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### THE STANDARD OF RINGING.

From the experiences of Association officials at meetings all over the country and from the evidence of our own columns, ringing has made a wonderful recovery from the effects of the war. In the three years which have elapsed since the Armistice many bands have been built up again; the bells are, in perhaps the majority of cases, rung regularly once more for the services on Sundays; the activities of the associations have revived to almost, if not quite, pre-war vigour; and the ringing of peals is increasing steadily. All these are splendidly healthy signs, and yet, in conversation the other day, a well-known ringer expressed the opinion that ringing on the whole was not as good as it was before the war. In explanation he advanced the view that there was not the same keenness and enthusiasm, nor quite the same desire to do things well, and, consequently, the quality of the ringing was inferior.

The majority of the Exercise have no doubt felt perfectly satisfied with the way recovery has been made since the end of 1918, but there is, after all, something to think over in this ringer's view. Too often, we are afraid, all of us are readily content to think that all is well when it is not really so, and the opinion expressed above has, probably, a good deal in it when one reviews the present position and compares it with those seemingly far off days 'before the war.' There is, perhaps, to be found in our application to the art a little of that spirit of slackness which has, unknowingly, maybe, crept into even more serious aspects of life, as a kind of reaction after the strenuous days of the war. It cannot be described altogether as 'weariness,' and when one endeavours to sense the thing it is difficult to put a name to it; yet it is there.

Lest we be accused of saying that some particular ringer or band is not doing his or its best, or is falling below the standard of pre-war days, when, in fact, he or it may be showing even greater enthusiasm and ability, we hasten to say that the views expressed have only a general application, but they are worth noting, if only they make ringers pause to consider whether they are too self-satisfied with their progress. Is there not room for a little more enthusiasm, which might be manifested in more regular and punctual attendance at service and practice ringing? Is there not scope for a little more keenness in the desire to strike better and advance in method ringing? Is the general standard of the work really as good as it was before the war intervened? These are questions which we could each put to ourselves, and, if answered conscientiously, many would perhaps find that there is considerable truth in the remarks which we have quoted. And the remedy? That is in the hands of the ringer himself.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... 6
*JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	†JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 3	*JAMES BULLOCK ... 8
*MISS GLADYS E. BATEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9
†FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Portsmouth and 7th from Midsomer Norton, Somerset.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	WILLIAM J. NUDOS ... 7
GEORGE B. LUCAS ... 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	*JOHN COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a compliment to William H. Freeman on his birthday, the band again thanking him for his hospitality after the peal. \* First peal on ten bells. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At St. MARTIN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*PERCY HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN OLDBAM ... 6
†SAMUEL COTTON ... 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 8
*SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Royal in Leicester. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Oldham for travelling from Loughboro' at short notice to fill a vacancy caused by the sudden illness of Mr. George Cleal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
At THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 57½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 2	JAMES HUNT ... 7
ALBERT STOWELL ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 8
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
SIDNEY M. LOXTON ... 5	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... Tenor
	CHARLES J. PAIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the induction, enthronement and installation of the Right Rev. St. John Basil Wynne Willson, D.D., into the Bishopric of Bath and Wells, which ceremony took place on Tuesday, November 15th.

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

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

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

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.  
CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. Treble | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5  
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2 | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6  
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7  
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4 | WILFRED W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers on the anniversary of signing the Armistice.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. Treble | SAMUEL BURGOYNE ... .. 5  
THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... .. 2 | CECIL J. BAKER ... .. 6  
FRANK JOHNSON ... .. 3 | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7  
R. ALLAN HICKTON ... .. 4 | HERBERT LEWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. \* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day, also for the coming of age of Miss M. E. H. Kirkby.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.  
GEORGE GRANT ... .. Treble | EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 5  
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 2 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 6  
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7  
D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. ... 4 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. William W. Gifford, Mr. C. W. Goodenough and Mr. James Elcombe, all of whom were most active members of the Guild for upwards of 30 years.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.  
THOMAS EAST ... .. Treble | FREDERICK S. MACEY ... .. 5  
G. FREDERICK JAMES ... .. 2 | RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 6  
JAMES BUTLER ... .. 3 | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7  
WILLIAM J. NAPPER ... .. 4 | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

This peal was arranged for the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.  
RICHARD SMITH ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5  
RICKS PAINE ... .. 2 | CHARLES WINNER ... .. 6  
JOHN BURLS ... .. 3 | CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7  
HERBERT E. ADESLY ... .. 4 | HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal to Richard Smith and for the silver wedding of Mr. William Ware, leader of the Northfleet band.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.  
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble | EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 5  
TOM STANCLIFFE ... .. 2 | JONATHAN WHEWELL ... .. 6  
FRED BRADLEY ... .. 3 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7  
JAMES SHAW ... .. 4 | WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. GOODALL.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung by ex-service men to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice and in affectionate remembrance of all brother ringers fallen in the war. The ringers of 5th and 8th hail from Burnley, 7th from Churchkirk, 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Blackburn and 4th and 6th from Oswaldtwistle. \* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.  
PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5  
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2 | EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. 6  
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7  
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\* ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Treble | THOMAS TULLETT ... .. 5  
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 6  
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3 | JOSEPH WREN ... .. 7  
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 4 | THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung on the eve of the 8th anniversary of the consecration of the church and bells. \* First peal of Triples. Messrs. Tullett and Wren hail from East Grinstead, Lambert (3) from Horsmonden and the rest from Salehurst.

LONDON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, COBITT TOWN,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.  
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble | ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 5  
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2 | ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6  
REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 3 | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7  
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4 | DALBY HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MASON.

First peal as conductor in any method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.  
\* SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble | WALTER AYRE ... .. 5  
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 2 | MISS L. M. MOBBS ... .. 6  
† MISS ELSIE B. BRANDON ... 3 | \* ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 7  
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 4 | ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1920, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. Canon Swindell, M.A., R.D., as Canon of Birmingham.

OOGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	JOHN SADLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, who were married at the above church Nov. 12th, 1896.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	HARRY HUBBLE ... .. 6
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... .. 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of the local memorial to the men of Brierley Hill who fell in the Great War.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.

ARTHUR WEBBER ... .. Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 5
ALBERT ROUGH ... .. 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. 50th peal of Double Norwich by Frederick J. Howchin. 100th peal as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED COATES ... .. Treble	GEORGE WELLING ... .. 5
WM. A. BRECKON ... .. 2	*ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6
†FREDERICK W. JOHNSON ... .. 3	THOS. SCOLLICK ... .. 7
THOS. METCALFE ... .. 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Patton on attaining his 83rd birthday, he having been a ringer at the above church for over 60 years. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1915.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN BAYLISS ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	ERNEST W. TURNER ... .. 7
†SIDNEY HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. 3 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH ... .. Treble	AUGUSTUS HAYFIELD ... .. 4
J. W. H. HALL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. FENTON ... .. 5
HORACE MORLEY ... .. 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

The ringer of the treble hails from Howden, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Selby Abbey and 4th and tenor belong to the local band. The peal was rung for 'Guy Fawkes night,' the bells being fired after the peal.

BREDEBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKINS ... .. Treble	*JAMES HAMER ... .. 4
*WILLIAM MANTELL ... .. 2	RICHARD BETHELL ... .. 5
ALFRED TOMKINS ... .. 3	†HENRY HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMKINS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal in two methods for all the band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of the men from the parish who lost their lives in the great war.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
†JOHN BAYLISS ... .. 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the Armistice.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

P. C. LUKE BROOKES ... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. LILLEY ... .. 4
REGINALD CLEMENTS ... .. 2	WALTER FLITTON ... .. 5
PERCY WEBB ... .. 3	FREDERICK GRIGGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. WEBB.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the men who gave their lives in the war, including four local ringers; also as a token of respect for Mr. W. J. Carver, who had been organist at the Parish church for 42 years, and was buried the same day previous to the peal. Five of the band are ex-service men.



**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Ten different callings.

*REGINALD C. UNDERWOOD <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM E. COLES ... .. 3
*MISS C. WILMA LAWSON... 2	JOHN F. BROOKS ... .. 4
CHARLES W. SMITH ... ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

First peal by treble ringer, aged 14 years. First peal by Miss Lawson, who is the first resident lady member to ring a peal for the above Branch. Rung on the anniversary of the termination of the great war. \* First peal away from treble.

**LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Clement's, St. Simon's and two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

H. DAY ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	V. CORNELL... .. 3
H. CORNELL... .. 2		W. HEAD ... .. 4
J. MARTIN ... ..	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of those who fell in the war, and on the third anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

**BLEDLOW, BUCKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*F. NICHOLLS ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	REV. E. J. TRESDALE ... 3
*A. J. SEYMOUR ... .. 2		*G. SEYMOUR ... .. 4
J. W. WILKINS ... ..	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all. The conductor hails from High Wycombe, the remainder are local.

**BOVINGER, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, 960 of Canterbury, 960 of Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

JAS. MANSFIELD ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 4
WILLIAM MARRABLE ... .. 2		BENJ. GEORGE BURTON ... 5
WILLIAM LITTLECHILD ... 3		WILLIAM MANSFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day. Messrs. James Mansfield and Burton belong to Nazeing, the others to Roydon. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also the young ringers for getting them ready.

**HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

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

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 5
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* Elected member of Association previous to starting. Messrs. Lambert hail from Horsmonden, the rest from Salehurst.

The report of a peal rung at Glodwick, Lincs, on November 12th has been sent without the name of the conductor.

**EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Being seven different 720's.

*FREDERICK WREN ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 4
ALBERT REID ... .. 2		*PERCY MARCHANT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 3		JAMES A. HART ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

\* First peal of Minor.

**EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

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

In seven methods, viz.: Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRED HILL... ..	<i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4
*ERNEST STONE ... .. 2		E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR ROWLEY ... .. 3		EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

\* First in seven plain methods 'inside.'

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, Nov. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
In the Tower of the Parish Church,

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

Seven different 720's.

MISS ROSE A. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4
JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
JOHN CLARK... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Umpire: J. BLAKE.

First peal rung for the Hereford Guild by a lady residing in the Diocese.

**CHRISSHALL, ESSEX.**  
**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob Old Doubles, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK HAYES ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	HARRY HOWARD ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2		ALBERT HOWARD... .. 5
WALTER MANSFIELD... .. 3		WALTER SERMONS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal in six methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

**CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edward,

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

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Norton-le-Moors, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK TRINER ... ..	<i>Treble</i>	JOHN W. WALKER ... .. 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 2		*JAMES WALLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 3		FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells for 37½ years, and also the first peal in which the new method, 'Norton-le-Moors,' has been rung. All the above ringers hail from Norton-le-Moors.

**RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.**

On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, with the bells deeply muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Keeble 1, A. F. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, J. G. Rumsey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor), 6, E. H. Bailey 7, C. Sampson 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, 576 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, E. H. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, J. M. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. The touches were rung as a token of deepest sympathy with Mr. John M. Button, late Master of St. Margaret's Society, upon the death of his wife.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

### LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
IN THE TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 1-2	*FREDERICK MORTLOCK ... .. 4
FRANK TURNER ... .. 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 5-6
WM. R. JOHN POULSON ... .. 7-8	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. R. J. POULSON.  
Umpire: L. POULSON.

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

### MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE NORTH FARM,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

### HARWICH, ESSEX.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.  
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

The above peal was tapped as a birthday compliment to the composer.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. J. J. JONES.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford on Saturday, November 12th, and was very well attended. The bells at Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Churches were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held in S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler (Rector), the Guild's form of service being used. An excellent address was given by the Rev. Canon Cooke Yarborough (Rector of Puttenham). Miss Margaret Simmonds presided at the organ.

Tea was held at Brett's Restaurant, the Mayor of Guildford (Councillor H. M. Lunn) being in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Canon Cooke Yarborough, Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon), and others.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones (late hon. sec.) of a handsome silver-plated tangle, subscribed for by members of the district as a mark of appreciation of his services during his 34 years' secretaryship. The presentation was made after tea by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler, who said he should never forget that when he was assistant priest at S. Nicolas and wanted a team to ring, Mr. Jones told him it was like playing a game of chess and riding a bicycle at the same time.—Mr. Jones, in thanking the members for their handsome present, said what he valued most was their appreciation of the work he had tried to do for the Exercise during the 35 years he was secretary.

At the business meeting the accounts for the past year were submitted and passed, and the following officers were elected: Hon. secretary, Mr. E. Raddon; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Hazleden; Chairman of committee, Mr. W. R. Melvill; representatives to the Central Committee, Messrs. Jones and Hazleden; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were sent by Canon Kirwan (Guildford) and Mr. J. H. White (Dorking).—The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor for presiding, the Rev. G. M. Wheeler for conducting the service, Canon Cooke Yarborough for his address, and to Miss M. Simmonds for acting as organist.

Places of meeting for next year were fixed as follows: Dorking in February; Worpleston in April; Cranleigh in May; Cobham in July; Aldershot in September, and the annual at Guildford.

After the business a capital entertainment was given by Mr. Sid. Murrells and his concert party, varied by touches on the handbells and songs by Miss M. Simmonds.

## WESTBURY'S "MAGNIFICENT EIGHT."

### NEW PEAL DEDICATED.

The grand old church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts. is now in full possession of one of the most magnificent peals of eight bells in the country. The old six bells were re-cast and new metal added, so that, in addition to the two new trebles, the weight of the others have been increased, the tenor being now 35 cwt. The bells have been hung in an entirely new frame, and the whole work carried out at a cost of over £2,000 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with that characteristic excellence which has made them famous. With the exception of from £200 to £300 all the money required has been raised in the parish, a fact of which the good people of Westbury may be justifiably proud.

All the old inscriptions and ornamental bands which were on the original bells have been reproduced with an infinite amount of skill and care upon the re-cast bells and the Arms of the Earl of Marlborough and the Royal Arms which appear on the re-cast 7th are, if anything, more distinct than they were upon the old 5th bell. The heavy peal form a noble eight as they hang in their massive iron frames, which from their appearance are constructed to last as long as the tower stands, and the design and construction of all the various fittings down to the smallest detail assure the observer that nothing remains undone that could possibly lend itself to the placing of the peal in the most perfect ringing order. Those who had the pleasure of the first pull on the new bells were unanimous in their expressions of pleasure at the ease with which these heavy bells can now be rung.

There were nearly 200 ringers present on the occasion of the opening on October 29th, visitors coming from Bath, Bristol and various towers in the Salisbury Diocese; others came from Swindon, Slough, London, Dorchester, Swanage, Newport (Mon.), Sheffield, Devizes, Trowbridge and other towns in Wilts. Among well-known ringers were Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. King (Bath), Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon), Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. J. Sykes (Huddersfield), Miss Edith Parker (London), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), Miss Evelyn Moore (of Warminster), and others. Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, acted as Ringing Master for the occasion.

The congregation that attended the dedication ceremony completely filled the church, and the service was very impressive.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon beneath the noble arch which supports the tower. Having given the salutation, 'Peace be to this house,' to which came the response, 'Alleluia,' the churchwardens requested the Archdeacon to 'dedicate to the honour and glory of God the bells now hung in the tower.' Taking the ropes the Archdeacon offered the customary dedicatory prayers, using the words, as he delivered the ropes to the Vicar, 'Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish; and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His honour.' Then, holding the ropes, the Vicar and his churchwardens kneeling, he pronounced the dedicatory prayer: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate these bells from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the glory of God and for the benefit of the Holy Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

The Doxology was then sung, and the remaining prayers were offered by Archdeacon Carpenter—for the worshippers, for all that hear the bells, for the ringers, for the afflicted, for the departed.

After the exhortation, 'Sing we merrily unto God our strength,' and the response, 'Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob,' the first open notes of the bells were heard, the effect in the church being as of the sound of a church organ, the mellow sounds of the trebles, intermingled with the rich booming notes of the deep-toned tenor, combining to produce an effect of indescribable grandeur. It was a solemn, and yet joyous, moment to the vast congregation.

Choir and people next joined in singing the hymn, 'In the House of God's own glory,' and following an address by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the service closed with 'Angel voices, ever singing,' and the Blessing.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5th, the members of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Glodwick, the towers represented being Glodwick, Middleton, Oldham, East Crompton, Milnrow, Todmorden Parish Church, Crossstones, New Hey, Miles Platting, Ashton Parish Church, Ashton St. Peter's, Pendleton and Hyde, and the number present being 31. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble and Plain Bob were rung.

Mr. S. Stott presided over the usual business meeting which followed the ringing. It was unanimously decided that next month's meeting should take place at Whitworth, on December 3rd.

A delegate present from Oldham Parish Church tower intimated to the meeting that their bells were not at present in fit condition for ringing.

The meeting then concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers.

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LEICESTER, ST. MARGARET'S	...	...	10 „	33 „
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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL, YORKS	...	10	„	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ „
DUNDALK, ST. JOSEPH'S, IRELAND	...	10	„	25 „
MONKS KIRBY, WARWICK	...	...	8 „	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ „
DITCHEAT, SOMERSET	...	...	8 „	24 „
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There has been a boom in peals in recent weeks, and, swelled by the number rung on Remembrance Day, the reports of these performances have been so heavy in the past week that we are compelled to hold over a number of them.

We are informed that Oldham Parish Church bells a ring of twelve, with a tenor of 33 cwt., are so badly in need of the attention of a bell hanger that little or no ringing can be done on them.

The handbell peal rung by the Cambridge University Guild on Nov. 5th was conducted by Mr. E. M. Atkins.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Denison Hayward, the genial and popular tower master at Great Yarmouth, will extend their sympathy to him in the heavy bereavement which he has sustained by the death of his wife, who passed away on October 28th.

A young band—all under 21—and self-taught, are now regularly practising Grandsire Triples at the village of Ringwood, Hants. The bells are rung regularly twice on Sundays, and there is a weekly practice on Tuesday evenings. They only took up change ringing last year, and are heartily to be congratulated upon their quaided progress.

To-day is the centenary of the first peal of Treble Bob Triples, which was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on Nov. 25th, 1821, and last Wednesday was the centenary of a peal of 5,040 New Treble Bob Royal rung at Soham. One hundred and five years ago yesterday the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung on handbells at Sheffield.

Next Sunday will be the anniversary of a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques, rung in the year 1729, at Cornhill, by the London Scholars.

It is quite possible that there may soon be another twelve bell oasis in the desert of the counties of the south. Taunton, now a peal of ten, is to have two trebles added.

The peal of eight at All Saints', Hereford, which have just been restored, with a recast tenor, date from 1769, when they were cast by Thomas Rudhall, but an inventory of 1552 shows that there were eight bells and a sanctus bell in the tower, even at that distant date.

A big contract for the installation of electric clocks in the new London County Hall at Westminster is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon. There are to be, in all, 700 dials.

## THE LATE MR. R. J. WILKINS. MUFFLED RINGING AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday evening, November 8th, the twelve bells at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, were muffled in memory of the late Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, who was a respected member of St. Martin's Guild. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 54 times (corresponding with deceased's age), followed by six-courses of Stedman Cinques in the inverted titums and handstroke home position: T. Russam 1, E. T. Allway 2, T. H. Reeves 3, G. F. Swann 4, P. O. Laffin 5, M. J. Morris 6, A. S. Norman 7, J. F. Smallwood 8, S. Mansell 9, J. George 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, J. Neal 12.

## DRONFIELD RINGERS DEAD.

### YORKSHIRE TOWER LOSES TWO MEMBERS.

Dronfield, Yorks, has lost one of its veterans, in the person of Mr. Samuel Allen, who has passed away at the age of 82 years. He had been a ringer at Dronfield Parish Church for upwards of 62 years, and took part in many six-bell prize ringing contests all over the county. The deceased possessed a rich, deep bass voice, and had been a chorister at the church for upwards of 50 years.

The impressive funeral service was fully choral, and was largely attended, and the deceased was laid to rest under the shadow of the walls of the church he loved so well, and in which he gave the best of his talents.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Old East Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers, and by his geniality and kindness, together with his rare old stock of anecdotes of ringing and musical lore, always drew a large circle of friends around him.

After the interment, half-muffled touches were rung upon the bells. The following towers were represented: Ecclesfield, Norton, the Catfield, and All Saints', Sheffield.

The deceased was a prominent member of the R.A.O.B., and took an active part in the working of and introducing new lodges in and around the district in the early years of his life.

It is with regret we have also to record the death of Mr. Thomas Platts, of Dronfield, who has died at the age of 55 years. He has been a ringer at Dronfield Parish Church for close upon 35 years, and was also verger for a number of years.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Sunday morning, Nov. 6th, 336 Double Norwich, and for evensong, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Tipton 1, T. Hari 2, V. Tipton 3, G. Dent 4, H. Smale 5, S. Clarke 6, J. Cordell 7, Wm. Wheeler (conductor) 8.



## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

PROPOSED PEAL OF 12 FOR ST. MAGNUS.

(Continued from Page 707.)

In proposing the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' Mr. C. H. Horton (vice-chairman) said the coming together on such an occasion of so many representatives of societies from different parts of the country helped in many ways to advance the cause of change ringing. The College Youths had their annual dinner in London; the St. Martin's Guild held the Johnson Commemoration dinner every year in Birmingham, and he would suggest that one of the other provincial societies should institute another such gathering to make a triangular affair of it—perhaps it could be done somewhere in the west. He believed it would knit together even more strongly the interests of ringers and ringing, for amongst the majority of ringers there was a spirit of brotherhood, and it was brotherhood that counted. The College Youths always did their best to make visitors welcome in that city (hear, hear). They welcomed there that night members of the following, among other societies: Gloucester and Bristol, Midland Counties, Essex, Herls, Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Oxford Guild, Salisbury Guild, Royal Cumberlands and London County. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Bennett, of the Royal Cumberlands, well known to many ringers of past days, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild, who had done yeoman service for the church, and ringers generally (applause).

Mr. A. B. Bennett responded for the London Societies, and expressed the pleasure which it gave the members to take part in that enjoyable reunion to talk over old times with old friends, and to make new friends. He asked the College Youths to accept their thanks, and wished them continued prosperity.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards replied, in a racy speech, for the Provincial societies, and emphasised the spirit of brotherhood, referred to by the proposer, which was always shown by the College Youths to provincial ringers when visiting London. Country visitors always received a hearty welcome in the towers, and it was noticeable how the College Youths accommodated their methods to the rudimentary capacities of the country men.

### 'THE VISITORS.'

Mr. W. D. Smith submitted 'The Visitors,' and remarked that the gathering was one of the most representative he had attended in connection with the College Youths. It showed that the society was appreciated. He expressed the thanks of the society for the support given to them, and he thanked the London rectors for permitting them to ring at their respective towers, which enabled them to continue in their endeavours to advance the art of change ringing.

It was at this stage that Mr. Carter's ringing machine was publicly shown, and after the course of Stedman Cinques, the Master thanked Mr. Carter, to whom, he said, every honour was due for the marvellous patience and ingenuity he had shown in the construction of the machine. It was a compliment to the society that the machine should make its first public appearance at their gathering (applause).

The Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus) responded to the toast of 'The Visitors' in an interesting and humorous speech, in the course of which he stated, amid applause, that he hoped some day they would be able to increase the present peal of ten bells at St. Magnus to twelve, as there was room for two more. He had, he said, a great love for our English bells, and he owed a great debt of gratitude to the Ancient Society of College Youths, because they were the first people to welcome him when he came to his new parish. Continuing, the speaker said he was a great believer in the historical traditions of ringing, and the use of the bells. At St. Magnus he had revived two ancient usages, for what he considered the main purpose of bells, viz., the advance of the cause of the church. Bells were not merely for their pleasure; they were to remind them of higher things, and he did not think any man of due sensibility could hear the bells in the ancient towers speaking of the services of God, which were going on inside the churches, without having their thoughts raised a little bit towards things which were above. They of the clergy ought to realise, perhaps more than they sometimes did, the great and valuable part that the ringers played in the services of the church. The revival of which he had spoken at St. Magnus was the revival of the Angel bell (or Angelus), at a quarter to eight, at mid-day and at half-past six. The Angelus dated back to the eleventh or twelfth century, and was rung three times a day as a memorial of the Incarnation. He had had at least one message that that bell was helpful. Nurses at Guy's Hospital had told him that when they heard the bell across the river it did serve as a reminder to them of the spiritual side of their work. The other revival was the ringing of the Sanctus bell at the consecration prayer in the High Eucharist, as a call to those who were not amongst them to raise their hearts and offer a prayer in union with those in the church.

### BELLS AND THE PRESS.

Mr. E. A. Young proposed 'The Press,' remarking that there was a real link between the bells and the Press, for in the old days when there

were no newspapers it was to the bells that the people looked for the announcement of news of great importance. Ringers were interested in the toast in that they had a paper of their own. It was a great asset to have such a paper, run in their own interests, and although they might sometimes feel they had a little grievance if their performances did not appear when they had done something which they thought merited it, they had to recollect the difficulties which often confronted the journal.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast. The aim of 'The Ringing World,' he said, was to do the best for the greatest number, and if some were occasionally disappointed because their special touch or paragraph did not appear it was not because there was any intention of keeping it out, but because there was not the room. It was not possible to put 24 pages of matter into 16, and it was inevitable that when, as was often the case, there was far more material than there was space available, something had to go 'overboard.' The Editor had to do just the best he could, and while he was sorry for those who were disappointed, he asked them to believe that that disappointment was unavoidable.

A most interesting musical programme was then carried out, opened by Mr. Percy Cave with a pianoforte selection. Messrs. A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, T. Faulkner and R. Fenn next gave an exhibition of London Surprise on handbells, and almost completed a course, which was loudly applauded. Excellent songs and a duet were contributed by Messrs. H. Castell (who was also the accompanist), and W. C. Dowding, but the most delightful and novel item in the programme was the handbell solos given by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who was loudly encored for her charming rendering of 'Ashore' and 'Little Grey Home in the West.' This was Mrs. Hughes' first appearance at a ringers' gathering, although she has performed at other entertainments previously, and her extremely clever manipulation of the bells, coupled with the artistic rendering of the solos, was quite a feature of the evening's entertainment.

After the toast of 'The Artistes,' submitted by Mr. T. Faulkner, the enjoyable proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A highly successful meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding. A goodly number of ringers from the Nuneaton District were present. Grandsire was first rung, one very young enthusiast baying to be accommodated with a couple of boxes in order to get near enough to the beloved sallie. Next came St. Clement's and Kingston Treble Bob, and London Surprise and Grandsire followed. Then the ringers attended service, conducted by the Vicar, the surpliced choir assisting. The ringers' hymn, 'Set between the earth and heaven,' was sung after the first lesson, followed by the Magnificat. After the Collects and prayer for ringers, 'Faith of our Fathers' was sung, and the service concluded with the Nunc Dimittis.

Tracks were then made for the Schoolroom, where a good tea was waiting. Afterwards the Vicar, who was elected an honorary member of the Guild, welcomed the ringers to the parish, and said he hoped to do so again on some future occasion.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the choir for their attendance.

The tower was then again visited, and London, Beverley, Cambridge, Chester and Norbury were all brought round, thus concluding a very happy day.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and a service was held, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Holmes). At tea, which was served in the School, 30 members were present. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by Miss E. Steel (vice-president), Mr. F. Payne, of Kettering, and members from Sharnbrook, Harrold, Threlkington, Riseley, Clapham, Elstow, Bedford, and the local company.

The District Secretary referred to the sad loss to the Elstow company and to the association by the death of Miss S. Smith, and a vote of condolence was passed, by all standing. Although Miss Smith had only rung one peal, she was a very keen ringer, and her loss will be sadly felt by all her ringing friends.

The Secretary's report was passed, and the committee were re-elected en bloc. The secretary, although he gave notice to resign, was asked to take on the duties for another year, and consented to do so.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bromham, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'—The Vicar was elected an hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for his kindness in providing tea, to which he responded.

A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by H. L. Harlow 1—2, W. Stapleton 3—4, C. W. Clarke 5—6, F. Webb 7—8, E. White 9—10, brought the meeting to a close. The methods rung in the tower ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

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**HEREFORD GUILD'S WAR MEMORIAL.****ALL SAINTS' BELLS RESTORED.**

The Bishop of Hereford, on the eve of All Saints' Day, dedicated the recast tenor bell at All Saints' Church, Hereford, and once more, after fifty years of silence, this peal of bells, now rehung in a new frame, rang out again. The recasting of the bell was the proposal of Mr. C. Edwards, one of the joint secretaries of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and was undertaken by the Guild as a memorial to its 57 fallen members. The tenor is 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., and is inscribed, on one side:—

To the glory of God and in memory of the ringers of the Diocese, who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. This bell was re-cast by the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, 1921: A. G. M. Rushton, Vicar; S. Searle, H. R. Rogers, Churchwardens.

On the other side of the bell is reproduced the old inscription:—  
 'I to the Church the living call  
 And to the grave do summon all.  
 Stephen Sandford, Esq., Mayor, 1769.'

The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has given the greatest satisfaction, the firm's work having drawn the warmest praise from the large number of ringers who assembled in the ancient city for the opening ceremony.

The dedication service was one that will live long in the memory of the parishioners of All Saints. The Bishop, in his robes, the choir and clergy, preceded by the thrifter scattering incense, walked in procession to the steps of the belfry, where his Lordship solemnly dedicated the tenor bell to the memory of the 57 fallen ringers, and offered up prayers for the repose of their souls. At the conclusion the buglers sounded 'The Last Post' and 'The Reveille.'

The lessons were read by the Dean of Hereford (the Very Rev. R. Waterfield), and the Bishop preached an impressive sermon upon the uses of bells.

On the following day there was Solemn Evensong, attended by members of the Guild. The Rev. J. H. Roberts officiated, the lessons being read by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. M. Rushton) and the Rev. G. W. Turner (Vicar of Madley).

The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild). The sermon was based on the three opening verses of the 40th Psalm, in which he found a parable which crystallised in metaphor the story of the re-cast tenor bell. The bell, he added, was now a bell of remembrance, a monument to those who had laid down their lives for God and their fellow-men. It was fitting that the dedication should have been on All Saints' Day, for that was a day which tugged at every heart, and more so than ever now because of the remembrance of those last seven years. Could they ever forget those early days in 1914 when those to whose memory the bell was re-cast, set out on that great adventure, which was to win peace and liberty? So was it with the Christian life itself. Their profession, their faith, was a great, a splendid adventure.

After the service the Office of the Dead was sung by the Rev. F. G. Russell.

There was a large gathering of ringers at tea at St. Peter's Church House, over 150 sitting down, under the presidency of the Dean of Hereford. Among those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley (Secretary, Hereford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. A. C. M. Rushton (Vicar of All Saints), Rev. J. R. Roberts, Rev. A. Middleton (Allensmore), Rev. F. E. Russell, Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton (Joint Secretary, Diocesan Guild), Mr. R. Knowles (Worcester), Mr. E. Jenkins (Norwich), Mr. A. A. Hughes (head of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. H. Philot (Obeltenham), Mr. S. Searle and Mr. H. R. Rogers, jun. (churchwardens), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), and many others.

After tea the Chairman complimented Hereford upon its bells, and congratulated the Vicar of All Saints upon the very happy festival which they were this year celebrating. No one could have been present at the dedication service the previous night without being impressed by its extreme beauty. The bell ringers of the diocese could not possibly have chosen a better way to commemorate the fallen bell ringers than by re-casting the tenor bell and refitting it so that with the other bells the peal might be rung again as it had been in the days of their forefathers (applause).

The Vicar welcomed the Guild, and spoke in gratitude and appreciation of the work done by Mr. C. Edwards in connection with the memorial.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, said it was a matter of great regret to him, after a 23 years' absence from his native Hereford, to come back and find the peal still out of order, the tenor bell still cracked. When the question of commemoration of the fallen diocesan bell ringers was raised the idea came to him, he felt almost as an inspiration, that it might be possible to have it re-cast. It had been possible. He did not attempt to minimise the task, or the anxiety which the re-casting had been to the bell foundry, but all had ended well. His difficulty in getting a full list of names was very great. He was afraid it was not yet complete. He believed that if the parishes would only respond and give accurate returns

that it would be found there were 66. He hoped that a full list for permanent record would soon be possible.

Congratulations were also extended by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. J. G. Buchanan and Mr. G. H. Philot.

Much ringing was organised in the diocese during the week, and the visitors spent a very happy time.

**A CUMBERLAND'S GOLDEN WEDDING.****PEALS, HOSPITALITY, AND PRESENTATIONS.**

Should there be any members of the Exercise (of either sex) who still believe in the old adage that 'ringers and singers are no home-bringers' they would be well advised to ask the opinion of Mrs. Benjamin Foskett in the matter. For certainly her good man, 'Old Ben,' brought a goodly number home to No. 1, Olive Road, Cricklewood, on Saturday, November 12th. And should 'Old Ben' by any chance fall in with the suggestion of one of the party to make it an 'annual,' no doubt his good lady will look forward to seeing her beloved taking part in long peals once again in preference.

However, the occasion was a memorable one, even for the proverbial long-lived ringer. For had not Mr. and Mrs. Foskett outlived the trials of 50 years of married life? And was there one of the party who did not hope that, should it be his good fortune to recall such a landmark in this 'vale of tears,' he would at least be as happy, contented, and comfortable as this worthy old couple?

To the younger generation of ringers Mr. Foskett's name may not be so well known, but to those of us who can hark back (dare we say it?) round about 30 years his name is well known as one who has done much to further the Exercise. His proudest performance was his share in the 13,440 of Double Norwich at Romford in 1894, and in the few years preceding and following this he took part, with the late George Newson and Henry Dains, in a goodly number of peals for the Royal Cumberlands. But there are two sides to every story, and this long peal was no exception to the rule. One wonders what his feelings were at Brentwood, some six weeks before the peal was successfully rung, when the treble rope came down on his head after ringing 13,072 changes in 8 hrs. 16 mins., the actual time taken to ring the peal at the next attempt! All this, of course, is ancient history to the 'old uns,' but it may serve as a reminder to the younger generation that perseverance is as necessary in ringing as in anything else.

The peals rung to mark this historic golden wedding have already appeared in their proper place. Following the peals at Highgate and Willesden on the Saturday, the respective bands assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Foskett to partake of their hospitality. The number of good things provided, it need hardly be said, were done ample justice to. Following the toast of 'The King and Royal Family,' Mr. Foskett welcomed his friends in a few words of kindly advice and reminiscence. He was pleased to see that the company included not only members of his own society, but of the Middlesex, London County, and College Youths.

The toast of the evening, 'Mr. and Mrs. Foskett,' was proposed by the Master of the Society, of which Mr. Foskett has for so long been a worthy member and office-holder, whilst Mr. W. Pye also added a few words of good wishes. Then followed song and jest, interspersed with a course of Stedman Cinques, a course of Double Norwich, three leads of Treble Twelve, and a touch of Stedman Caters.

At an appropriate interval a pleasant little surprise was sprung upon the worthy couple by Mr. J. D. Matthews, on behalf of the ringers at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. It was his pleasure and privilege, he said, to ask Mr. and Mrs. Foskett to accept some small token of the goodwill of his fellow Sunday ringers. The speaker recalled the fact that during the dark days of the war, when ringers had a difficulty in keeping things going, he had no more loyal supporter than Mr. Foskett, who, despite his age, was regularly in his place on Sunday morning, rain or shine. Mr. Matthews then pinned on his old friend's tie a gold pin, with a bell in relief, and Mrs. Foskett received a gold brooch to match.

Mr. Foskett tendered his thanks on behalf of himself and wife, and said how much they would value the small tokens they had just received. He hoped for a long time yet to be regular in his Sunday ringing, but reminded his hearers that years were beginning to tell.

And to prove it he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques before 48 hours had expired!

To the Misses Foskett and friends the best thanks of the party are due for all they did for their comfort. With such daughters one need have no misgivings as to the welfare and comfort of 'Old Ben' and 'Mrs. Ben' in the evening of their days. Long life and good luck to them—one and all!

J. D. M.

**HALF MUFFLING BELLS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I should be glad for any of your readers' opinions as to which is the correct way of half muffling bells. Should they be muffled on hand-stroke or back-stroke? We always muffle the back-stroke, but on visiting a neighbouring tower just recently on the occasion of war memorial dedication we found the bells muffled on the hand-stroke, and it led to a discussion as to which is the proper way. Perhaps someone will give an explanation?—Yours truly,

JAMES SMITH, Hon. Sec., Horbury Branch, Y.A.C.R.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for a special war memorial service for the fallen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Trench 1, A. R. Jones 2, J. Bazeley 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Langstroth 5, Dr. Wales (conductor) 6, C. Langstroth 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

**SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.**—For morning service, at All Saints' Church, 360 Bob Minor: J. Porter 1, H. Bowen 2, John Porter 3, V. Bowen 4, E. Barker 5, Tony Price (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: E. Barker (conductor) 1, H. Bowen 2, J. Porter 3, R. Watson 4, H. Porter 5, T. Brice 6.

**BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Green 1, G. Jones 2, T. Grant 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Hallett 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6.

**ALDERMASTON, BERKS.**—For morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Chapman 1, J. Hazel 2, W. Clark 3, Miss S. Davis 4, F. Freeman 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Abery (conductor) 7, W. Green 8.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, October 16th, harvest festival, for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor; for Matins, 720 Bucknall Delight; for evensong, 720 Biddulph. Ringers: Misses A. Preston and A. Wheelton, and Messrs. C. Preston, C. Pointon, W. Fradley, W. Wheelton, junr., and W. Wheelton, senr. On the preceding Thursday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Chas. Bowen (first 720) 1, C. Preston 2, W. Wheelton, junr., 3, C. Pointon (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheelton, senr., 6.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 360 and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Pelling 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Watts, senr., 3, G. Piper 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, A. J. Turner 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and a 720: W. Watts, junr., 1, W. Watts, senr., 2, G. Piper 3, F. Bennett 4, R. J. Dawe 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, W. W. Dickinson 5, C. H. Ross 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

**SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. F. Cole 1, E. G. Goddard 2, G. Spencer 3, J. Milner 4, J. N. Frossell 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Howes (conductor) 7, W. Warne 8.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (twin bob), in 42 mins.: E. F. Pike 1, W. Smith 2, F. King 3, G. Wickens 4, F. Terry 5, J. E. Keep 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, F. Scutcher 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Upshall 1, H. Prior 2, F. L. Clercq 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted, senr., 7, A. King 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.**—On Sunday evening on Nov. 6th, 720 Double Oxford, in 23 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss E. M. Goodship (first in the method and first attempt) 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, F. Mitchell (conductor) 4, G. Morrad 5, M. V. Jarrett, R.E., 6. Arranged for M. V. Jarrett, who was on a visit to the district with the R.E. band.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, 307 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, E. Bishop 5, H. A. Hearle 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, H. Shepherd 4, H. Bragg 5, S. Bragg 6, R. Bragg (conductor) 7, J. Bragg 8. Composed by D. Matkin, and rung for the first time. First quarter-peal of Major by all, and first by a local band in Solihull.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Panuett 2, H. J. Norgate 3, J. Law 4, A. Bradley 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Taken from Holt's Original.

**ERITH, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. J. Smith 1, F. J. Cullum, senr., 2, F. Grove (St. Mary's Woolwich) 3, J. T. Lowrey 4, D. Harvey 5, E. J. Hott (conductor) 6, A. J. Morlon 7, J. S. Morlon 8.

**BEVERLEY.**—At the Minster, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for morning service, 305 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, A. H. Foster 2, C. P. Bradley 3, G. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10. From 'The Ringing World' for Oct. 7th.—For evening service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters, in 56 mins.: A. Botham 1, C. P. Bradley 2, C. G. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10. From 'The Ringing World' for July 15th.

**CHATHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, Col.-Sergt. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey 5, C. Norris 6, F. Richardson (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. Couchman 1, F. Richardson 2, T. Hills 3, H. Springate 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, G. Norris 6, Col.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 7, G. Lawrence 8. It was S. Hill's first quarter-peal with a bob bell also rung as a birthday compliment to him.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, F. B. Sinkins 3, G. W. Frayne 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles (conductor) 9, W. Hibbert 10.

**COALBROOKDALE.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 30th, for the choir service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes, composed by John Carter: W. Crawford 1, R. Evans 2, A. Bayley 3, B. Rixom 4, R. Jones 5, W. Wase 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Johnston 8. Also for the musical service in the afternoon and for evensong, short touches of Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, taking part.

**CHELMSFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evensong, 701 Grandsire Caters: A. Saltmarsh 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Whight 3, A. E. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) 4, H. Allan 5, P. Timson 6, C. Pease 7, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 8, J. Wood 9, W. Pease 10. This is the longest length on ten bells by the ringers of 1 and 2.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, J. Collett 4, H. Packer 5, T. Banning 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Bultler 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1,230 changes of Double Norwich, in 50 mins.: F. Hunt 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, T. Blackburn 5, T. Kendall 6, H. Walker (first quarter in the method) 7, L. A. Goodenough 8.

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### 1,280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

#### MAJOR.

23456 B M W H  
45236 — — —  
45362 — — —  
23564 — — —  
62534 — — —  
23645 — — —  
42635 — — —  
23456 — — —

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#### MAJOR.

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52436 — — —  
42635 — — —  
23645 — — —  
63425 — — — 2  
24365 — — — 1  
32546 — — — 2  
53246 — — — 2  
23456 — — — 2

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### 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

#### MINOR.

2345 4th W O I H  
4359 — — —  
3254 — — —  
3425 — — —  
5243 — — —  
4235 — — —  
4523 — — —  
5324 — — —  
2345 — — —

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**VETERAN BLACK COUNTRY RINGER.****MR. ROCK SMALL'S 82nd BIRTHDAY.**

On Saturday, November 12th, Mr. William Rock Small, the well-known, popular and respected octogenarian Black Country bell-ringer, celebrated his 82nd birthday, and in honour of the event the bells of several church towers in the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang out 'birthday greetings.'

At Wednesbury, the place where Mr. Small first saw light, in the year 1839, and where he rang his first peal—Treble Bob Royal—in the year 1886, the Parish Church bells were rung by the 'senior' band to the tune of Stedman Caters (many of the company having rung peals with Mr. Small over 33 years ago), and were successful in scoring a good peal in 3 hours and 47 minutes. Whilst the 'seniors' were ringing at Mr. Small's native place, some 'juniors' and one of the 'stalwarts' were attempting a peal of Stedman Triples ('Rock's' favourite method) at the 'Pepper Box,' Tipton Parish Church, where Mr. Small attends Divine service when he is fit and weather permitting, but, unfortunately, after ringing nearly an hour, the attempt came to grief owing to too many being in the 'slow' at one time. The band was: J. Pemberton, W. A. Cooper, Abe Greenfield, S. Baker, W. Fisher (conductor), Jesse Screen, T. Cattell, and Reuben Hall, the last-named having taken part in peals with Mr. Small 40 years ago. Unfortunately, Mr. Small was, for the first time in his career, unable to take part in either of the birthday peals, owing to his legs not being able to stand the strain of three hours. Neither was he able to get over to either the Wednesbury or the Tipton functions, to which Mr. Small always invites his colleagues when his birthday celebrations are in progress.

The Tipton contingent were entertained at the Britannia Hotel, Church Lane, the witty and good-humoured Mr. John Jagger joining the party, together with Mr. Alf. Rowley, the Tipton tower-keeper, who acted as chairman. After drinking the health of Mr. Small the party spent the remainder of the evening in handbell ringing.

The Wednesbury 'boys,' together with three ladies (Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mrs. Ben Gough and Mrs. Bert Horton), were entertained to a hot dinner at the ringers' coffee-pot, 'The Three Tuns' Hotel. Afterwards Mr. James George, who should have taken part in the peal, but was unfortunately late, was voted to the chair, he being the senior of the party. In proposing the health of Mr. Small, he congratulated him on attaining his 82nd birthday, and said how sorry he was that Mr. Small was not able to be with them. He hoped, however, that Mr. Small would live for many years to come, and that he would be able to take part in the pastime he loved so much.

Messrs. Herbert Knight, Ben Gough, J. E. Groves and Bert Horton also spoke in honour of the veteran ringer, and said how they appreciated Mr. Small, who had helped to put bell ringing on its proper basis and to advance belfry reform.

Mrs. Groves, on behalf of the ladies present, and on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, also spoke, and said that she hoped Mr. Small would be able to take part in many more birthday celebrations.

At the request of the gathering Mr. Ben Gough undertook to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the ringers to Mr. Small.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A successful meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, November 5th. Quite a large number of members put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, and it was good to see an old friend, Mr. James Hunt, now of Taunton, amongst the company.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies), who prefaced an instructive sermon with a hearty welcome to the association. Tea was served in the Church House, the members being the guests of the Rector and the local ringers, who were heartily thanked for their kindness. The former, unfortunately, had to leave before the business meeting, but before departing he addressed a few words of thanks to the members for the help given by the association to his own ringers, and expressed a hope that all had enjoyed the meeting.

At the subsequent business meeting, the chair was taken by the President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.), who proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed towards the success of the gathering, especially to those who had been good enough to provide such an excellent tea as they had just enjoyed.

The Hon. Secretary produced a number of Central Council publications which he had for sale, and disposed of several.

A large party afterwards visited St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, under the guidance of the genial towerkeeper, Mr. H. Dyas, and several touches were rung on the very fine peal of bells. A further visit was paid to the tower of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields where ringing was continued until 9 p.m.; amongst the methods rung at both churches being touches or courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Superlative Snr-poise.

**NOTICES.**

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Earl Shilton on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 4 till 7 p.m. Smoking concert following.—F. Cotton and H. E. Norman, Secs.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on the 26th inst. Eight bells ready early.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road Northampton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Service 4 o'clock, Parish Church. Tea 4.30, the School, Fore Street, Heavitree. Branch members tea free; visitors 1s. each. All Ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector. Business after tea. Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, Nov. 28th; Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—C. Morse, Hon. Sec., 2, Tycoch Road, Sketty.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1921. Please notify me on or before Nov. 28th, 1921, how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than Nov. 28th so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—Owing to illness at Bishop's Stortford the annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Abbey Temperance Hotel.—F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. E. Colchester. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at All Saints, Wokingham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea only provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Ringing at St. Paul's after the business meeting.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) and meeting after service. Will members who intend to be present kindly notify me by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements can be made for tea? Shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) will, by permission of the Vicar, be available all day. — W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Service, conducted by the Rector, at 5. Through the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, tea will be provided after the service, and visitors must notify me by first post on Wednesday, Nov. 30th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless notice is sent. All ringers are welcome. Business meeting to follow.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Whitworth. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday Dec. 3rd. Tea will be provided at the 'Cadena,' Wine street. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Steeple Ashton on December 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea please let me know early.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at a small charge, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is desired, and I shall be glad to hear from all who require tea about three days prior to the meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The first Annual Social will be held at Chorley on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 5. Tea in the Church Institute at 5.15, to be followed by a whist drive and social evening. Visitors heartily welcomed. Admission, ladies or gents, 2/6 each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 10th. The fine recast peal of ten (tenor 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when the Vicar (Archdeacon Stanton Jones, B.A.) will address the members. Tea at 5 p.m. in Captain St. Schools at 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Horton, Bradford, before Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second 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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**WRITTLE, ESSEX.**—On Friday, Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Emery 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Lincoln 5, A. Head 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Afterwards, with the bells open, 1,280 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, F. G. Radley 4, G. W. Sorrell 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. Emery 8.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday afternoon, 5th November, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association spent an enjoyable time at Litlington, Cambs., a small village near Royston. The ringers met with the intention of attempting a peal of the bells of the Parish Church, which were augmented from five to six last February. The Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Edwards) met the ringers at the church, and insisted that they should adjourn to the Vicarage and have tea before starting for the peal. Upon arrival at the Vicarage they were welcomed by Mrs. Edwards, who had a splendid repast awaiting them. After partaking of the good things provided, the ringers returned to the tower, and an attempt was then made for the peal, but after ringing 720 Oxford Bob and nearly 720 Cambridge Surprise the peal came to grief.

A further attempt was not made but touches of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung, and then the Vicar appeared again and invited the ringers to meet the local men at the Vicarage and have some more tea. After this, some of the local ringers were put through their first plain course of Bob Minor, and then a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung by: S. Reed (Melbourn) 1, D. G. Hibbins, conductor (Cambridge) 2, A. E. Austin (Stapleford) 3, C. Gouldthorpe (Melbourn) 4, F. Harper (Melbourn) 5, S. E. Roberts (Royston) 6.

The bells are a light peal, tenor  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in A flat, and go excellently. The ringers wish to place on record their appreciation of the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards in making them so welcome.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY.**

**WINDSOR.**—At the Parish Church, on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples, half-muffled, in 52 mins.: J. W. Crofts 1, W. F. Cross 2, H. F. Hunt 3, T. Smith 4, A. J. Harman 5, C. Farr 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The above are all Sunday Service ringers.

**ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 518 Grand sire Triples from Holt's Ten-part: G. H. Dexter 1, A. Ballard 2, R. Barrow 3, L. Jackson 4, A. Cattell 5, J. Morris 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, A. Cufflin 8. Rung in honour of the Armistice, with bells half-muffled.

**WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.**—At All Saints' Church, on Remembrance Day, 720 Bob Minor, rung on the middle six, treble leading, tenor covering: A. Hatcher 1, \*J. Gray 2, \*A. Muntz 3, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 4, J. Rose 5, C. H. Jennings 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in honour to the glorious dead. \* First 720.

**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.**—Norwich and Ipswich Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Friday, Nov. 11th, in commemoration of the Armistice, a half-peal of Plain Bob Minor (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 23 mins.: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling, junr., 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling, senr. (conductor), 6. Longest length by the local company.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—With half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. A. Jones 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dickon 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Dowler 1, H. Hastings 2, E. Boylin 3, W. Mumford 4, H. J. Dowler 5, Wm. Ikin 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the war. The above are all ex-Service men except the ringer of the treble. Rung on meeting short for an ex-Service peal.

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