inscribed the names of the fallen, and the following words: 'To the memory of Stoke men who died in the Great War, 1914-19.' The unveiling ceremony was performed by Col. W. F. Wyley, D.L., J.P., and dedication by the Lord Bishop of Coventry.

Immediately after the service, the ex-Service men who had been invited to ring on this occasion rang a well-struck peal, with the bells half-muffled. Prior to the start the Bishop visited the belfry, and addressed a few kind words to the ringers, and wished them success. He said he would listen to the sweet-toned bells with pleasure as he journeyed homeward.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**PLYMOUTH.**—Devonshire Guilds.—At St. Charles' Church, on Monday, April 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Cooke (conductor) 1, A. H. Kentfield 2, W. J. Rundle 3, W. S. Hornbrook 4, F. W. Hockaday 5, W. H. Marsh 6. First 720 inside by the 2nd and 4th, the 2nd man learning the method whilst ringing.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on Wednesday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Pook (1st quarter) 1, H. Burns 2, W. Hobbs 3, A. W. Kentfield 4, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 5, W. A. Cooke 6, J. Woodley 7, W. Price 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's Church, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Derby, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Wallace 1, W. H. Buxton 2, G. W. Brame 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glew 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all. Also, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the wedding of Mr. W. Kirby and Miss E. Fletcher: F. Waldren 1, W. H. Buxton 2, G. W. Brame 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glew 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8.

**RAFORD, LANCASHIRE.**—Recently, for practice, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Jos. Rigby 1, Wm. Hesketh 2, Hy. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, S. Cadwallender 5, Reg. Huyton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Emmanuel Church recently, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Hobbs 1, H. Clymo (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Burner 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, W. Rundle 5, J. Woodley (conductor) 6, W. Richards 7, S. Simonds 8.—On Wednesday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Blewett (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Clymo 2, W. Hobbs 3, H. Burner 4, W. Rundle (conductor) 5, A. H. Kentfield 6, J. Woodley 1, W. Price 8.

**ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Easter Day, on the occasion of the reopening of the church, after restoration, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for morning service: \*A. Tomlinson 1, \*C. Booth 2, J. Morton 3, J. Humphreys 4, P. Jervis 5, T. A. Howes-Smith (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in any method. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,380 changes): F. Hancock 1, \*J. Humphreys 2, J. Morton 3, T. A. Howes-Smith 4, H. Turton 5, \*P. Jervis 6, C. Severn (conductor) 7, W. Bennett 8. Ringers of 5 and 7 hail from Killamarsh, and 8th from Chesterfield. \* 1st quarter-peal.

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