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'REMEMBRANCE DAY.'

The suggestion which, according to a correspondent, is to be carried out in the Central Northamptonshire Association's areas, viz., to ring the bells of the churches half-muffled on Armistice Day in remembrance of those who fell in the war will, doubtless, commend itself to a large number of ringers all over the country. November 11th is to be 'Remembrance Day,' and those who wish to do honour to the glorious dead will find the opportunity thus presented a very suitable one. The 'two minutes' silence,' which bids well to become an honoured and established custom on this day, has been found to be an act which goes right to the heart of the people of this Empire, and to appeal to their sentiment and to their desire to remember those who passed into immortality on the field of honour. Such an occasion is one on which ringers may well unite in doing their part, as they are privileged to do, in interpreting the national spirit.

On the other hand, there may, perhaps, be those who will prefer to let the sound of the bells recall the relief and joy that was felt at the termination of the years of war, and whose peals will be in celebration of this phase of the anniversary. May we suggest, in these cases, that it would be in keeping with the spirit of 'Remembrance Day' if the open ringing were preceded with a half-muffled touch, as a reminder to all who hear the bells of those who died? This is the least we can pay, and it can be done at very little cost of time or trouble. Indeed, these considerations ought not to weigh at all in a matter like this, for those whose memory we would honour gave no thought of time or trouble—or even of self. They gave all.

We hope, therefore, the Central Northants Association's lead may be widely followed, and that ringing may take place throughout the land in every tower where there is a peal of bells, and where ringers can be got together. Association Committees have time to take this matter in hand and circularise their branches in order to get concerted action. In any event, November 11th should not be allowed to pass unmarked by the bells.

While on this subject, may we suggest for the consideration of the Central Council, that the list which they have compiled of members of the Exercise who fell in the war should be inscribed on vellum and deposited in the newly formed library? It may not be possible to add many details to the names, except, perhaps, the place and the Association to which each belonged; but this, if done, would provide in compact form, a record of those from the belfries of the land whose memory is honoured in the Exercise. There is no other way of keeping a complete list, but, if suitably done, it would form a not unfitting memorial to those who passed to the great beyond in the service of King and country.

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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rang after meeting short for Treble Ten.

BAOUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FITTON Treble	STANLEY PICKUP 5
GEORGE BROWN 2	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	GEORGE STAFF 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal in this method by all except the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of treble and 7th hail from Milnrow, 4th and tenor from Todmorden, 3rd from Blackburn, and 2nd, 5th and 6th are of the local band.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HERBERT FOWLER Treble	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH 5
*MILTON FOWLER 2	*OLIVER GREATHEAD 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	*FRED LEWIS 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated in Nov., 1914, by the Bishop of Sheffield. * First peal. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Bolsterstone, the rest being local men. Rang at the second attempt.

KNEEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. C. V. EBBERSON Treble	FRANK CROFT 5
HERBERT E. DAY 2	GEORGE T. CROFT 6
ERNEST W. DAY 3	*WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

α The ringer of the treble was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting the peal; it was also her first peal and first attempt. * First peal in the method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS ATKINS Treble	*JOHN W. BOOTH 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	HARRY WHITTLE 6
†JOHN SADDINGTON 3	†WILLIAM THORLEY 7
RICHARD PAINE 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE. Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Mr. Whittle has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

ACTON, W.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*SAMUEL D. BREEZE Treble	*HARRY G. WINCOTE 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	*ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
*CHARLES A. BROWN 3	†ROBERT FARDON 7
J. WILLIAM FRUIN 4	*ERNEST E. EASTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to celebrate the incorporation of Acton, which became a borough on the above date. * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. All are local men except the conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WATTS Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
HERBERT RANN 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
GEORGE PIPER 3	ROBERT J. DAVE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Turner on his 50th birthday. It was intended to have rung Grandsire Caters, but owing to indisposition of one of the band at the last minute, the above was substituted.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE GRANT Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TECKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich, also first peal of Major on the bells.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Oct. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 18.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	JOHN EATON 5
WILLIAM BALL 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
*LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William B. Cartwright on attaining his majority. * First peal and elected a member before starting.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5696 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	ERNEST BISHOP 5
ROBERT W. HYNER 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
TOM O'HARA 3	SIDNEY PALMER 7
GEORGE LANCASTER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (No. 333.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the 6th its extent in all positions at 12 course-ends (5 times wrong and 7 times right), and is now rung for the first time.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 7
ROBERT HOLLOWAY 4	A. F. MAUDSLEY TUKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

* First peal and first attempt.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	JOHN NEAL 6
SAMUEL GROVE 3	ALBERT WALKER 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	ALBERT FLEMING 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	*ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 6
MISS A. M. DURRANT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ALFRED KING 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Bedford, 2nd and 7th Dunstable, 4th Luton, 3rd Stevenage, 6th Husbome Crawley and tenor Norwich.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James the Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

T. W. BOND Treble	S. F. MACEY 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	N. SPINDLOW 6
A. E. LOCK 3	G. CAUDWELL 7
H. HOLIFIELD 4	G. BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

The above was rung in connection with the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Stanton Harcourt the same day.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION REVERSED.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
GEORGE CLEAL 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briggs. The composition is now rung for the first time in this form.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE Treble	JOHN A. BURFORD 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GEORGE CONDICK 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.
 Thomas Griffin was elected a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is an odd bob peal containing 420 bobs and two singles. All 6-7's at backstroke.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EVERED T. WALSON Treble	REUBEN COPELIN 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
WILLIAM HARPER 4	JOHN AVIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

This peal was arranged by Fred M. Mitchell, who thanks all concerned.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
 First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was arranged by Clr.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M., who thanks all concerned.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
JAMES SHAW 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JACK BARNES 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.
 The composition was the Author's No. 129, and is now rung for the first time. Arranged for W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and was his first peal in the method.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, Sept. 27th 720 London Surprise Minor (taken from 'The Ringing World'): R. S. Cherriman 1, R. Stredwick 2, F. Trusler 3, A. Cherriman 4, K. Hart 5, A. White (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR PARSONS Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	H. TOM GARDNER 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Payne, who for some years was chapelwarden at the above church, and was greatly esteemed and respected in Cirencester.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	† JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
EVELYN I. MOORE 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
* ERNEST F. WHITE 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 4 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 8 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. NOWELL Treble	F. SPENCER 3
S. LOACH 2	T. SQUIRES 4
WALTER WHITE Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The above is the first peal on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

D. BURTON Treble	* PRYCE TAYLOR 4
W. E. WHITE 2	T. SQUIRES 5
WALTER WHITE 3	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal of Minor and first 720 of Treble Bob. Messrs. Taylor and Oldham are from Loughborough.

BRIDGWATER.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FRANK HOLMAN Treble	WILLIAM GIGG 4
PERCY SUGG 2	BERTRAM T. JEANES 5
WILLIAM T. LUCAS 3	REGINALD SUGG Tenor

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th are still in their 'teens' and great credit is due to R. Sugg for the way he rang the tenor throughout the peal.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court,
Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED SOUTH Treble	ALFRED J. H. PEAKE 4
JOSEPH WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

HILPERTON, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER 4
SYDNEY PEPLER 2	CHARLES DOEL 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 4
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	*LEONARD ROSTRON 5
*FRED HOLLINS 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor,
and first of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment
to A. Ingham, W. Hindle and F. Hollins.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob
and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY H. DOICK Treble	JAMES BORDFIELD 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT FEIST 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late
Rector (the Rev. F. G. Hughes), who died on Sept. 17th, 1921.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON 4
RICHARD PAINE 2	HARRY WHITTLE 5
JOHN W. BOOTH 3	ALBERT JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Oxford Bob, with
seven different callings.

WILLIAM ELCOMBE Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4
HENRY W. EDWARDS 2	FREDERICK R. STARR 5
*GEORGE OLNEY 3	ALFRED ELBURN Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal by all except conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. BARBER 1-2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON 7-8
R. ALDER GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN A. GODFREY 1	GEORGE COOKE 5
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 2	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
CHARLES WYBROW 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising five 120's of Stedman Doubles, eight of Canterbury
Pleasure, 16 of Plain Bob Doubles and 13 of Grandsire Doubles, with
a different calling for each six-score.

JAMES E. LILLEY 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
REGINALD R. POLE 5-6	

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Hertford
County Association was held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Oct.
1st, about 20 members and friends attending, including Mr. Ben.
Jarman and Mr. F. Edwards, of the St. Albans and Watford Districts,
respectively. The towers represented were: Berkhamstead, Tring,
King's Langley, Watford, Harpenden, and the local tower. The
methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.
A short service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) giving
a very interesting and helpful address, which the ringers greatly
appreciated.

After service, the Vicar invited the ringers to St. Mary's Hall,
where he had thoughtfully provided a very nice tea, which he
and Mrs. Robson served.

The business meeting was held afterwards. The Vicar, who pre-
sided, extended a hearty welcome to the association.—Mr. R. Walker
was elected a ringing member. It was also decided to hold the next
meeting at Apsley, a six-bell tower, the date to be left to the
secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells
and the address, and also to him and Mrs. Robson for so generously
providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and various touches rung, the Vicar
and Mrs. Robson being interested spectators.

FUNERAL TOUCHES.

After the funeral of Sir Frederick Eldridge for 34 years church-
warden at Croydon Parish Church touches of Stedman Triples were
rung at St. John's, with the bells fully muffled, and on Sunday, Oct.
9th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples
was rung by J. Rumble 1, A. Mason (conductor) 2, J. E. Cooper (first
quarter inside) 3, W. States 4, H. Skeet 5, A. Clark 6, S. Roper 7, A.
J. Cawley (first quarter) 8. Sir Frederick Eldridge was a staunch
supporter of the church and the borough.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 7th, Mr. Morris says the Essex Association did not understand sufficiently to pass a resolution: He is making a great mistake; it was discussed before the meeting took place by those who were present, and the general opinion was that his method was nothing but a transposition of figures. He speaks again of the practical value derived from tapping. There are, no doubt, occasional ringers of limited experience who would believe him, but I have never met them. If he has derived so much benefit from tapping, I wonder he has not grafted some of it into his so-called humbler brethren, and not wasted time tapping peals of Bob Major. Of course, he has a perfect right to do as he likes, but it is useless to try and stuff the Exercise that he is doing it to help others. His object is to achieve fame for himself; or, perhaps, it would be more correct to say, have it thrust upon him. He says he could have rung London years ago had he had the same chance as myself. I consider he has had more chance to ring Surprise Methods than I ever had. I had to scrape a band together and practise them, and go many miles to do it. We rang Superlative, Cambridge and London inside six months, without any assistance, and we only practised London three times, and rang a peal at the first attempt. Now, if a lot of novices could do that without help, surely a company with a list of 16 ringing members in the Essex Report for 1918, and a man in the company like himself who professes more knowledge of London Surprise than myself and a peal of eight bells at their disposal, have nothing to stop them if they have any energy in them. It is either that or they have no leader. If I was capable of doing what Mr. Morris professes to do, ring eight bells, I should not want to tap peals to educate myself. He asks how long have I been able to judge the capabilities of a man? That's about the only thing I flatter myself upon being able to do, and I have proved a good many times that I only want to see a man at the end of a rope once, and I can soon sum him up. When I have wanted to get a band together for anything out of the ordinary, I have never had one let me down. To my knowledge I have never met Mr. Morris, but I can sum up his knowledge of the practical side of ringing from his letter of the 7th instant. He backs out of the job of taking four bells to London, and says he has no time for freak performances. No doubt it is too big a freak for him. I will reduce my request from four bells to two, and find two others besides myself. I wonder what lame excuse he will have to offer against this. There is another thing I might mention. Some weeks ago, Mr. Keeble said he would like to umpire a peal of London tapped by Mr. Morris. I have never seen any answer to this and why?

Now, Mr. Editor, you say in your issue of the 7th you don't want any more side issues, but my plan whereby a peal can be tapped without more mental strain than ringing a pair of bells. Before answering that question, I will ask you one. As you say you have had a lot of letters not for publication on the subject, may I ask are all these writers the same opinion as yourself? If not, why take extracts out of one person's letter against his wish, and make use of it to try and make your own case good? I have never yet used other people's opinion on the subject, but as you have begun it I may say that since this correspondence started I have met hundreds of ringers who have been of the same opinion as myself, and many of them are men of great ability on tower and handbells, and many of them could tap, although they do not tap peals, and those who tap admit that their knowledge of ringing is their drawback at tapping. One thing is the transposition of figures which is not practicable in ringing. Mr. Keeble is quite right when he says it's not so difficult as ringing a pair of bells; and to support my argument I will guarantee Mr. Morris could not tap four, and let someone else tap the other four. You say in your last issue you have not said which view you take. It is not necessary to do that when you are standing by one side all the time. You are the person who gave a tapped peal the preference over a double-handed peal and started the discussion, and it's up to you to prove it, which at present you have failed to do.—Yours, etc.,

W. PYE.

In answer to Mr. Pye's question addressed to us, only one of many private correspondents has taken a view entirely opposite to ours on the question. The reason we selected the extract given last week, was that, coming from a man with a larger knowledge of tapping than the majority of people, it was highly informative, and as fair to one side as to the other, for we carefully eliminated the expression of opinion on the merits of tapping. Editors, of course, receive letters on many subjects, in which topics in the public eye at the moment are touched upon en passant, and which it is not possible to reproduce.

We have answered Mr. Pye's question frankly; is it too much to expect that he will now give us what we have asked for?

In view of Mr. Pye's offer to Mr. Morris, may we suggest that a further and still more convincing test of the relative merits of the performances would be for Mr. Morris first to ring a pair of handbells to a peal attempt, and then for Mr. Pye to start tapping a peal, and see which can get the further?—Ed. 'R.W.'

MR. MORRIS' AND MR. KEEBLE'S ARGUMENTS.

Dear Sir,—In replying to my previous question, Mr. Keeble is practically proving that Mr. Pye's assertion on the educational value of tapping is entirely wrong. In repeating the rows of a peal, he must transpose. When tapping I do the same, keeping an eye on the coursing, to see that my transposing is all right. Mr. Keeble says that this is of service, both to himself and colleagues, when ringing in the tower, so it will be clearly seen, that, as our education is almost identical, if it is of great value to him in the belfry it must also be of great value to me. Thus, by his own words, he is proving that tapping is promoting the art, as it is of great value to every ringer the tapper rings with. This being so, the performer is conforming to Rule 1 of the Essex Association, and promoting the art of change ringing, and his performances ought to be recognised, and yet he says in his previous letter he holds no brief for it, and indicates that he would vote against my peals being booked. This is, to my mind, rather strange. He also says that he sees nothing in the rules of the Essex Association to allow them to be booked, and goes on to say that he is well aware of the same having been set at defiance. I fail to see how the rules can be set at defiance, when they are not there. In his first letter he says that undoubtedly they are wonderful performances, yet in his second letter he is trying to prove they are not. As I do not understand that way of arguing I must give it up, but the fact now remains that tapping is promoting the art of change ringing. I am still receiving letters of congratulation, and as I cannot answer all the letters, will the senders please accept my most sincere thanks for their kind words? I am still waiting for the details of the system by which, according to Mr. Pye, I am supposed to tap peals. I have every sympathy with your correspondent on tapping. May I suggest that he should use his will power a little more freely, and force himself into it? I mean when he has got a disinclination for it, it is then he should drive himself into it. I know, for I have 'had some.' Can I persuade him to take it up again, and come into friendly rivalry with myself?—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

AN OFFER.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid a great deal of ink, paper, time, and many hard words, have been wasted over something which, like water, would have found its own level if left alone, and I know that one of such small account as my unworthy self won't help the matter much; but dare I 'step in where angels fear to tread,' and offer a very simple solution to a very simple affair? If Mr. Morris could meet Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. W. Keeble, and take, say, 3-4, and call a peal of London in hand, in the presence of four neutral umpires who know the method, it would settle for a long time the question as to whether it is easy to ring London 'in hand.' Mr. Morris would find that it is easier to tap eight than to control eight. Napoleon, while on St. Helena, could not make all his clocks strike just when he wanted them to do so. I would even dare to say, if Mr. Morris got the peal home that I would pay his fare to the Metropolis to try his peal.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER (AT LONDON).

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOP'S ADVICE TO A YOUNG BRANCH.

At the invitation of Bishop Macarthur, the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild assembled at Shanklin on October 8th. Ringing at St. Saviour's-on-the-Cliff was first indulged in, and the Bishop conducted a short service in the church at 3.45 p.m. In the course of his remarks the Bishop emphasised the necessity of the members of this young branch setting a high standard to work up to, both as regards quality of ringing and punctual and regular attendance, especially for Sunday Service ringing.

Afterwards, the company, numbering 46, wended their way to the Bishop's residence, 'Luccombe Hill,' situated on the renowned landslip leading from Shanklin to Ventnor, the grounds of which reach to the very cliff's edge, and from whence one can look across the English Channel. It was amongst these surroundings that tea was served, his Lordship and his household, in addition to the Vicar of St. Saviour's and Mrs. Bere, attending on the ringers. After tea, a vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by the Rev. J. C. Orr, Rector of Whitwell, seconded by Mr. J. B. Williamson, the former expressing the company's appreciation of the keen interest evinced by his Lordship in their doings, and for his earnest address at the service.

Bowls were indulged in on the lawn by a portion of the company, and the other portion returned to St. Saviour's for further ringing until 9 p.m. The towers represented were Brading, Carishbrooke, Chale, Newport, Ryde, Shanklin and Whitwell.

A meeting for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Swanmore, when about 20 members were present from Portsmouth, Portsea, Wickham, Cudridge, Bishopstoke and Swanmore. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Grand-sire, Colledge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening. It is hoped to arrange further meetings of this kind during the coming winter.

LONG STANTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The Long Stanton (Cambs) band has sustained the loss of another member of a family of four brothers who have taken a prominent part in ringing in the village since its formation in 1912. In November, 1918, Albert Cook died of pneumonia, at the early age of 25, and on Thursday of last week, Leonard Alfred Cook, aged only 23, succumbed to an attack of paralysis. He had rung, according to his custom, for the morning and evening services on the previous Sunday, but this proved to be his last active service, for he did not go to work the next morning.

The deceased had only taken part in one peal, viz., of Bob Major, but he could ring in about a dozen methods on six and eight bells, and his loss will be keenly felt. (R.I.P.)

The funeral took place on Sunday, Oct. 16th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), in the presence of a very large congregation. After the service, 360 Bob Minor was rung in whole pulls on the back six, which were muffled on the back stroke, by the following: W. Hawkes 1, J. B. Woolley 2, W. Pye 3, H. G. Benson 4, G. Crisp 5, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AND WAR MEMORIAL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Penshurst on Saturday, Oct. 8th, and was attended by about 35 members. Some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods by mixed bands. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Rycroft), who also gave an excellent address, in which he traced the history of bells which used to call the people to church as far back as the 13th century.

After service, the members adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. Horsley (curate), Mr. Constable (churchwarden), Mr. Baker (clerk of the Church Council), Mr. Edwards (verger), etc.

The business meeting followed.—The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) referred to the association war memorial. He said that at the annual district meeting, held at Sevenoaks, last February, he asked the local secretaries to collect any subscriptions from their respective bands, and send them on to him, but he had not received a single penny from any of the members. He asked them again to make some effort for this object, as the Central Committee were meeting in November, and would no doubt be making some move in the matter.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, etc., and to all who had assisted to make the meeting such a pleasant one, were passed, to which the Rector replied.

On the appeal of Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells, a collection was made on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Hostel, which realised one guinea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bradford-on-Avon, on October 8th, when about 50 ringers gathered together from the towers at Bath, Batherton, Melksham, Chippenham, Bradford, Trowbridge, Warminster, Westbury, Holt, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, and Southbroom. The ringing throughout was of a very good standard, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, being rung. After the usual Guild service, an excellent tea was partaken of at Mr. Somner's restaurant in the Chambles. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master of the Guild (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth). The next three meetings were provisionally arranged as follows: Bromham, Nov. 12th; Steeple Ashton, Dec. 3rd; Devizes (annual), January 7th.—Three new life ringing members were duly elected, viz., Mr. E. J. Truman, of Chippenham; Mr. W. Hobbs and Mr. W. Watts, of Bath.—£1 2s. was collected towards the Memorial Tablet Fund.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the excellent address at the service, also for allowing the use of the bells, and the Vicar, replying, said he would like to see all present at Westbury on the 29th October, when their new peal of eight were going to be dedicated.

This concluded the business; the ringers then returned to the tower, where further touches were rung until 8 p.m.

FAREWELL TO VERGER.

On Saturday, October 1st, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, eight members of St. Chad's Society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) as a farewell to Mr. W. Taylor, who has been verger for 30 years. All went well until the last 700 changes, when one of the band let his bell over: A. Shorte 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, D. J. Boucher 5, W. Fairhead 6, O. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Chilton 8. The band were afterwards congratulated on the excellent striking, but were disappointed at not getting the peal. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An important meeting is to be held to-morrow at Ormesby, when members of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorks Association will discuss the question of amalgamation.

Mr. A. J. Turner, whose 50th birthday was celebrated by a peal at Lewes, Sussex, last week, has been connected with the tower for more than thirty years, and he has rung over a hundred peals on the bells. At various times he has served in the offices of steeplekeeper, secretary and captain.

As we have already mentioned in this column, the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples occurs next Tuesday, this having been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731. The same day is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London. This was at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in the year 1790.

On October 23rd, 1791, which was Sunday, Holt's Original was conducted for the first time in London by a ringer taking part in the peal. This was at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and for more than a century it was believed to be the very first occasion upon which the conductor had rung one of the bells and called this peal. On Oct. 23rd, 1884, the College Youths celebrated the anniversary by ringing the composition non-conducted at the same church.

There is reason now, however, to suppose that the composition was conducted by one of the ringers in a peal at Saffron Walden, on Christmas Day, 1753, and again on New Year's Day, 1754, for an ancient newspaper cutting was unearthed a few years ago recording the peals and the ringers' names, and stating that the peal was 'composed of 148 Bobs with two singles.' As no other composition of the kind was known to exist at that date it seems evident that these peals must have been the Original, and that the performances were unknown to the London ringers 38 years later.

The old custom of 'Ringing for Gofer' is observed at Newark Parish Church on Sunday evenings in October and November. Over three centuries ago a wealthy merchant, named Gofer, lost his way one night in the forest that then surrounded Newark. He carried much money, and thieves were many, so that he feared robbery and murder. Then suddenly he heard Newark bells, and was guided home by their sounds. As a thanksgiving for his escape he left a legacy to the Newark bell ringers on condition that they 'rang for Gofer' every year on the Sunday evenings of October and November.

The peal of Bristol at Royston, Herts, on Oct. 1st was not the first of Major on the bells, but the first Surprise peal. The first peal of Major was one of Kent Treble Bob rung on May 11th last.

Among the greater doings of some of the 'star artists' of the Exercise, the work of some of the humbler brethren is apt to be overlooked, but here is a case where a word of congratulation is certainly merited. Little more than a year ago what change ringers there were among the bands at Chalfont St. Giles and Amersham, Bucks, could ring only Grandsire Doubles called in one way.

Practically without help from outside, except occasionally from Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, they have persevered in the art, and on Saturday last, with Mr. Gutteridge as conductor, five of the band rang their first peal—seven differently called 720's in two Minor methods, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. This is a performance which in merit ranks as high as many a peal which will receive far higher points in the Analysis.

Another praiseworthy 'first peal' was the one at Bridgwater, with a band which included four youths still in their 'teens.

Mr. Henry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, who celebrated his golden wedding during the past week, has been connected with the belfry of the parish church for the long period of 55 years. He is still on the active list, and only a fortnight ago rang over two hours in an attempt for Stedman Triples, which was lost through no fault of his. He has children and grandchildren who are ringers and members of the fourth generation are almost ready to be initiated into the mysteries of the art. He still takes great trouble and interest in teaching young ringers, and it is hoped that he will be spared for many more years to carry on the good work. His brother (and sister) ringers unite in wishing him and Mrs. Briggs many more happy years in double harness.

Scotland's heaviest ringing peal of ten is at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, the tenor being 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21lb. in C, so that the new bells for Inverary, with 41 cwt. tenor, will not be the heaviest across the Tweed. Both peals are by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the S. and W. District was held at Putney on Saturday, October 8th, between 40 and 50 ringers being present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and the methods ranged from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. J. Herbert and T. Bolton for their welcome to the association and assistance.

A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

By W. H. F.

A year or two back the 'Bishop of Swindon' was good enough to suggest a visit to North Devon for one of our ringing tours, and in such glowing terms that I was induced to send out invitations to a number of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to go down there for the 1921 holidays.

Preliminary correspondence with the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bampton, both holding secretarial positions in the county, led me to abandon visits to Buckfastleigh (12 bells) and Lundy Island (8 bells) as being too venturesome. These gentlemen were, however, able to coax their fellow members of the cloth at some 14 parishes to sanction our attempts, and so we had quite enough to last the week, added to which Mr. Jas. Hunt, of Taunton, made negotiations for some half-dozen towers in Somerset, where the 'fag end' of our holiday ended. It was quite a voyage of discovery, for little was known of the bells at many of the Devon parishes to which we were going; in fact, the Shepherd of our flock gave me a tower which was afterwards found to possess but six bells, whilst at another parish the bells were found to be quite unringable—Witheridge—tenor 28 cwt.

We discovered a friend at court in Mr. A. H. Searle, of Exeter, who paved the way for our noisy art, by gracefully alluding to the musical treat in store for Devonshire folk, in the 'Devon and Exeter Gazette,' and giving a list of the places to be visited. One paragraph I ought to introduce for the perusal of a Lancashire parson whom I recollect raised the question in our ringing Press that peal tours were of no value, and should be deprecated:—

'The West Country was before the great war the happy hunting ground for scientific ringers from other parts of the country, who desired to combine the pursuit of their hobby with holidays spent in visiting various places, endeavouring to score peals, and in doing a little missionary work. The party will be a strong one, mustering about 15, and including Canon Coleridge, son of the Vicar of Cadbury, who astonished the natives of Plympton St. Mary many years ago by ringing the tenor there through a peal of some 5,000 changes.'

FORCES GATHER AT COLLUMPTON.

Full programmes having been sent out, with ample instructions to those concerned, ten men were collected at Collumpton on the tenth day of September, and met with Royal success in the Kent Variation. Our team travelled down in two sections, via Exeter and Taunton, both trains being due at Collumpton at 4.5 p.m. Departure for Tiverton at 9.40 left little time to 'bite and sup' with the brotherly home hands—who had given our week a good start off. We picked up another man on our way, carrying a mysterious looking handbag, which was, on inquiry, found to be packed full of London Surprise fresh from Leicestershire. We stayed at the Palmerston Hotel at Tiverton, which has been carried on by Mr. Webber for 25 years, and for three nights found ourselves very comfortable. On arrival there was some controversy with the chambermaid as to where the 'singles' were to be placed, and how many 'doubles' were required. Having had some experience of army billeting I was able to place the 'eleven' in a suitable position to enjoy their 'going off' course at back.

On Sunday the eleven were early afield, touches of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples being rung for the morning service at the parish church (tenor 28 cwt.). The going was not good, as attention to the old oak frame is needed. Members of the local society kindly joined us, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. Burroughs), who addressed us with words of welcome, offered belfry prayers, as is the custom here; and impressed upon us all his personal wish that those who ring for the services should attend them. We had the privilege of hearing him (an eloquent speaker) give his farewell address to a Tiverton congregation on his retirement to live at Oxford, and his reference to our visit that day almost inferred we had come from Oxford on purpose to ring him there. Tiverton tower is noted for the family of Graters, who furnished a team of Graters to ring a peal many years before the Exercise possessed so many clever ringing families as it does to-day. The peal boards here are polished oak, with engraved brass plates, cut shield shape, about 16 inches over all, and the effect is very neat and good.

AT THE HOME OF THE TROYTES.

After luncheon our car conveyed us to Huntsham, the home of the Troytes. A tiny belfry, and a close atmosphere after a hearty meal were reasons for the Cambridge Major lasting but 40 minutes. This was followed by touches in various methods and a special touch for the evening service later on. The church and churchyard were inspected. Here lie the remains of Charles Acland W. Troyte, the author of 'Change Ringing' (1878). Gazing at the marble cross that marks his resting-place, the lines came forcibly to memory—

Ever the same, yet ever new,

Changed and yet true—

and one realised as a change ringer all that he did for an art that had almost decayed at that period of ringing history.

Huntsham Court to tea, by the generous invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. Acland Troyte, was a real Sunday at home, and we were loath to

depart. The journey ended at Tiverton, as it began, amidst refreshing showers that promised, in a grazing country, richer Devonshire cream for the days to follow. An hour or so in the smokeroom at the Palmerston, where handbell vibration distorted the smoke rings silently floating upwards, and then early to bed, for the 'orderly' in the morning would be calling 'show a leg there'—incidentally, I believe, he saw three.

On Monday, our party was increased to twelve by the arrival of Mr Wm. Mead, of Clun, who is not a peal hand in the ordinary sense, but desired to see fresh fields and pastures new, o'er mead and dale. The morning broke with fine clouds and bright sunshine. Breakfast at eight, motor-car at 9 a.m., were the orders for a drive to Oakford and Bampton. Double Norwich at the former tower was successful, followed by a decent lunch at one of those 'emporiums' for work, business, and pleasure, that usually adjoins the last happy resting-place of the villager, commonly called a 'public-house.' The interior of Oakford Church resembles an early Victorian Methodist Chapel. It is probably the best lighted church in England, as huge windows with clear glass are numerous on each side of the nave.

BAMPTON, TIVERTON AND SOUTH MOULTON.

At Bampton (no connection with Oxon) the Vicar met us at the church, and kindly helped us to ring a course of London Minor and other methods on his rumbling peal of 6 bells. They are to be restored when the £ s. d. comes along. There is a set of old oak stocks beside the tower, and the two ancient yew trees have their boles encased with stonework some six or seven feet high, with a stone bench all round at the tower level, forming a resting-place for the living.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox had thoughtfully prepared a Devonshire tea for us at the Vicarage, and we learnt what a good-tempered motor and side-car could now perform under favourable management. The Vicar's wife evidently possesses one of the best of coxswains. Our drive home to Tiverton was direct to the church for Cambridge Major, where the Vicar of Holbeton was awaiting us. An hour of Cambridge led two men to repeat what the tenors said to the bell frame—'You've shifted,' and the men concerned were not sorry to leave the bell frame motionless. What Pryce the bellhanger? Mr. J. W. Washbrook will possibly recollect Tiver-tenor with kindly feelings.

On Tuesday we said 'Good-bye' to Tivertonians. The start was delayed by the treasurer's settlement of accounts, cheques for £24 showing that a family of twelve want keeping nowadays. The lucky 13 of us sailed off for South Molton, through a stretch of real countryside, with tall banks and narrow roads that offered little passing room to other motors. We were now in the land of 'up and downs,' both as to towers and territory. The church was visited at once, and a team successfully tackled Stedman Triples, whilst others engaged reception-rooms at the George Inn, and stowed all the baggage at the railway station in readiness for the train journey at 9.55 p.m. into Barnstaple. The churchwarden, and the towerkeeper, Mr. Tapp, met us, and evinced great interest in our method ringing; the latter becoming somewhat excited when the bells came home, after three hours or more ringing. Going up the stone stairway with him I heard him shout in eager tones, 'They've got it—the bells are round, thank God.'

(To be continued.)

'LEST WE FORGET.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to offer the following suggestion to all ringers throughout the length and breadth of the country, that wherever there is a peal of bells of five and upwards, and a band of ringers to ring them, they be rung half-muffled on Armistice Day, the muffled side in ever grateful remembrance of those we loved and lost, and the open side in joy and gratitude for those who returned and for the blessing of victory. I am quite sure if this were done it would appeal to the hearts of all as nothing else can, and would show that we, as ringers, were doing our part to keep in mind that ever memorable day, November 11th, 1918. 'Lest we forget.'

Might I just say that we of the Central Northants Association have decided to carry this idea out, subject, of course, to the approval of the incumbent in each case.—Yours faithfully,

F. BARBER.

Hon. Sec. of Wellingsboro' District.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Please allow me to say that I entirely agree with Mr. Powell in regard to the variations he speaks of. My object in writing was to try and have this matter thrashed out, seeing that it is some thirteen or fourteen years ago since the question of London Royal was first before the Exercise. It looks to me that the same result is going to happen once more, and each of the contending parties be left with their own opinions. One must admit that it is very creditable to all the gentlemen concerned to produce these extensions, but I have no doubt that they would welcome a settlement as to which is correct.—Yours faithfully,

Preston, Lancs.

E. R. MARTIN.

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BIG OXFORD GUILD GATHERING.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT COOKHAM.

Some 80 or more members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild gathered at Cookham on Saturday, Oct. 1st, when they were entertained by the Cookham Ladies' Guild of Church Workers. The proceedings began with touches on the bells of the parish church, and during the day the following were among those who were present: Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), the hon. secretary of the branch; from Cookham—T. J. Fowler, J. Johnson, C. Tegg, E. Tuck, G. Chainey, W. H. Walker, F. W. Johnson and J. L. Kirk. Bray—P. G. Morris, A. E. Crocker, J. N. Beall and F. J. Russell. Boyne Hill—G. Martin, R. Howard, J. A. Martin, L. Martin, A. Martin, A. Martin, junr., Mrs. A. Martin, L. W. Copsey, A. G. Walker, E. Eldridge, J. Maw and E. Hobbs. Fulmer—C. Harding, F. Gudgeon and Winnie Cooper. Tilehurst (Reading)—Mrs. A. G. Horne, E. Horne, E. C. Chapman, F. W. Lane, H. Goodger, E. G. Foster, E. M. Shepherd and J. O. Leventon. Chalfont St. Giles—G. H. Olney, J. Chapman, H. Edwards and J. Astels. West Coles—R. Howard and W. Rippington. High Wycombe—Upton Wooler, W. Goodchild. W. Wycombe—C. A. Smith, G. Twitchen, Mrs. Twitchen, Harry Butler, Miss Butler and J. W. Wilkins. Beaconsfield—J. Blackmore and Mrs. Blackmore. Marlow—E. W. Atkins, V. R. Gibson, G. Hinxon, H. Collins and E. Green. Slough—G. T. Leader and W. H. Fussell. Iver Heath—Emily Fuller and G. H. Gutteridge. Stoke Poges—W. Bateman and W. Henley. Waltham St. Lawrence—G. A. Martin, W. E. Mortimore and J. Cooper. Warfield—G. W. Higgs. Old Windsor—W. Walling, F. Middleton, A. Cross, R. Wood and E. Neighbour. Staines—E. Butler and W. C. Parker. Enfield—J. Thomas. Hillingdon—N. G. Williams. Old Edward Keeley, one of the original Cookham team, who is still living, and is one of the oldest ringers in Berks, was too feeble to be present, but Mr. W. Newell, 'father' of the Reading ringers, was present, carrying his 83 years well. Visitors were interested in the belfry in an old newspaper cutting recording a bell ringing competition in Berks 150 years ago, for silver laced hats, and, further, in the framed photograph of the memorial in the cloisters at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, which was erected to the memory of 120 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who fell in the war.

Choral evensong was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Batchelor. The choir sang well under the direction of Mr. W. A. Ayres, A.R.C.O. The lesson was read by Mr. J. L. Kirk (Maidenhead). During the singing of the third verse of the hymn, 'Hark, hark! my soul,' Mr. Ayres skillfully introduced on a bell-like stop an obligato imitating the chimes on eight bells, written by himself, and making a most effective and appropriate variation for such a festival.

The Rev. Dr. Batchelor preached from the words, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camp.' The Vicar first welcomed the ringers, and, after briefly reviewing the history and uses of bells, went on to say that bells and bell ringers used to be looked upon as a separate element in the services of the Church; but this was not the case to-day in a single parish in the Oxford Diocese; here the bell ringers were regarded as an integral part of the services of the Church, as serving the Church and the worship of God just as did the clergy or the choir. They remembered their ringers, not as people heard but not seen, but rather as actually holding an official capacity in the worship of God in the churches. The ringers on their part were more and more recognising what a sacred privilege was theirs, what a responsible task was theirs in calling the people to the services of the Church, pealing over a marriage, or tolling when death visited the parish. The bell ringers present, the Vicar felt sure, realised the sacredness of their office and its responsibility, and carried out their tasks for the honour and glory of God. The bells of a church also marked the 'journeying of the camps.' Every new year 'rung in' marked another stage in the 'journeying of the camps.' Sunday by Sunday they reminded the people they had reached nearer to what God would have them be—and nearer, because of their having obeyed the summons of the bells and come to God's House and joined in the prayers of the faithful. Hence the bell ringers recognised what a privilege they had in helping to make life stronger and holier and more beautiful for all through calling the people to the House of God.

The party, after service, gathered on the lawn of the Vicarage, where they were received by Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor, and where tea was served to them by the following ladies: Miss Leith, Mrs. Leith and party, Miss Greenwood, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Ellis, Miss Gamble and Mrs. Earle.

After tea, the Rev. Upton Wooler (West Wycombe) proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor and the Ladies' Guild for their kind hospitality, and Mr. L. W. Copsey (Boyne Hill) seconded, the vote being supported in very grateful terms by the Rev. W. Whitting-

stall, of Chalfont St. Giles, who said the reception of the ringers that day reminded him of the apt entries in a visitors' book in Cornwall—'We expect a good tea. Later: We have had an excellent tea' (applause). This well represented the experiences of that large party at the hands of their friends at Cookham. Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor had expected only 60 visitors, but they had 'risen to' the needs of over 90; and their very warmest thanks were due to the Vicar and his wife and their helpers (applause).

In acknowledging the expressions, the Vicar assured the gathering that he and Mrs. Batchelor were most glad to see them, and they were all very welcome. Such a gathering provided a sort of bond of union among the bell ringers of the branch, where they were enabled to meet at the friendly board and 'swap ideas' and sentiments and strengthen the bonds of fellowship (applause).

After tea the company was entertained on the lawn by Mr. George Martin and Mr. Arthur Martin, and the latter's two little sons, to some splendid handbell ringing, and the Vicar and others sang songs, while afterwards the bells were kept going in various methods for a couple of hours, a course of Cambridge and London Surprise Minor being included in the ringing.

A FRODSHAM OUTING.

THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF 'A PERFECT DAY.'

From Frodsham on September 17th, a long-looked-for excursion to the somewhat wild and woolly towers 'back here' took place. Profiting by experience, spare ropes, oil, marline-spike, etc., were carefully collected, and as speedily forgotten. The ancient mulberry tree at Stockton Heath was named the collecting station, and from thence the road led to Lymm. Conveyed by a local ringer of repute, whose recreation is the building of bridges and the making of cities, the party were very quickly examining the relics of the belfry. One was an ancient towing rope, another a certain cure for pimples; and there were more.

The motto on that 30 cwt. tenor must surely be 'Vox mea resonabit per montem et vallem.'

A touch of Kent was brought home, the 'Dumpling' distinguishing himself highly on the tenor, as did also the London County man, who had frozen on to the aforesaid towing rope—calling it 'his very own.' Stedman was next attempted, the award of merit going to the conductor, who happily called the bobs in the right places. Mention might also be made of the rope, which made Cambridge places during the touch, causing the 'Dumpling' to barge in the vulgar tongue in no uncertain way. Other touches were rung, the 'go' of the bells causing the old heads and fat men to veer toward the light end.

Eventually 'cease fire' was called—maybe sarcastically by the Master—and fresh fields were sought. A beautiful church, with beautiful surroundings and beautiful bells, the tenor only requiring an extra wheel attached—and a tow rope. A few courses were next rung at the Cafe Royal, ably called by the builder of many things, the striking being perfect.

Warburton was the next stop. Memories of Lymm tenor caused a cry of 'volunteers to the front.' Herminius-like, the Grappenhall representative filled the breach, and covered himself with glory. The way he rang that bell should live in ringing history—and from inquiries made he is still living.

Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, a Rochdale visitor standing in the latter, causing the 'Dumpling' to remark at the close of the touch, in his best Hamlet-like manner: 'Sir, I assume you are aware that I spoke to you just now.' The visitor mildly said he thought he heard something. This brought events to a close.

Tuning up the chiming apparatus, the Soham man reeled off a touch of Double Norwich, followed by Kent Treble Bob. The former finished at a shift, the latter by a bob called from outside. 'All aboard' was shouted by the pilot—a wave of the hand to his reverence—cricketer, scholar, and parson—a last admonition, 'Haste, wanderer, the sun is sinking low: he shall return, but when shalt thou?' and 'that is all,' called at the end of a perfect day.

The ringers who are duly thankful for the joys and sorrows of that day were Messrs. Fairclough, W. Bibby, J. Bibby, F. Bibby, C. Raddon, W. Ashcroft, E. Jenkins, T. Lightfoot, R. Greave and H. Collyer.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, a meeting of the Halesworth District of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Cratfield. Members were present from Ke'sale, Thornham Magna, Ufford, Bungay, Ditchingham, Balingham, Bramfield, Henham, Halesworth, Chedington, and Cratfield. Well-struck touches in the four standard methods were rung on the fine peal of six bells, at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. England) kindly provided the ringers with tea, which was much appreciated. At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and entertainment.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, at Carist Church, 672 Cambridge surprise major: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, K. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, J. H. Rising 7, R. T. Holding (conductor) 8. Rung in memory of the late Mr. C. J. B. Cooke (late Master), and Mr. B. Langford, both of whom were members of this tower.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Allwood 1, C. W. Nuttall 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, Rev. J. F. Amies (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Palmer 5, A. Knights 6, G. Thompson 7, F. E. Smith 8.

SKIRBEK, BOSTON, Lincs.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Groombridge, junr., 1, F. Staffwith 2, Harold Palmer 3, W. E. Clarke 4, Harry Palmer (conductor) 5, A. Swain 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Dean 1, D. Wright 2, G. B. Selby 3, H. J. Skel 4, H. J. Selby 5, W. Groves 6, R. Brough (conductor) 7, Dudley Peters 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7, hail from Croydon, the rest are local ringers.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, 720 of London Surprise, in 26 mins.: H. Turner 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, W. R. Drage 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, for evensong, 820 Grandsire Triples: H. Hayzell 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, Y. Green 3, H. G. Benson 4, Miss V. Shorter 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6, W. Welch 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BENKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 22 mins., six different callings: J. Weavin 1, G. Horner 2, W. Bartholomew 3, E. R. Robey (conductor) 4, R. Bates 5, E. Fowler 6.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Goodman, senr., 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, F. Evans 7, B. Fullwood 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): J. Ray 1, W. A. Ables 2, W. Mills 3, F. Evans 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, B. Fullwood 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On October 9th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 514 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, R. Coles 3, G. White 4, E. Markham 5, F. K. Biggs 6, W. A. Melville (first touch of Cinques) 7, G. Twicken 8, S. Boxall 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, N. C. Ingram 12.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, C. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, T. Beadle 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, Harry Brooks 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. This was a farewell quarter for A. G. Bennington, who is leaving this district for Norfolk.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, Barnes, on Oct. 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8. Also a quarter-peal, in 42 mins., for harvest thanksgiving: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, W. Woods 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

ALTON, HANTS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Noakes 1, A. A. Ham 2, V. Lowton 3, H. Evans 4, A. Evans 5, W. Perry 6, A. Hardiman (conductor) 7, L. Noakes 8.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 720 of Double Oxford Bob: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, A. Shuttlebotham 3, H. P. Emery 4, H. Redgewell 5, E. Clayton (conductor) 6.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For harvest festival, evening service, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., by: F. Wilson 1, C. H. Briggs 2, C. Brown 3, H. Briggs 4, T. H. Wright 5, G. P. Garner 6, J. W. Reynolds (first as conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8. This was a good achievement by the conductor, who as recently as five weeks ago conducted his first touch of Triples. He was heartily congratulated by his colleagues.—On Sept. 23th, also for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: P. Reynolds (first-quarter-peal) 1, H. Wright 2, W. A. Needham 3, W. Reynolds 4, C. Belton 5, H. Webb 6, G. Garner (conductor) 7, S. Coe (first quarter of Triples) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, which were dedicated July 15th last.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Mounter 1, S. Dawson (Duffield) 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, G. Huxley 5, G. Durling (conductor) 6, P. J. Spice 7, F. F. Scott 8. After evening service, the last 700 of Holt's Original: A. James 1, P. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, E. Mounter 4, F. Pike 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, F. F. Scott 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, September 18th, for Matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. C. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, E. E. Johnson 4, F. Triner 5, J. Walley 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 18th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills 2, R. Hall 3, J. Jagger 4, J. W. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, J. Reed 8.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's, for harvest festival, on Sunday, 25th Sept., 504 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy M. Leader 1, W. H. Fussell 2, G. T. Leader 3, G. Bedford 4, A. Bateman 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

OLDBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, in 43 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Hall 1, W. Mills 2, S. Asbury 3, T. Watton 4, J. Jagger 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, J. Ray 8.

WEST DIDSbury.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Whitelegg 1, G. Snowball 2, W. Cooper 3, H. Brickell 4, W. Brown (conductor) 5, A. Frost 6, F. Stoneley 7, J. Cole 8. J. Cole was a ringer at the above church 32 years ago, but now resides at Penmaenmawr, N. Wales.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, harvest festival, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major: W. G. Melbourne, W. H. Dyson, F. Ely, G. Lindridge, H. Redgewell, J. Harvey, H. Welham, J. Rose, W. H. Hammond and C. H. Howard (conductor), took part.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, R. Hinton 2, E. C. Elliott 3, C. Tiller 4, F. Sparshott 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, S. Clarke 7, F. Knewitz 8.

CHELMSFORD.—For the harvest festival, at the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, the last 742 of Holt's Original: A. Saltmarsh 1, H. Allen 2, P. Timson 3, J. Clarke 4, C. Pease 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, W. Pease 8.—On the previous Thursday, in connection with the festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Saltmarsh (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Whight 2, P. Timson 3, J. Clarke 4, C. Pease 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, W. Pease 8. Rung on the back eight.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, 720 Brown Edge: C. Pinton 1, W. Wheelton, junr., 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, W. Wheelton, senr., 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1.120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

MAJOR.

23456	W H
52436	—
35426	—
42356	—
34256	—
23456	—

3.380 by B at M, in 2nd Course and repeating twice.

A. J. PITMAN.

1.008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567

672453	2
346572	1
543267	5
435267	4

Five times repeated with S for B half-way and end.

E. MULLINS.

640 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456 1 4 5 6

35426	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	3

1.200 by repeating with S for first bob at 6.

J. HUNT.

720 BOB MINOR.

23456

61235	4
31352	1
54236	2
52436	5
23645	2
32456	1
34256	5

Twice repeated

H. W. WILDE.

NEWCASTLE GUILD'S OUTING. SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO BEVERLEY.

Last year the Newcastle Cathedral Guild made a very praiseworthy attempt to record the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of Beverley Minster, an attempt that came so near fulfilment that only a few sixes were required to complete the peal. Unfortunately, the effort came to grief. Not being satisfied with the result it was again decided this year by the Guild that another attempt be made to attain their object, and, accordingly, eleven members of the Guild, including Mr. R. Richardson, of Wellington College, journeyed through to the Yorkshire town, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, and the peal of Stedman Caters was rung in the old N.W. tower without a hitch. The performance was a very creditable one indeed, and, as far as the striking was concerned, was a very fine peal. Nothing but praise was heard from many of the local inhabitants, who seemed very pleased to have the Guild back amongst them. The main object of the week-end was thus accomplished, and put the party into very excellent spirits, or was it that the spirits got into the party? At any rate, some of them seemed to get rather out of hand, while the persistent attentions of a wasp to one notable member seemed to arouse general curiosity.

Visits were made to the belfry at St. Mary's on Sunday morning, to the Minster on Sunday afternoon, and to Holy Trinity, Hull, on Sunday evening, where short touches for service were rung and thoroughly enjoyed, especially by 'The Novice,' the methods being Stedman, Eriu and Grandsire.

An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Monday, came to grief, after about two hours' ringing, 'The Novice' most likely being the cause, as the excitement of the week-end seemed to have percolated into his system, while the fact that he was trying to think out a good cure for toothache may have been another reason. This being his first attempt at a peal, perhaps he may be forgiven.

Further sight-seeing by the party, under the guidance of their old friend, Mr. Sellars, who seemed to know something about the growth of tomatoes, and about the antiquities of the place, brought the visit to a close for the bulk of the party.

The Guild regret the departure of their old friend, Canon Nolloth, D.D., from Beverley, and will always associate the successful peal at the Minster with his farewell. They also desire warmly to thank the Rectors and incumbents of the various churches where the use of the bells and belfries had been so generously given, also to acknowledge the kind assistance and help of the local ringers.

The chronicle of the doings of certain members of the party who extended their visit cannot be exactly recorded, neither can the successful method of curing toothache be divulged by

'THE NOVICE.'

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bewdley, some 30 members being present from various towers in the district. Ringing took place before and after service and meeting, but the 'go' of the bells prevented more than a few plain courses being accomplished. The service was conducted by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. The usual business was transacted, Mr. W. Short being elected Ringing Master, and the other officers re-elected.

Much criticism of the way the bells had been rung was made at the meeting, and the Secretary of the Kidderminster band wished the meeting to understand that they were in no way responsible for the report which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the opening of these bells, which said they gave general satisfaction.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding at the meeting.

Mr. J. E. Groves was appointed to conduct the quarterly peal. The next meeting, subject to the usual consent being obtained, will be held at Kidderminster in January next.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. Fredk. George Walker, of Hemel Hempstead, who passed away on September 30th, at the West Herts Hospital, after only a very brief illness. The deceased was 28 years of age, and was for nine years a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The bells were muffled on Sunday, and on Wednesday, after the funeral, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) was rung as a last tribute of esteem, by: H. Floyd 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding (conductor) 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, J. Floyd, junr. 8. A large number of wreaths, including one from his brother ringers, as a token of respect and deepest sympathy, were laid on the grave.

NOTICES.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing from noon. Service in the church at 3.15. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow in the village at 3.45; members 2/-, non-members 2/6.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock (address by: Rev. E. J. Atkins). Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Meat tea will be provided at The Chequers Hotel at 4 o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cuckney on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/3 per head to members, 2/- to non-members. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus on Oct. 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting at the Church of St. George, Hyde, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Charles Bower, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The meeting at Pitminster arranged for Oct. 15th has been postponed until Oct. 29th owing to illness near the church. Times of service, tea, etc., to remain. Will intending visitors kindly let me know by the previous Tuesday, as tea is being provided?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual Monthly meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. All ringing friends are cordially invited.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Secretary will be pleased if members who have not yet paid subs. for 1921 will kindly do so at earliest convenience.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on the 29th inst. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea at 5.30, at a charge of 1/6 to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—All Saints' Parish Church. Dedication and opening ceremony of new peal of eight bells Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Teas 1/- each. Intending visitors kindly notify E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec., 4, Church Terrace, Westbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Mytton on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting at The Old George, Mortlake. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. Hunt, 34, Charles Street, Barnes, S.W. 13, not later than Wednesday, 26th inst., so that adequate arrangements can be made?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Smethwick. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday the 25th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m., Three Tuns Hotel. Service at the Cathedral at 12.30 with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 1.30 (members 2/-, non-members 4/-). By permission of the Dean and Chapter the Cathedral bells may be rung. The duration of touches must not exceed 15 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes between. Ringing must not interfere with services. By the Vicars' permission, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' bells will be available all day. All requiring dinner must notify me by the 25th inst. Subscriptions for 1921-2 are now due.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bell Hotel at 5.30. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 26th.—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere Oct. 29th. Ringing, service and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea, 6 o'clock, at the Café, 1/6 if ordered by 24th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 31st; Bishops-gate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishops-gate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reopening of All Saints' bells, Hereford, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., tea in St. Peter's Parish Hall free to those notifying me not later than Oct. 25th. Service 7 p.m., preacher Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Peals will be arranged at other towers during the week Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th, those wishing to take part must notify me not later than Oct. 22nd.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles' in the Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tickets, 8/6 each; from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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