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The success which has attended the dinners at Bristol and Birmingham on the last two Saturdays is another evidence of the value which ringers attach to the social side of their doings. The Birmingham proceedings have long been an established institution—this was the thirty-fourth of the series—which has developed into an almost national gathering; but that at Bristol was a new venture. The experiment, however, fully justified the undertaking, and, organised on lines which have proved popular elsewhere, met with an instantaneous success. The one drawback was that this year it was impossible to avoid holding the dinner close to the Johnson Commemoration, and no doubt it had the result of somewhat affecting the attendance at both. If and when the proposed Yorkshire gathering comes to be established, four such festivals will be provided for the Exercise, well distributed over the country, and an effort should be made to space them out over the winter season. Already the two old established dinners have more or less fixed dates. The College Youths hold their annual banquet in London early in November, the Johnson dinner is at the end of February. If Bristol and Sheffield could arrange their dates to avoid these for the future, as doubtless they will try to do, the Exercise could well maintain four festivals of this kind and make each of them a real success.

The Birmingham gathering fully upheld the prestige which it has justly earned, and drew together a representative gathering. Birmingham has always been a home of good ringing, but there has probably never been a time in its history when it possessed a better band of ringers than the men now associated with St. Martin's Church, and certainly there has never been a more enterprising and enthusiastic company in the Midland metropolis. One keynote of this success is the fraternal feeling which animates the members, and visitors to Birmingham cannot but notice the warm spirit of goodwill which permeates the Guild. The great tradition which is there associated with ringing is being worthily maintained, and behind that tradition is the memory of men like Henry Johnson. His life and work for ringing is an inspiration, and while it is possible and, indeed, probable, that this annual gathering would be carried out without anything to prompt it but the immediate enjoyment to be obtained, the association with it of the memory of a man who did so much for the science, who laboured patiently and without desire for fame, adds immeasurably to the interest of the occasion. Henry Johnson's name is one which will go down in ringing history with those of Stedman, Annable, Holt, Shipway and a handful of others; and it is well that we should be periodically reminded of what we, the ringers of to-day, owe to these men of the past.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

FULHAM.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD, AND
ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER 1	... Treble	*PERCY E. CLARK 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2		GEORGE C. ILES 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3		ARTHUR HARDING 8
FRED W. GOODFELLOW 4		HORACE BELCHER 9
WILLIAM E. JUDD 5		ARTHUR F. M. TURE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hollier.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD 1	... Treble	AMOS W. CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 2		*RALPH MACKRILL 7
WILLIAM J. DEAN 3		WILLIAM ESSERY 8
ERNEST A. REEVE 4		HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM H. JUDD 5		WILLIAM HEWSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by H. MANCE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor's 50th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

*EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 1	... Treble	EDWARD RADDON 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2		*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
HENRY HUTTON 3		SEPTIMUS RADFORD 8
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4		ALFRED H. PULLING 9
GEORGE W. STEERE 5		†GEORGE PETER Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the Royal wedding, this being the nearest date upon which it was possible to ring a peal on the bells. The above band are all residents in Guildford.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE BOTTOMLEY 1	... Treble	*HUBERT WRIGHT 5
ELI FARRAR 2		ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WALTER BOTTOMLEY 3		JOE GREENWOOD 7
FIELDING CROSSLEY 4		ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by ALBERT JAGGER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Edgar Bottomley, a former ringer, who died on active service. The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age. He was proposed a member of the Yorkshire Association prior to starting. * First peal.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 minutes, with bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop, James Macarthur, who took a very great interest in bell ringing and bell ringing, and was the first president of the I.W. district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild formed in December, 1920. The ringers taking part were: A. R. Ward (conductor) 1, P. S. Parker 2, G. H. Coombes 3, J. T. Tansom 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON... .. 3	WALTER C. HUNT 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 7th, who hails from Beeston, Notts.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. B. JAMES' IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD EVANS... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
FRANK J. BAILEY 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY 3	*FREDERICK ATWELL 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	BENJAMIN J. TOBY Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd are from Whitchurch, 4th from Newport, Mon., 6th and 7th from Aberavon, the others are local men.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	*TOM CHAMBERS 5
†FRED CHAMBERS 2	*RICHARD H. STANCLIFFE... 6
*JOHN BLACKSHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*TOM STANCLIFFE 4	*FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method with a bob bell. First in the method on the bells. All the above are regular service ringers at St. Michael's, and this is their first peal of Double Norwich.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD, BOW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	WILLIAM HEWITT 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

THOMAS BENT Treble	T. HENRY HARDY 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	HERBERT LOCK 6
ARTHUR CATTELL 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	HARRY PEACH Tenor

Composer 'unknown.'

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the front eight. First peal on the new bells and rung to mark the 192nd anniversary of the first peal on the old bells, viz., 5,040 Grandsire Triples on Feb. 23rd, 1730, the composition and details of which are unknown. It is nearly 20 years since a peal was rung at this church.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM C. WILSON... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
JOHN WARRILOW 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 6
FRED BIRKS 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
JOHN PERRY 4	*BERT WAKELAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the marriage of the third daughter of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. R. Littleton, of Hatherton Hall, Cannock, to Mr. Steward Sandbach Harrison, of Tiverton, Devon.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Treble	JOHN GARDNER 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	*GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
HERBERT LODKIN 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* 10th peal as conductor. J. Gardiner hails from Aughton.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble	*WILLIAM CROSS... .. 5
PERCY MERSON 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	JAMES HUNT 7
HENRY NORMAN 4	JOHN CARTER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal. The peal was rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Norman's wedding day. The ringers of 2nd and 7th hail from Bishop's Hull.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WALTER WHITEHEAD ... Treble	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
JOSIAH MORRIS 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	ALFRED MARTIN 7
†ARTHUR CATTELL 4	LAURIE JACKSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal (age 14). Great credit is due to the youthful ringer of the treble for the way he rang throughout. † First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the 10,080 Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Feb. 25th, 1777.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
PERCY TIMSON 2	HENRY HEAD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	†JOHN WOOD... .. 7
*LESLIE J. CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins. by: A. Jackson 1, P. S. Parker 2, G. H. Coombes-3, A. R. Ward 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Kemp 8.

MANGOTSFIELD.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	FRED TYLER 5
PERCY C. WILLIAMS 2	HENRY T. HOWELL 6
*ERNEST PALMER 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES 7
GILBERT WILTSHIRE 4	*THOMAS JAMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Peggy Guise, daughter of treble ringer.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOUR Treble	*STANLEY FORWOOD 5
†MISS V. SHORTER 3	PERCY FORDHAM 6
REGINALD SHARPE 4	REGINALD LATHBURY 7
ALFRED TURNER Tenor	

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

Rung with tenor covering, the band being short-handed for a peal of Grandsire Triples which had been intended. This peal was arranged as a welcome to the Bishop of the Diocese, who was paying an informal visit to the parish, and who preached twice in the Parish Church on the Sunday following. * First peal. † First peal of Minor.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. N. TOWLER Treble	J. PEACOCK 4
T. LATIMER 2	JOHN THACKRAY 5
E. ODDY 3	JOE THACKRAY Tenor

Conducted by ED. ODDY.

Rung on the 39th anniversary of the peal of 25 twelve-scores rung in the above tower. The ringers of 1st and 3rd hail from Tong, 2nd from Bramley, and 4th, 5th and 6th from Armley.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
DAVID HORNE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
E. WILLIAM TURNER 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by G. CAMM.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being 720 College Single, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 20 cwt.

*REGINALD BUTCHERS ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
GEORGE WAGBORN 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick J. Lambert, sen.

DOWN AMTNEY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

WILFRED G. COOK (R.A.F.) Treble	W. C. CUSS (R.A.O.C.) ... 3
J. BUTLER (Berks Regt. ... 2	*W. HAYWARD (Glos. Regt.) 4

FRANCIS J. LEWIS (R.G.A.) Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The above are all ex-service men who served in the great war.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

First peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

MISS ELSIE JAMES Treble	HARRY WEBB 4
THOMAS GROOM 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
GEORGE J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM CARTER Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung by the Hitcham ringers as a wedding compliment to Miss Hanbury (daughter of Col. Hanbury, of Hitcham House, the donor of the bells) and Captain Riley, the wedding having taken place at Hitcham Church on February 2nd.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Differently arranged. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN D. WRIGHT Treble	TOM ATKINS 3
*FREDK. E. WILSON 2	*HERBERT V. HURD 4
FRED COTTON Tenor	

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

viz., Kent, Oxford and Worcester Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	TOM TEBBUTT 4
*MISS DOROTHY ATKINS ... 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal comprising more than one method.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

The 'St. Clement's Youths' met on Tuesday and rang in celebration of the Royal wedding.

COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SCOTLAND. A GATHERING OF THE CLANS AT PAISLEY.

The Bristol chaps were dining; mayhap they wined as well—not too well; oh no—the Birmingham laddies were about to dine, and someone would speak a few kind words about the old friends gathered around. Some of those who listened at the last dinner, however, would not be there; some were too far away, some do not own a contrivance called a 'Ford's magic carpet' or 'rubber bus'; such as one in South Lincs which will always hold one more when it's full; so we could not dine with 'em. But just to show we felt the fever up here in Scotland we thought we would hold harmony on our own. The word went forth to the 'boys,' 'The Ancient Society of College Youths will meet at St. James', Paisley, on February 18th, for a peal and a 'bit of a do,' and behold, five—no less—good youths and true turned up and made the welkin ring in Paisley town. Three members had to be made, but that was soon done, and three of the best were entered.

The band stood: A. J. Rodger, of Paisley, 1; J. Bevan, late of Woolwich, 2; R. J. G. Thorn, late of Edinburgh, 3; T. O'Hara, of Sheffield, 4; R. Carter, late of Woolwich, 5; J. Holman, of Sheffield, 6; A. E. Wrecks, the Paisley captain, late of Manchester, 7; and he, with the coat of many colours, beat the drum. That was only fitting, as the coat of many hues matched the shawl, the 'toun' is noted for. Friend Wrecks called the bobs, and all went well for 58 minutes; then he had to call the bells round owing to a change course. The writer thinks the graceless ones must have been thinking they were at Bristol, playing a game known in Sheffield and Hull as 'upsher' (goes again). Anyhow, 'twas a good try, and then we rang what was probably the first touch of Stedman on the bells, and the first two courses of Kent Six; then an attempt for 504 Grand-sire, and we finished. All credit goes to the treble man who only started change ringing three months ago. Mr. Thorn had done no ringing for years, and has been kind enough to come out and help to get the learners on a bit, and Messrs. Bevan and Carter ('the heavenly twins,' I think they are known as) had not rung for many years, but we are trying again, and we shall score yet.

Now, we could not adjourn to the Coffee Pot, nor to the Bristol dinner, so Friend Wrecks took us under his wing, and invited us to put our legs under his hospitable board—no bad board say you, if only you know the legs some of the band are blessed with. We feasted like only ringers can feast, on a feast only ringers' wives know how to spread. Then we rang the dust off our handbell ringing abilities, with courses of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters, Bob Major, and a concoction known in the Black Country as the 'Scolding Bitch'—if you don't know what it is just ask Messrs. Short, Bass and Matthews. We tried Kent, but we never made up our minds whether it was a man of Kent or a Kentish man, and train time came all too soon, and brought hearty votes of thanks to Host and Hostess Wrecks for a most enjoyable day, and what was probably the first College Youths' re-union held in Scotland since the famous days when the society rang the first peals at Leith and Inverness. J. E. S.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Horbury, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at the Parish Church, a good muster of members assembled. The bells were kept going from 3 to 9 p.m., with an interval for meeting and touches of Major and Minor were rung in a great variety of methods. Tea was partaken of in the Tithe Barn Sunday Schools (schools, by the way, that at one time were the Sunday Schools for all the children of the place, and this within living memory). The local ringers and their smiling wives provided tea at a pre-war price, and there is much homely charm in such a gathering.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Hill) occupied the chair for the business meeting. The deferred balance sheet for 1921 was placed before the meeting. This showed a loss of £3 on the year's working, and cash in bank £7 8s. 11d. This was considered satisfactory and passed. On the motion of the auditors, Messrs. G. Hunt and C. Smith. Alan Cuban (Sandal), W. Mitchell (Horbury) were elected members, and the Rev. F. B. Good (Vicar of Wath) was elected an hon. member.—A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies was passed with acclamation, and also a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, whose pointed acceptance was 'Cum aggean.'

LATE NOTICE.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Haddon, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available 2.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 7th.—William Bott, Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

A RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This is a subject in which I have been interested for a long time. About twenty years ago, when I was secretary for Dorset, I sent round to every clergyman in the county a form asking for the number of bells, their condition, the names of the ringers, stating whether they were round ringers or change ringers, or whether they held certificates, and the address of the secretary, the methods practised, and the day and hour of the weekly practice. All this information I published in so concise a form that it showed that a directory on those lines for the whole country would not be either a large or costly undertaking.

This could be carried out by all the Ringing Associations arranging to get you to print that part of their report, first separately for each Association, and then together for the whole country. A few pages could be added for matters worthy of special record each year, making it a publication which every ringer would wish to possess, especially as his own name would appear in it.

The completion of this particular report was, I believe, the greatest fillip to change ringing that it ever had in that county. The sending of the form to churches where there were no bells, or no ringable bells, put it into people's heads that there was something here that they might do for their parish; while the inquiry about change-ringers started a number of ringing companies which are now well established.

I do not propose that such an inquiry should be sent out every year to each parish. As a usual thing it would only be sent by the secretaries to parishes where there were ringers, but once every five or ten years it should be sent out to the wider area.

This proposal would in some ways lighten the work of secretaries. Your proposal would considerably add to that work, and I for one should not care to undertake it.—Yours faithfully, H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE EFFECTIVE METHOD.

Dear Sir,—In my youth, now unfortunately a thing of the past, my parents presented me with a copy of those famous works known as 'Æsop's Fables,' and one fable impressed itself on my memory. Its moral was that the gods help those who help themselves. Now, when I do take a fit into my head to ramble off, my thoughts naturally turn to where I am going to get a pull, and so far 'Directories' have never helped me much. I have always been able to find as much ringing as I wanted by a little judicious perusal of that little paper 'The Ringing World,' which no real ringer is without—those who are too mean or too idle to buy it are not real ringers. When I want to ring in any specified district I look at the page containing 'Notices of Meetings,' and note the name and address of the secretary whose activities cover the district I am going to, and he has never failed to do the rest. All talk of Directories is useless. I wonder if the very good Directory published by the Association which covers Mr. Baker's district is really of much use to a casual visitor. I say that any ringer who really wants a ring can get it by saving 'The Ringing World' for five or six weeks and looking up the Sunday Service ringing, and the addresses therein, and he will obtain all he wants. The 'Bell News' published an exhaustive Directory, but a great percentage of it was of no use when printed. The only effective way to get ringing is watch the paper, and make careful note of the chief Sunday ringing centres, and then make for them. The rest will be easy.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 25th, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society held its usual monthly meeting at Pudsey, and a good many members were present. Ringers were present from Rotherham, Armley, Idle, Birstall, Bradford, Calverley, Tong, Leeds Parish Church, Mirfield, Bramley, and the local company. The tower bells were kept going up to a late hour in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise. Touches of Grandsire Major and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal, were rung on handbells.

The meeting was held at the White Cross Hotel, Mr. J. Pencock being in the chair.—A vote of condolence was solemnly expressed by all present standing as a mark of respect and esteem to the memory of Mr. P. Cooper, late hon. secretary of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association, whose death occurred during the week, and who was laid to rest on the same afternoon.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Armley, if the bells are available, as they are at present in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who are rehauling and augmenting the peal to eight.

Mr. George Bolland proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements and generous hospitality. A supply of refreshments was at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon and evening.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Norbury on Saturday, February 11th. After ringing during the afternoon a short service was held in the church, conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. C. Waggett, L.Th.). An address, given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys) on co-operation, was much appreciated. A splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which about 70 members and friends (representing 15 towers) sat down. The business meeting followed, with Mr. J. H. Jackson (Disley) in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary, and the Rev. A. J. Humphreys. On opening the meeting, the Chairman, on behalf of the members, expressed his sympathy to Mr. T. Jackson (the esteemed towerkeeper of St. George's, Stockport), on his recent bereavement, and a two minutes' silence was observed, all standing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In the course of his report for 1921, the Hon. Secretary stated, that although progress had not been made to his entire satisfaction, the prospects of the present year were much brighter, and it was to be hoped that a better report would be presented at the next annual meeting. Nine peals had been rung, two only of which were on eight bells, the remainder being Minor. There was a slight falling off in membership, which was now 174, as against 189 for 1920. Five meetings had been held, with an average attendance of fifty. Appropriate reference was made to the late Mr. George Astbury, of St. George's, Stockport, whose death took place early in the year.

All the officers were re-elected. On his re-election, the Hon. Secretary thanked the members, but asked them seriously to think over and look out for a successor. With increasing years, he found his work, instead of diminishing, was really increasing, and he found it more difficult to carry out his duties as he wished.

Hayfield was fixed as the place for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Two honorary members and four ringing members were elected.

A matter which was brought up for discussion, and which it was decided to consider between now and the next meeting, was the question of combined practices and quarterly peals.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, after which further ringing took place, the bells of St. George's, Stockport, being also available.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held on Saturday week at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, and proved an event of exceptional interest, as it was the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of a peal board installed by the local band in commemoration of a peal of Grandsire Triples they recently rang to the memory of the men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war. Prior to this very impressive ceremony the branch members present from East Crompton, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Glodwick, Miles Platting and Pendleton, rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Mr. J. Whitworth (churchwarden) formally unveiled the peal board. The Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Hick-Canton, M.A.) dedicated the memorial.

The customary business meeting was then held, presided over by Mr. S. Stott (chairman of the branch).—It was decided to leave the arrangements for next month's meeting in the hands of the secretary (Mr. T. K. Driver).

Mr. John Smith (of Middleton) was elected a performing member of the Association, and the meeting concluded with resolutions of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness. Ringing was then resumed until about 9 p.m.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Hoghton on Feb. 11th, and was well attended, over 30 members putting in an appearance, and making good use of the handy ring of eight. One lady ringer was present belonging to the local company.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. T. Miller. One new member was elected, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Robert Fisher was carried by members present standing in silence.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities for the use of the bells, also to the local company for having everything in readiness.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, the towers represented being Leyland Parish and St. James', Whittle, Brindle, Chorley, Standish, Penwortham, Preston, and visitors from Blackburn.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Six of the bells from Sheffield Cathedral reached the Whitechapel Foundry on Friday. The whole of the ring of twelve is to be tuned (one or two of them recast), and the lot rehung. Sheffield will have a worthy peal when its bells are reinstated.

An attempt was made at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Mr. Alf. Peck turning the tenor in single-handed. Unfortunately the peal came to grief, after 2 hrs. 35 minutes' ringing.

Another 12-bell peal in the city also came to an untimely end on Saturday. The Middlesex Association attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Bow, Cheapside, and when things were going well, with only four courses left to ring, the 8th rope hung up, and the bells had to stop. Ringing had been in progress about 3 hrs. 15 mins. Mr. James George was the tenor man, and this, we believe, is the longest time that the tenor (53 cwt.) has been rung by a man 68 years of age.

A peal recorded last week as rung at Kirton, Leicestershire, was rung at Kirton, Lincolnshire.

The clapper buffers which Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, has put on the market is the result of a deal of experiment to find something reliable and cheap, and easy to adjust to any clapper. It improves the tone of the bells by retaining the vibration of the hum note, after the clapper has struck.

On March 3rd, 1778, a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and on the same day in the year 1886 an 8,448 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 5 hours 16 minutes at Bethnal Green. Mr. Ted Horrex is a survivor of this latter band.

Next Wednesday will be the anniversary of 12,603 Grandsire Caters rung at Norwich in 8 hours 15 minutes on March 8th, 1737, and on March 8th, 1859, 10,047 Stedman Caters was rung at Aston in 6 hours 16 minutes.

Mr. Tom Russam has attended every Johnson Commemoration Dinner. He is the only one who has been present at all of the 34 gatherings.

The peal of Treble Bob Minor, at Emberton, published last week, was rung on January 29th, 1921, not 1922. Our correspondent, who forwarded the report, informs us that he had mislaid it in his desk. The ringer of the 41th in the peal at Batheaston was George Jones, not James, as published.

MINOR IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The headline to the paragraph on page 119 of 'The Ringing World' last week, 'First Surprise Minor peal in the City,' may appear rather misleading. The first peal of Surprise Minor rung in the City of London was rung on the front six of the peal of ten at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on November 19th, 1901, by the Middlesex County Association (Leytonstone band), conducted by T. Hervey Beams. I myself took part in it.

The footnote to the peal at St. Olave's on the 15th inst., is, however, quite in order, giving it as the 'first peal of Surprise Minor at a six-bell tower in the City of London.' I apologise for omitting to mention this first peal when sending my report.—Yours truly,
W. MILLER.

A REMARKABLE SET OF HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—According to a local evening paper, Manchester possesses one of the most unique sets of handbells in the world. It says, 'Immediately below the mechanically-propelled carillon in the town hall tower, which chimes out "Home, Sweet Home" as you pore over the office ledgers, there is a peal of ten handbells. These bells, varying in weight from the treble (7 cwt. 3 quarters) to the tenor (52 cwt.) are skillfully manipulated by twelve members of the City police force.'

Five men are generally considered sufficient to ring ten handbells, but I am not surprised that twelve are required in this case, even though the force, we all know, comprises a large number of stalwart and abnormally strong men.

The writer in the newspaper goes on to say that he visited the tower one practice night, and the practice began on a peal of six bells. The peal was not once repeated, and notes were sounded at the rate of 200 per minute.

The above may be of interest to some of your readers.—Yours, etc.,
Pendleton, A. W.

THANKS.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me to thank those members of the Exercise who sent me the copy of 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 6th? I appreciate their kindness.—Yours, etc.,
J. GEORGE.
22, Sutton Street, Aston, Birmingham.

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

All the success and enjoyment which have attended the long series of Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinners, arranged by St. Martin's Guild, once more marked this annual gathering at Birmingham on Saturday. If the numbers were not quite so large as usual, due principally to the present industrial depression, there was no lack of enthusiasm, and the Midland metropolis was the Mecca for ringers from many parts of the country. During the afternoon the famous peal in the Bull Ring formed the attraction for visitors, and the bells at St. Philip's Cathedral were also rung.

The party, numbering about 140, gathered at six o'clock in the handsome cedar-lined dining hall of the Imperial Hotel, and enjoyed an admirably served six course dinner. In the absence, through indisposition, of Canon E. Grose Hodge, Rector of Birmingham, the chair was taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master, whose genial conduct of the proceedings greatly added to the pleasure. He was supported by Sir Edward Malins, Messrs. J. J. Kendall and Fred W. Blake (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Mr. J. W. Tilley, J.P., Mr. W. Ralph Heaton, Mr. G. N. Ediss, Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough Bell Foundry), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary), and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. A. E. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith. Among the company, which included a considerable number of ladies, were Messrs. John Carter, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent and Tom Russam (vice-presidents), Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Chas. Dickens (trustee), Messrs. J. L. Wells and T. H. Reeves (auditors), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. Joseph Johnson (younger son of Henry Johnson), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), Mr. O. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Messrs. H. R. Newton, J. Rowbottom and W. J. Kemp (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. G. Holmes, W. Bargar, J. Thorpe, R. Harrison, C. Harrison, H. Thorpe, F. Ward, H. Naylor and T. Lee (of the Sheffield Cathedral company), Messrs. F. Cope (Lichfield), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), W. Maund and J. H. White (Coventry), H. W. Wilde (Pulford), S. Burton and H. Broughton (Leicester), J. Oldham (Loughborough), W. Griffin (Walsall), W. Short (Cient), B. Gough (Tipton), and ringers from numerous churches around Birmingham, as well as from the city itself. The menu card was again an interesting souvenir of the occasion, and was liberally besprinkled with apt quotations.

After dinner the toast of 'The King' was proposed by Sir Edward Malins, in a most interesting speech, in which he touched informatively upon historical facts, and concluded by alluding to the enthusiasm and courage shown by the Prince of Wales in making his trip to India, and expressing congratulations to Princess Mary upon her wedding.

The toast was heartily drunk and the National Anthem sung.

THE RECTOR'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

The Hon. Secretary read several letters of apology. The Rector of Birmingham wrote that he was tightly shut up with only half a voice. It was a desperate disappointment to him, for the gathering was one of the most delightful of the year. He added: 'I beg you to say to the members of our Guild and to our guests generally that nothing short of absolute necessity would have kept me away. I shall think of the feast of reason and flow of soul at the Imperial Hotel, and lament that another year must pass before I can again share it.'

Apologies were also received from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rev. J. B. Mayall (curate of St. Martin's), Mr. W. H. Golden (vice-president), Mr. James George (who was taking part in a peal attempt at Bow), Mr. J. Buffery, the 'father' of the Guild, in point of years of membership (who was in hospital), and from the veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, who wrote that he had been compelled since his 82nd birthday to take things much easier, and dare not get away from home in the dark nights. He was also, he added, compelled to leave bell ringing alone, and he thought he had rung his last peal. He should miss seeing some of his old friends, whom he was afraid he might not meet again.

Before calling on Mr. J. J. Kendall to propose the toast of 'The Church and State,' the Chairman tendered to Mr. Kendall the most cordial and sincere congratulations of the company upon his having passed the 50th anniversary of his wedding day. The happy event took place on the previous Monday, and that day was also Mr. Kendall's 73rd birthday. The Guild had celebrated the occasion by ringing a specially composed peal of 5,050 Stedman Cinques (applause). They all hoped Mr. and Mrs. Kendall would live to celebrate their diamond wedding in due course (applause).

Mr. Kendall thanked the Chairman for his kind words. Their wedding day was rather a sad one in a sense, for his wife had to spend it in bed, and had been there ever since. He thought it was

the result of the trying time they had when the members of St. Martin's Church gave them a reception at the Grand Hotel. The events of that evening overcame her.

Proceeding to the toast which he had to propose, Mr. Kendall said they were all loyal members of the Church and State, and as they had now become partners, as it were, with the clergy in the management of the Church, he thought they would more fully realise their responsibilities. These were times when the State as well as the Church needed their support, and he hoped they would realise their responsibilities. These were times when the State as well as the Church needed the popularity of the Church.

'THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.'

To Mr. A. E. Parsons was entrusted the task of proposing the toast of the evening: 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' and he did it in felicitous phrases. So much, he remarked, had been said at those dinners by men who knew Henry Johnson far better than he did, that it was impossible to say anything that was new. Others had spoken of his life and work in glowing but truthful terms, of his honour and his integrity, his humour and his kindness of heart, and his quick perception of all things appertaining to matters campanological. Whatever interest he (the speaker) might fail to arouse among them that evening, he was sure they would all desire to keep Henry Johnson in memory and revere his name. There was little that he could add in the way of personal anecdote, but there was one occasion, about the year 1879 or 1880, when Old Hill bells had been in for about five years, that a band came from Birmingham to attempt a peal on them. He (the speaker) was a young enthusiast then, and he determined to see the ringers and hear the ringing. He placed himself near the church about the time they were to arrive, and well remembered seeing them come down the road. With them was a venerable old gentleman, wearing a silk hat. He thought to himself, 'St. Martin's ringers must be a lot of swells, for they have evidently brought their parson with them.' The venerable old gentleman with a silk hat turned out to be Henry Johnson. A few years later another band came there from St. Martin's, and another Henry Johnson was with them—Henry Johnson, junior—and singularly enough he was wearing a silk hat. It occurred to him (the speaker) that should a further band from St. Martin's contemplate going over to Old Hill for a peal they might bring the other son of Henry Johnson, who was with them that night, and possibly old Joe would come wearing a silk hat (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Parsons said they had from time to time heard so much of what Henry Johnson had done in so many ways, he wondered if they had ever given a thought to what would have been the position if Henry Johnson had never lived. What would have been the position of St. Martin's Guild to-day? What would have been the ringing reputation of the Midland metropolis? Would they have been able to boast of such an honourable personage as their present chairman as Presiding Ringing Master, would they have been able to boast of such a secretary as Mr. Paddon Smith, would they have boasted of such ringers as occupied the tower to-day, would they have boasted of such a fine record of peals as the peal book in the belfry contained? He did not think so. If they thought of these things, he believed it would add more than ever to their desire to honour the name of Henry Johnson, who was the root basis of much that existed to-day appertaining to ringing in Birmingham (applause).

The toast was honoured in silence, and at the request of the chairman those present who knew Mr. Johnson personally again rose in their places. They numbered 23, and Alderman Pritchett said he was glad to know that there were so many with them that night who had managed to live for forty years after the death of their old friend.

An excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells at this point by members of the Guild: T. Russam, A. Walker, P. Laffin, J. E. Groves, G. F. Swann and J. Neal.

A REVIEW.

Ald. Pritchett next proposed 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and in doing so made his customary review of the past year's doings of the society. He expressed the regret which they all shared that they had lost, by death, two members whom they respected and esteemed. Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, of Bristol, was a life member of the Guild, and a frequent visitor to the tower of St. Martin's Church. His wife and son were both ringers, and he himself was a most enthusiastic and able member of the Exercise. The other was Mr. William Cheshire, who often entertained them at his beautiful residence and grounds at Erdington. He was an honorary member of the Guild for many years, and always a liberal subscriber to their funds. He (the speaker) was glad that this list was a short one, and that these were the only losses they had sustained, but they regretted the absence of several old friends that night whom they had been accustomed to see there year by year, and who would have been with them that night had they been able. He was sure, however, they were with them in spirit. The first was their dear old friend, William Rock Small. He believed he had missed that gather-

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ing only once before, but he was afraid there was little hope of seeing him there again. He trusted, however, that he would be spared for many years yet, and that those ringers who lived near him would look in and cheer him up from time to time. Mr. Buffery, they were sorry to hear, was in hospital, and they hoped he would have a speedy recovery. The only other name which he would mention was that of Mr. W. H. Godden, who was also on the sick list. While they regretted the loss of two valued members of the Guild, and the absence of several others, he thought they could congratulate themselves upon the success of the gathering, and upon the fact that everybody who counted in the Exercise was present there that night (laughter). They were very pleased to see their old friend, John Carter (applause), leaving for the moment his mansion in Park Lane (laughter), and condescending to come down to Birmingham to join them. They hoped, however wealthy he might become, that he would never be too proud to mix with them on these festive occasions (laughter). They were also pleased to see with them Mr. Banks, whom they congratulated upon having reached his 74th birthday on the previous day. He also noticed present his old friend, and one of his earliest associates in change ringing, Mr. William Short, who had done so much to spread the knowledge of the art and practice of change ringing throughout the length and breadth of the land. And last, he was glad to note they had with them the son of the grand old veteran, whose memory they were commemorating, Mr. Joseph Johnson (applause). It added something to the interest of the gathering that a son of Mr. Johnson should be present (applause).

A SPLENDID RECORD.

The Guild, continued the Chairman, had a very prosperous and successful year during 1921. The practices at St. Martin's had been well attended, especially those in the higher methods, viz., Cambridge and London. The number of peals rung in 1921 was a record for the Guild, viz., 46 (applause): Grandsire Triples 3, Caters 1, Bob Major 2, London Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 1, Stedman Triples 5, Caters 5, Cinques 17, Treble Bob Royal 2, Maximus 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Royal 2, Maximus 2. A splendid record. Both the peals of Treble Bob Maximus were on handbells, the first of them being the first ever rung on handbells in Birmingham. Among the things which they treasured in St. Martin's belfry was a photograph of a band, who, 34 years ago, rang the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques in Birmingham. Most happily five of them were still alive, and four were with them that night (applause). It was singular to mention that Tom Miller, who took part in that peal 34 years ago, never rang another peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells until last Thursday. They were glad he had taken it up again, and hoped he would now ring many more. A notable incident of the year's work had been the two peals of Cambridge Maximus, both called by Mr. Walker. One was the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung in Birmingham, and made the seventh method rung on the twelve bells of St. Martin's. He believed a peal of Double Norwich Maximus was now in contemplation (applause). He would like to mention that Mr. Harry Withers had further distinguished himself as a carillonneur, and his fame was growing worldwide. In January he went to Norway to open a carillon of 22 bells, and on Tuesday he was to go to London to operate a carillon specially erected at Harrods to be used as part of the celebrations in honour of the marriage of Princess Mary (applause). In conclusion, he desired to say how pleased he was to be present on that occasion, and they were greatly indebted to all who had taken a part in making the preparations. He invited them to drink to the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild, and he coupled with it the name of one with whom that prosperity was greatly bound up, their most invaluable secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith (applause).

Mr. Paddon Smith, who was warmly received on rising to respond, said it was a great pleasure to him, as it was to all the other members of the Guild who had assisted in arranging that function, to know that they were all so happy. With regard to the two peals of Cambridge Maximus, visitors to the tower that afternoon might have noticed the new tablet that had just been placed there to record the first of the peals. That was one of the things the Guild did to embellish the part of the church in which they were more particularly interested, and in doing that they were carrying on the tradition of the Guild (applause).

'KINDRED SOCIETIES.'

Mr. Ralph Heaton submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' and said that they of St. Martin's Guild were glad on that occasion to reciprocate some of the kindnesses that they received from the members of other societies throughout the kingdom. He added that it was well for them to remember that the Exercise had had amongst its members not only composers, ringers and conductors like Stedman, Annable, Holt, Johnson, Carter, Lindoff, and a host of others, but they had included men of high position in the Church and State. Sir Matthew Hale, who lived in the days of Charles I. and II., and

became Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, was a ringer; Admiral Francis Geary, who in 1760 commanded the Grand Fleet of those days, rang, when about 17 years of age, with the College Youths in the first peal of twelve, which was rung at St. Bride's about 1750. Coming to later times, they had had men like Canon Ellacombe, Lord Justice Cherry, and Sir Arthur Heywood. The visitors whom they had with them that night came from London, Coventry, Leicester, Lichfield, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Sheffield, Loughborough, Bournemouth, Kidderminster, and other places, and they also had among them the representatives of three of the biggest of their bell foundries.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who first responded, said he spoke more for the London Society of the College Youths, who looked up to St. Martin's Guild as being one with them in upholding everything that was good in 12-bell ringing (applause). They had a very warm feeling in their heart for Birmingham men. They sometimes saw them in London, and were always glad to welcome them. While they maintained their great traditions they were doing the best that could be done for the art of change ringing (applause).

Mr. R. Harrison (Sheffield) also replied, and expressed appreciation of the way in which the visitors had been received. They always looked on St. Martin's as being at the head of ringing in the Midlands, and one of their late leaders was a frequent visitor to Birmingham—Mr. C. H. Hattersley. They hoped in the near future to inaugurate in Sheffield something on the lines of that gathering by which they might honour the memory of Mr. Hattersley. Mr. Snowdon, and other of their Yorkshire worthies. But for the industrial position of the past few years this would already have been done, but he hoped the time was not far distant when steps to carry out the proposal might be possible. They congratulated the Bristol men upon having already beaten them in that particular effort.

Mr. Harry Mason proposed 'The Ringing World,' and pointed out the importance of the journal in maintaining the interest of the Exercise. Without a ringing journal, he said, such a gathering as the Johnson Dinner would be hardly possible, while, apart from the value of having a paper by which they could keep abreast of the happenings in the Exercise, it was most interesting sometimes to go back over the papers of past years and re-read many of the things which had appeared. If for any reason they were to be left without a paper, even for a few months, the effect would be lamentable. He, therefore, urged every ringer to do their utmost to maintain a ringing paper, and do their best to make it a success. 'The Ringing World,' he knew, had a warm place in the heart of all those present, and he hoped they would do all in their power to help it forward (applause).

A GIFT TO ST. MARTIN'S.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor) responded to the toast, and thanked the Guild for the very kind reception always extended to him and to his wife when they came amongst them. Proceeding, Mr. Goldsmith asked the Guild to accept from him a framed photograph which commemorated a memorable tour by members of St. Martin's Guild in the year 1901. The photograph, the only one in existence, was of a group taken on board the s.s. Cambria immediately after the ringing of the only peal upon the sea. It was rung on the last day of an excursion to Ireland while the boat was crossing from Dublin to Holyhead, and the picture was taken as the boat came into harbour. The photograph which had been in his possession for many years had always recalled incidents of a most interesting and pleasurable tour, in the course of which the first peal of Treble Ten in Ireland was placed to the credit of St. Martin's Guild, as well as the first Surprise peal ever rung out of England, which he had the privilege of calling, two peals of Stedman Caters in Dublin, and a peal on handbells, in addition to the one on the sea, while the trip finished with the first Surprise peal in Wales. Mr. Goldsmith added some humorous reminiscences of incidents on the trip, and read the inscription on the photograph recording the details on the peal.

The ringers in the group were Messrs. W. Pye, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. H. Barber and W. Short, who rang the peal, J. George, I. G. Shade, J. Buffery and J. S. Goldsmith.

The Chairman, in thanking Mr. Goldsmith for the gift, said it would be one of the most treasured possessions of the Guild, and would assuredly find a lasting place in the historic ringing chamber of St. Martin's Church (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the 'Health of the Chairman.' Their Presiding Ringing Master, he said, was a man of many parts. He was high up in the law, and a recent honour that had been accorded him was his appointment to the Recordship of Lincoln. He was an Alderman of the City of Birmingham—not a bad old city to be alderman of (applause)—and had reached the highest degree to which it was possible to attain in Freemasonry. He had told them, however, that of all the honours which fell to him he appreciated none greater than being from time to time re-elected Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild (applause).

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and the Chairman briefly replied. He also thanked most heartily the artists who had provided them with such an enjoyable musical entertainment, and expressed great pleasure at seeing so many ladies gracing the tables.

The musical programme was a most delightful part of the proceedings. The vocal items were once more entirely sustained by the St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman, members of St. Martin's choir), whose splendidly rendered part-songs delighted the large audience. Their contributions included 'Pecaninny Lullaby,' 'Jenk's Vegetable Compound,' and 'Summer Eve,' and for each an encore was demanded. In addition, Mr. Chapman sang 'The English Rose,' Mr. Hale rendered 'A song at twilight,' and Mr. Gorman 'Tommy Lad.' There were some capital handbell selections by Messrs. E. Mansell, Mansell, junr., and T. Jones, whose efforts received warm recognition. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist.

A large party of visiting ringers gathered at St. Martin's for the service ringing on Sunday morning, and among the touches rung were Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Maximus by ringers from Birmingham, London, Loughborough, Leicester and Woking. Other towers in the town also attracted visitors, and there was another gathering at the Cathedral in the evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, in Sunday, February 26th, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 30 mins.: R. Tickner (first in method) 1. C. Slyfield 2. Miss K. Avenell (conductor) 3. G. Chandler 4. C. Heather 5. S. Petter 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 26th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1,922 changes) in 1 hour 15 minutes: J. N. Frossell 1. J. Howes 2. C. J. Tricker 3. F. G. Goddard 4. E. F. Cole 5. J. Milner 6. A. Beckensale 7. G. Spencer (conductor) 8. Composed by W. Berry.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,544 changes), comprising the first and last portions of Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: W. Lawrence 1. Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2. S. D. Breeze 3. R. H. Bodington 4. C. Brown 5. E. W. Coulson 6. Robt. Holloway 7. H. Wincoate 8.

HESTON.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 26th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lewis 1. C. S. Bird 2. H. W. Cooper 3. H. C. Chandler 4. E. R. Gladman 5. W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6. H. Harding 7. A. Lewis 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, on Feb. 26th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Chivers 1. G. Petter 2. W. Moore 3. C. Bish 4. R. Crowhurst (conductor) 5. E. Le-Feuvre 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 26th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 406 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1. R. Holder 2. A. Cooper 3. W. Watts 4. E. Patching 5. A. Tomsett (conductor) 6. H. Tomsett 7. F. Howell 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, February 19th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, the following members of the Kent Association rang a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation), in 45 mins.: C. R. Walker 1. C. R. Millway 2. S. Binfield 3. A. Binfield 4. H. Whitehead 5. H. J. Saunders 6. C. Turner (conductor) 7. F. W. Elliott 8. Messrs. S. and A. Binfield are from the Folkestone St. Mary's band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): A. Cherriman, junr., 1. R. S. Cherriman 2. W. White 3. A. Cherriman, senr., 4. R. Stredwick 5. A. White (conductor) 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 19th, for morning service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob: Ernest Bailey 1. Albert J. L. Naunton 2. Edgar Bailey 3. Frederick Wade 4. George Lee 5. Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, Feb. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: P. H. Norton (first quarter of Caters away from tenor) 1. C. F. Mitchell 2. W. J. Dean 3. H. H. Mance 4. A. Newman 5. F. Skevington 6. E. A. Reeve 7. W. Essery 8. H. Mance (conductor) 9. W. Hewson 10.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, for evening service, on February 19th, 648 Grandsire Caters: T. Bent 1. F. Sharman 2. A. Ballard 3. E. Morris (conductor) 4. C. Cattell 5. H. Peach 6. J. Morris 7. H. Lock 8. A. Cattell 9. J. Vernon 10.—On February 15th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples (Holt's): T. Bent 1. F. Sharman 2. A. Ballard 3. E. Morris (conductor) 4. A. Cattell 5. J. Morris 6. H. Peach 7. G. Stedman Morris (age 14) 8. Longest length on tower bells.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,922 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hour 6 mins.: A. Farrance 1. H. Head 2. D. Hodgkin 3. C. H. Sone 4. L. Newman 5. J. Head 6. L. Head (conductor) 7. F. Hodgkin 8.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, for the morning service, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Denyer 1. F. Francis 2. A. J. Bull 3. W. Tidy 4. H. Tidy (longest length) 5. T. W. Denyer (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 19th, for the morning service, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parker 1. A. J. Bull 2. W. Denyer 3. W. Tidy 4. H. Tidy 5. T. W. Denyer (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringer of treble; also longest length with hobb bell by ringer of the 3rd.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1. A. Bond 2. W. Hayward 3. W. G. Cook (conductor) 4. J. Butler 5. G. Dore 6. H. C. Bond 7. J. Hayward 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 19th, after meeting short for Stedman, 1,200 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: F. W. Bond 1. W. G. Cook 3. H. Lewis 4. J. Butler 5. F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6. H. C. Bond 7. J. Hayward 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 528 Grandsire Cinques: R. W. Watts 1. F. W. Bond 2. F. J. Lewis 3. J. King 4. W. G. Cook 5. J. Butler 6. J. C. Eden 7. V. R. Williams 8. S. R. Hicks 9. H. T. Gardner 10. H. C. Bond (conductor) 11. J. Hayward 12.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

486 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
23456789

756 STEDMAN TRIPLES.
2314567 3 8

42357968 1—6S
25397468 6 in 3S
35792468 5
75392468 68S
23456789 1—4S

G. HOLLIS.

4315267 —
5324167 —
4321567 —
Twice repeated.

J. CARTER.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

THE DISPUTED CLAIM.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Grandsire Triples, the authorship of which is claimed by the Rev. E. Banks James, I wish to be perfectly clear and candid. I am sorry to say at the back of my mind I have a slight suspicion that the Rev. E. B. James has been trying to bluff me. If I am wrong I am willing to withdraw and offer what apology is necessary for having had such a suspicion. I have not the slightest wish to claim anything that is not mine, not even a variation.

With regard to this class of peal, my first endeavour was rung at Shipton-under-Wychwood on December 21st, 1895, conducted by W. Large. This peal I set out to improve upon. I was successful in producing various peals upon the 10-part plan, gradually reducing the number of singles till I got two with the minimum number, the peal in question, and the following 5040:

2 3 4 5 6 7
7 5 2 6 3 4 1
5 2 7 6 3 4 4
4 6 5 3 2 7 1
2 7 4 5 3 6 2
6 5 2 3 7 4 1
7 4 6 2 3 5 2
5 2 7 3 4 6 1
7 4 5 2 6 3 3
3 2 7 6 4 5 1
4 5 3 7 6 2 2
S 7 2 4 6 5 3 1
3 6 7 5 2 4 1
* 4 5 3 2 6 7 1
S 2 7 4 6 5 3 1
5 3 2 4 6 7 2
2 6 5 3 7 4 3
5 7 2 6 4 3 3
2 4 5 7 3 6 3
6 7 2 3 4 5 1
4 5 6 2 3 7 2

Thus four times repeated gives one-half, with part ends:—

2 3 4 5 6 7
4 5 6 2 3 7
6 2 3 4 5 7
3 4 5 6 2 7
5 6 2 3 4 7
2 3 4 5 6 7

The second half is called exactly like the above, but the part ends are reversed

2 6 5 4 3 7
5 4 3 2 6 7
3 2 6 5 4 7
6 5 4 3 2 7
4 3 2 6 5 7
2 6 5 4 3 7

A single at * shunts us to a part end in the reverse half. When the whole of that half has been rung a single at part end flings us back to * when the first half is completed.

Now it was not till about 1900 or 1901 that I noted a peal, rung, I believe in Gloucester, or near, of which the figures were afterwards published. I had the same peal, but without any further thought, put the Rev. E. B. James' name to it in my book. Seeing that that gentleman was on the same track as I had been, I thought it time that my two best specimens were published. I sent to 'Bell News' but they never appeared. All I could do was to give them to my friends. I have given the Rev. E. B. James unquestionable proof as to the genuineness of my statements. He will pardon me if I expect the same from him.—Yours, etc.,

G. LINDOFF.

THE LONGEST LENGTH OF LONDON SURPRISE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After having placed the following facts before the Exercise, I leave it to the members to judge whether the Rev. H. L. James' figures are original or merely a variation.

When Mr. Washbrook came out on top by ringing his 11,328, I put my peal of the same length in the background, and congratulated Mr. Washbrook upon his success. I then started my search for material to make up a longer peal.

After about seven years of tedious investigation I got together 65 true courses, which I worked into three five-part blocks as follows:—

NO. 1.					NO. 2.				
23456	M	W	H		53246	M	I	O	5th W
42356	—	—	—	—	312756	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—	D 463725	—	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—	—	B 645527	—	—	—	—
A 56342	—	—	—	—					
C 34562	—	—	—	—					
Four times repeated,					Four times repeated.				
NO. 3.									
476253	M	4th	5th	W					
E 473526	—	—	—	—					
532746	—	—	—	—					
752346	—	—	—	—					
372546	—	—	—	—					
274536	—	—	—	—					
Four times repeated.									

These I connected together in the following manner: Drop out Bob W in course A takes us to W in course B. When the whole of No. 2 Block is rung, and we come back to course B, drop out the Bob W, which brings us to the W in course C.

Block No. 3 is connected in a similar manner. Drop out the Bob at 5th in course D takes us to 5th in course E. When the whole of No. 3 has been rung, and we come again into course E, drop the bob at 5th's, which brings us to 5th's in course B. This gives us a peal of 14,112 contained in 63 courses.

The Rev. H. L. James now comes along, and instead of getting material for himself, takes these 65 courses to try and squeeze a few more changes out of them. Naturally his first idea was to see if these blocks could not be connected together differently to give that result. Not a very laudable idea, but nevertheless true as his figures prove.

Finding no such connection available within my 65 courses, but noting that 42356 in Block No. 1 and 453762 are members of a three course block connected by bobs at 5th's, he finds that the missing member 473265 is only false to two courses 625734 and 342756, both of which can conveniently be dropped. This 473265 he uses, and is the only course—a mere 224 changes—that he has introduced. The remaining part of the peal, by using this shunt, naturally falls into the form that he gave it in.

If one troubles to take the Rev. H. L. James' figures and tick off those courses to be found in my three main blocks, he will find that 62 of the 63 are from them—13,920 changes are taken bodily from my blocks and attached to his one course to make the 14,144. Therefore, I contend that it cannot be styled anything else but a variation of my peal.—Yours, etc., G. LINDOFF.

MUFFLED RINGING AT CAMBRIDGE.

Many ringers will regret to hear of the death of Canon Scott, the priest at the Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, where hang the beautiful peal of bells, with tenor of 32 cwt., cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Unfortunately there has been only one peal rung on the bells, owing to the tower having been built to suit the artistic eye, the large open spaces making much ringing a nuisance to the public.

There was half-muffled ringing on Thursday week, and 400 Bob Major was brought round by: Miss V. Shorter 1. W. Chinnery 2. E. Hibbins 3. J. Woolley 4. J. Benson 5. W. Hootton (conductor) 6. W. Rivers 7. R. Lathbury 8.

PROGRESS AT 'THE COTTAGE.'

On Saturday, February 25th, some of the Manchester police ringers, with P.C. Crook, of Bolton, and humbly assisted by a few 'civvies,' rang at the Town Hall a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 54 mins.: H. Chapman 1. P.C. George Pye 2. P.C. Walter Billings 3. W. Wolstencroft 4. A. Bailey 5. P.C. Peter Crook 6. J. W. Washbrook 7. P.C. Joseph Wilson 8. P.C. Fred Page (conductor) 9. R. F. Deal 10. Longest length on ten bells 'inside' by all the P.C.s except Fred Page, and his longest as conductor. The tenor is 52 cwt.

THE 'BOB MAJOR' OF SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While acknowledging the merits of the new Surprise method by the Rev. E. Bankes James, under the heading of 'Wait and See,' I am surprised to learn that he thinks it to be the best he has seen. What about 'Bristol' Surprise Royal? I should imagine he has seen that. It has the tenors apart only 64 changes in the plain course, while 'Wait and See' has 88. I am enclosing a treble lead of 'Bristol,' which, no doubt, Sir, you will publish.

Now, I think Mr. James is giving the Exercise a stiff test. The effects of the war have not disappeared yet. Where you might find a dozen bands to ring Bristol or London Major, it would be difficult to find a band for Royal. With your permission, Sir, I introduce a new legitimate Surprise Royal method, which we will name 'Princess Mary.' It is the Bob Major of Surprise methods. I came across it in trying to clear the 1-2 places out of Yorkshire Surprise. All the place-making is at hand and back, and all the bells coursing as in Plain Bob. The course bells are only parted 84 changes in the whole course. It is also clear of all consecutive (or adjoining) place-making, and will allow for the whole 12 course ends with sixth at home. The changes are all quadruple and quintuple, and are no places where four bells lie still as in Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

Now, will Mr. James give Princess Mary his blessing?—Yours sincerely, STAMMINGTON.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

PRINCESS MARY
SURPRISE ROYAL.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
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4	2	8	1	6	3	0	5	9	7
2	4	1	8	3	6	0	9	5	7
4	2	8	1	6	3	9	0	7	5
2	4	8	6	1	9	3	0	5	7
4	2	6	8	9	1	0	3	7	5
4	6	2	8	1	9	3	0	5	7
6	4	8	2	9	1	0	3	7	5
4	6	2	8	9	0	1	3	5	7
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6	8	0	4	9	2	3	1	7	5
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8	6	0	4	9	2	7	3	5	1
8	0	6	9	4	7	2	3	1	5
0	8	9	6	7	4	3	2	5	1
8	0	6	9	4	7	3	5	2	1
0	8	9	6	7	4	5	3	1	2
0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9	0	7	8	5	6	3	1	4	2
0	9	8	7	6	5	3	1	4	2
9	0	7	8	5	6	1	3	2	4
9	7	0	5	8	6	3	1	4	2
7	9	5	0	6	8	1	3	2	4
9	7	0	5	6	1	8	3	4	2
7	9	5	0	1	6	3	8	2	4
7	5	9	0	6	1	8	3	4	2
5	7	0	9	1	6	3	8	2	4
7	5	0	1	9	3	6	8	4	2
5	7	1	0	3	9	8	6	2	4
7	5	0	1	9	3	8	2	6	4
5	7	1	0	3	9	2	8	4	6
5	1	7	3	0	9	8	2	6	4
1	5	3	7	9	0	2	8	4	6
5	1	7	3	9	2	0	4	8	6
1	5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	8
1	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	0	8

BRISTOL
SURPRISE ROYAL.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
1	2	3	4	6	8	5	0	7	9
2	1	4	3	8	6	0	5	9	7
2	4	1	8	3	6	5	0	7	9
4	2	3	1	6	5	8	7	0	9
2	4	1	3	5	6	7	8	9	0
4	2	3	1	5	7	6	9	8	0
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3	2	5	4	1	7	9	6	0	8
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5	7	3	9	2	4	0	1	6	8
7	5	9	3	4	2	0	6	1	8
5	7	3	9	2	4	6	0	8	1
5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	1	8
3	5	2	7	4	9	0	6	8	1
3	2	5	4	7	9	1	0	6	8
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2	3	4	5	6	7	1	8	0	9
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3	5	2	7	4	6	1	8	0	9
5	3	7	2	4	1	6	8	9	0
3	5	2	7	1	4	6	9	8	0
5	3	7	2	4	1	9	6	0	8
5	7	3	2	1	4	6	9	8	0
7	5	3	1	2	4	9	6	0	8
5	7	1	3	2	9	4	0	6	8
7	5	3	1	9	2	0	4	8	6
5	7	1	3	9	0	2	8	4	6
5	1	7	3	9	0	2	8	4	6
1	5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	8
1	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	0	8

HELPING THE RECRUITS.

A very successful day's ringing, organised by Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, Kent, took place on Sunday, February 12th, when Fritten-den, Rolvenden and Tenterden were visited, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at each tower was the result. Three men scored first quarters, and several of the others taking part have rung but few such lengths, so that much good was done to those who were in want of a helping hand. 'First peals' should be an event of the near future for several of the party. During the day members of the company were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker (Fritten-den), Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burden (Rolvenden), and Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), and they return their best thanks for hospitality received.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting by arrangement. No ringing between 5 and 6 p.m. by request. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 4th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, at 6 p.m.—Chas. Dean, Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 7 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available for 3 p.m. Service in the New Parish Hall, King Street, at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea at a reasonable charge for 5.30. Everyone is welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available 2.45. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on March 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th; St. Magnus on the 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st and Southwark Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room after service. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmore, Camberley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3 punctually. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5.30; business meeting following. The bells of St. Mary's (10), Walthamstow, will be available for ringing from 7.30 to 9. I shall be glad if all who require tea will advise me by March 8th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Kendal, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) available all day. Tea at 4 o'clock, followed by business meeting. A good attendance of ringers is desired.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready from 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Annual reports to hand. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Please notify Branch Hon. Sec. by March 6th for tea.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Farnsworth on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on March 11th. Bells (6), available from 3 p.m. Buses from Preston run past the Church.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at reasonable price to those applying early to Mr. J. Tait, Carr Lane, South Kirby, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec., Barnsley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Berkhamstead on March 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held in the Parish Church. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday,

March 18th, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14A, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Sat., March 18th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, preacher, The Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea at 1/3 each will be provided immediately after service in the Schoolroom. Business meeting after tea. The Annual Report will be on sale price 2/- per copy.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

ELLAND, ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—These bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and will be officially reopened for ringing on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 1 to 9 p.m. Service in the Church at 4 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. at 1/3 each. All wishing to have tea must notify Geo. H. Simon, 72, Park Road, Elland, not later than March 17th. All visitors welcome.

LADIES GUILD.—I beg to remind members that subscriptions for 1922 are now due and should be sent either direct to me or to District Secretaries.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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ELLAND BELLS REHUNG.

The rehanging of the noted bells at St. Mary's Church, Elland, has been completed, and they were rung for the first time on Monday week. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out their contract to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent.

As a trial, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by: J. W. Hollas 1, Jas. Barraclough 2, J. R. Eastwood 3, G. H. Simon (conductor) 4, Tom Robinson 5, Willie Frith 6, Jno. Hollas 7, Allan Carter 8.

A notice of the official opening of the bells will be found on another page.

DATE TOUCH.

At Harwell, Berks, on Thursday, January 12th, a date touch of Grandeire Doubles (1.922 changes) was rung, in 1 hr. 8 mins., by: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, E. Cox 3, L. Hitchman 4, W. Hitchman (conductor) 5, W. Corderoy 6. Longest touch on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Saturday, January 21st, 1922, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 27 mins.: F. Hobbs 1, J. H. Midwinter 2, W. Crane, junr., 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, A. J. Hughes 5, A. E. Pegler 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, after meeting short for Bob Major, 720 of Kent Trebles Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: J. H. Midwinter 1, T. Jones 2, W. T. Pegler 3, A. E. Pegler 4, A. J. Hughes 5, J. H. Riding (Crews) 6. Rung in honour of the birthdays of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., and Mr. A. E. Pegler; also on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes, of Bangor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor: B. Cox 1, J. Butler 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. E. Lock 4, W. Hitchman 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6.

LONG STANTON.—On Monday, January 30th, on the back six, 720 of Long Stanton: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, J. B. Woolley (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook 6. This is believed to be the first time this method has been rung on tower bells.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on January 31st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, J. J. Lamb (Greenwich) 3, H. J. Norgale 4, A. Bradley 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8. Rung for the unveiling of the war memorial in the church by the Bishop of Woolwich.

WISBECH.—On Sunday evening, February 12th, on handbells, at the conductor's residence, 720 Bob Minor by: Arthur P. Cosway, W. H. Freeman, J. Foster, B. Gogle, Ralph Narborough (conductor). First 720 by all except ringer of 2nd and conductor.

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