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Whenever it pauses to survey the position, the Exercise is inclined to pride itself upon the advances which it has made in the last three or four decades, and in some respects, such as, for instance, the wider practice of change ringing, and the generally improved condition of belfries, there is justification. But when we read of such a performance as that which we published last week as having been accomplished in 1826 at Wakefield, we begin to wonder whether, in method ringing, we have advanced very far in the last one hundred years. How many bands are there to-day who could do as these Yorkshiremen did a century ago, ring a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal at the first attempt? And we may be sure that the peal was very well rung, for with bad ringing and numerous trips a peal in such a method would never have been got home. To-day, Cambridge Surprise Royal is looked upon as practically the highest stage to which ten-bell ringing has reached. These men of Wakefield rang Cambridge Royal in 1822.

Except for the comparatively new method of Bristol Surprise, which has gained a deserved popularity among advanced ringers, what do ringers—with one or two exceptions—content themselves with in the higher methods?—Superlative, Cambridge and London. Superlative Surprise was rung at Huddersfield in 1821, Cambridge Surprise Major in London in 1783, and in Sheffield in 1787, London Surprise Major in Norwich in 1835, New Cambridge Major at Huddersfield in 1822, and, as we have seen, Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wakefield in 1822, and Superlative Royal by practically the same band in 1826. So that, after all, in point of the methods we ring, we have not gone far in the last one hundred years.

We are not belittling the performances of those who ring the same methods to-day, but when we compare the present facilities with those of the men who scored these early triumphs, can we say that we are showing the initiative that should be expected of us? It cannot be said that these methods are the limit of what are good among Surprise methods. We are not sure that it can even be said that they are the most difficult. What seems to be lacking is enterprise. There are among peal ringers to-day too many who look to 'scoring' more than they look to progress, and are content to ring methods in which they feel more or less certain of 'bagging' a peal. Some make no effort to get beyond Treble Bob or Double Norwich; others are content with such Surprise methods as are to them as familiar as Grandsire. We need more bands like the men of Leiston, and like the ringers of Whitley Bay, who will lift the practice of ringing out of the rut.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW N.E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5139 CHANGES:

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*HENRY DYAS Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 8
WILLIAM H. WOOD 4	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 9
†WALTER STEED 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Colchester. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
*JOHN WAINE Treble	ERNEST FRANKUM 5
ROBERT FRANKUM 2	CHARLES GILES 6
JOHN FRANKUM 3	JOSEPH HANDS 7
*ALBERT FRANKUM 4	HERBERT FRANKUM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.
* First peal. Rung in memory of William Frankum, who died Feb 21st, and was a bell ringer for over 40 years.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	FRANK F. HILL 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	*HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 6
ARTHUR J. ORGILL 3	WILFRED H. BUXTON 7
WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES:

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JOHN OLDHAM Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
*F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	WILLIAM SMITH 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES:

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
JOHN FITTON Treble	STANLEY PICUP 5
GEORGE STAFF 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
*FRANK BERRY 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JAMES JACQUES 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.
* First peal in the method. The ringers of treble, 2nd and 7th hail from Milnrow, 3rd and 4th from Middleton, 5th from Bacup, and 6th and tenor from Todmorden.

HIGHGATE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, BROOKFIELD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BEVAN... ..	Treble	CHARLES PRYOR... ..	5
*MISS KITTIE SMITH... ..	2	ERNEST YOUNG... ..	6
THOMAS NEWMAN... ..	3	†CECIL J. MATTHEWS... ..	7
ERNEST BONFIELD... ..	4	FRANK SMITH... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*MISS FULLER... ..	Treble	GEORGE MARRINER... ..	5
JOHN BEAMS... ..	2	ARTHUR DEAN... ..	6
GEORGE COOK... ..	3	JOHN H. WHITE... ..	7
ALBERT HARMAN... ..	4	WILLIAM LYNCH... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. WHITE.

* First peal.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEDVERS F. ELKINGTON... ..	Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON... ..	5
JOHN OLDHAM... ..	2	SHIRLEY BURTON... ..	6
JOHN SADDINGTON... ..	3	HAROLD J. POOLE... ..	7
WILLIAM SMITH... ..	4	EDWARD READER... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Rector for placing the bells at their disposal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... ..	Treble	ALLAN R. MACDONALD... ..	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER... ..	2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE... ..	6
HAROLD J. WALTON... ..	3	LOUIS ATTWATER... ..	7
ARTHUR WALTON... ..	4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK UNDERDOWN... ..	Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN... ..	5
HARRY BAKER... ..	2	GEORGE KENWARD... ..	6
CHARLES TRIBE... ..	3	CHARLES PLAYER... ..	7
CHARLES H. SONE... ..	4	EDWARD CURD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

PERCY O. LAFLIN... ..	Treble	JOHN WITHERS... ..	5
†WILLIAM H. BALL... ..	2	†CHARLES WEBB... ..	6
*JACK WITHERS, JUN... ..	3	ALBERT E. NORMAN... ..	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... ..	4	JOHN NEAL... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES SAMPSON... ..	Treble	JAMES G. REMSEY... ..	5
ERNEST S. BAILEY... ..	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY... ..	6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY... ..	3	EDGAR H. BAILEY... ..	7
GEORGE BAILEY... ..	4	JAMES M. BAILEY... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method, also quickest peal of Major on the bells.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT... ..	Treble	ALFRED DAVIES... ..	5
THOMAS J. SALTER... ..	2	*JAMES GEORGE... ..	6
ERNEST J. BROOKS... ..	3	SAMUEL GROVE... ..	7
JOHN BASS... ..	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George, and was his first peal of London away from the treble. Mr. George was congratulated after the peal upon having added another 'star' to his list of honours.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. NEWELL... ..	Treble	ERNEST W. DAY... ..	4
*MISS A. MAY DURRANT... ..	2	FRANK W. CROFT... ..	5
HERBERT E. DAY... ..	3	GEO. T. CROFT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE... ..	Treble	BARNARD PATMORE... ..	4
SIDNEY CARTER... ..	2	HENRY WALLACE... ..	5
ERNEST A. OVERALL... ..	3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

CREWE.—On Tuesday, February 14th, at Christ Church, by the local society, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 51 mins.; also on Tuesday, March 14th, 1,220 changes in the same method, in 48 mins., by: William T. Holding 1, Harry F. Holding 2, Richard D. Langford 3, George H. Crawley 4, Albert Crawley 5, Harry Overton 6, Richard T. Holding 7, James H. Riding (conductor) 8. These were the first quarter-peals of Cambridge by all the band and on the bells.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERNEST H. HUNT Treble	JOHN W. JONES 4
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 5
FREDERICK J. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM BOLTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

First peal on the bells, which were put in by Messrs. Warner in 1914.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET

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

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

A peal in this method is now tapped for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1922, in One Hour and Forty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	*KEITH W. WHITTELL 4
*HARRY D. LISTER 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: MR. F. MORLOCK, JUN.

* First peal and hail from Bildeston. Rung in the engineering workshop of Mr. F. Mortlock, sen.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY 3-4	*E. G. HIBBINS 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
GEORGE W. STEERE 3-4	ERNEST WEATHERBY 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

DOUGLAS HARRIS... .. 1-2	CYRIL HERBERT... .. 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	*EDMUND HOBBS... .. 7-8

Conducted by EDMUND HOBBS.

Witness: CHARLES HERBERT.

Believed to be the first 'double-handed' peal in the method by resident members of the Beds Association. * First peal on handbells, and as conductor on eight bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S LOSS.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Liversedge, on Saturday last. Some forty ringers took advantage of the opportunity of using the fine peal of bells cast by Dobson, of Downham Market, in 1815, and kept them going throughout the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods.

At the business meeting, a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. P. L. Cooper was carried, the members rising in their seats as a last tribute of respect to one to whom the division owes much of its success. The quiet yet effective manner in which the deceased carried out the secretarial duties of the Division won him the respect of all who came in contact with him. In Mr. Cooper the Association lost an able and willing helper, and his early death leaves the Exercise all the poorer, and the sympathy of his Association goes out to Mrs. Cooper and her son in their bereavement.

It was decided if possible to hold the next meeting of the Division in June at Skipton, and, failing there, that the secretary try to make the necessary arrangements at Gargrave.

Mr. F. Hopwood was elected Secretary of the Division, Mr. J. Broadley being appointed as Ringing Master. It was decided to fill the two vacant seats on the District Committee (caused by the elevation of these two gentlemen to official positions) at the June meeting.

A long discussion took place concerning an annual dinner of the Association, and the matter was eventually left for the general meeting at Pontefract to decide.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Liversedge was replied to by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Clare, M.A.), who produced the parish log book and showed the meeting the actual agreement signed by the bell founder in 1815 for Liversedge bells, the quaint wording of the accounts being of great interest to the meeting. After the bells were cast it seems that a balance was left, and this balance is entered in the accounts as being disposed of by treating the ringers. Great regret was expressed that such a custom has fallen into disuse.

A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies for their efforts, replied to by Messrs. A. Armitage and Halmshaw, who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and trusted that Liversedge would be visited again in the near future.

RINGERS' SOCIAL GUILD.

FIRST OPEN MEETING AT BRIGHTON.

The first 'open' meeting of the newly-formed Brighton and District Ringers' Social Guild was held on Tuesday, March 21st, at the Prince Albert Hotel (adjoining Brighton Station); the first part of the evening being occupied with the necessary business matters, while musical items filled the latter half.

Several apologies for absence had been received, together with good wishes for the success of the Guild. The minutes of the inauguration of the Guild, which took place on January 10th last, were read and adopted.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. York Bramble) reported as to the enrolment of members; the choice of the Prince Albert Hotel as the proposed headquarters of the Guild (from the points of view of locality and economy); the financial position; the interest shown by others than resident County Association ringers; and the suggestions made as to the programme of activities of the Guild. In regard to these matters, the following proposals were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:

The adoption of Prince Albert Hotel as Guild headquarters, as being midway between the two principal Brighton towers, adjoining the station; and affording exclusive use of committee and general meeting rooms, with piano, billiards, etc.

The expenses being purely nominal (postages, etc.), no subscription is to be fixed; but expenses to be defrayed by occasional collections at Guild meetings; a petty cash book being kept by the hon. secretary.

Membership to be open to all interested in the social aspect of ringing; but only resident members of the Sussex County Association to manage Guild affairs, all others being 'associate' members; the 'peal' qualification to be dropped.

Two Guild meetings to be held each quarter, one being at headquarters, and the other at the conclusion of the Central Divisional quarterly meeting of the County Association; the annual Guild meeting to take place at Christmas time, with the annual dinner of the Guild.

The election of officers for the current year resulted in the following appointments: Chairman, Mr. W. C. Hart; hon. secretary, Mr. York Bramble; committee, Mr. George Ades, Mr. A. Stalham, and Mr. A. D. Stone.

The question of the next meeting was solved automatically by the resolution above mentioned. It will be at Ditchling on Easter Monday next, and will be the first of the two meetings to be held in the spring quarter.

Intending members of the Guild should send their names and addresses to the hon. secretary, and indicate whether they are members of the Sussex County Association.

WHY 'SUFFOLK DIOCESAN'?

To the Editor.

Sir,—No 'Surprise' seems to have been expressed by anyone at the recent assumption of the above title by a few ringers in West Suffolk. Yet that title would appear to be open to grave objection on the score of the following anomalies: (a) There is no diocese of Suffolk; (b) a considerable slice of that county (the deanery of Lotheringham, including Lowestoft), is part of the diocese of Norwich; (c) an overwhelming majority of the ringers in Suffolk won't have the title ('Suffolk'); they have chosen 'St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich'; and they prefer this latter, coupled with the name 'Norwich'; (d) the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich is already one of the patrons of the Association (the N. and St. E. and I.A.), to which these ringers, who are in the majority, belong.

The situation may appear puzzling to some people in other parts of the country, but what all ringers will at once appreciate is that ringing organisations are essentially democratic institutions; that the wishes of the majority must prevail; and that, therefore, a body of 80 ringers (to give round figures) cannot expect to dictate to an Association of 400 (round figures again).

The St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch (of the N. and St. E. and I. Association) is already a very strong Association with ample resources to serve the needs of all the ringers of Suffolk, both East and West. It has over 40 years of service to its credit, and the majority of Suffolk ringers desire to remain within its fellowship.

There is, however, another and wider aspect. This 'Suffolk diocesan' disorder, as the authors of it should be aware, is causing confusion among ringers generally, and may well have a disturbing effect on the comity of ringing associations.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Bracondale, Norwich.

24th March, 1922.

WHY ST. EDMUNDSBURY?

Dear Sir,—If Mr. S. H. Symonds would kindly read the report of our Suffolk branch meeting held at Ipswich, on Saturday, February 4th, 1922, published in 'The Ringing World' of February 10th, 1922, page 89, he will find the answer to his letter in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th 'Why St. Edmundsbury?' He will also gather further information bearing on this matter from the report in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th, 1922, page 185, of the meeting of our Saxmundham district, held at Saxmundham on Saturday, March 18th,

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN,

General Secretary.

Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocesan Association.

DOUBLE NORWICH IN BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your 'Belfry Gossip' of 24th inst., a reference is made to the fact that a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Mary-le-Port Church, Bristol, on May 19th, 1891, under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. I write to state that there is no such peal recorded in our peal book, but that the men referred to rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on May 18th 1891, with the exception of H. H. Tacker, who rang his first peal for this Association in 1899. It would be very interesting to Bristol ringers to know whether there is an error, because, so far as we know, the peal mentioned by the Rev. E. B. James was the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung in the City of Bristol.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Sec., G. and B.D.A.

The information upon which our paragraph was based was supplied by Mr. F. G. Newman, who took part in the peal, and who sent up a copy of the report which appeared in the 'Bell News' at the time.—Ed. 'R.W.'

LADIES' GUILD.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The postponed quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 25th, about 30 members and friends being present, including several probationers, who it is hoped may become members before long.

A short meeting was held in the belfry prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs.

An excellent ten was enjoyed at the 'White Cot' Dairy.

Two new honorary members were elected, viz., Mrs. Jukes, wife of the Rector of Portishead, and Miss Barnham, of Bristol.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, and the Portishead ringers for the use of the bells, to the Rev. H. S. Briggs for arranging the service, and to Miss Orchard for acting as organist.

RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

ACTIVITIES IN THE FAR WEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is some time since you heard from this quarter of the globe, so my letter to you must be a little longer than usual. In the first place we are all lamenting the loss to our band in Vancouver of Mr. John Dearlove, who left some few months ago for Brighton, Sussex, after ringing a well-struck farewell touch of Grandsire Triples.

Shortly after Mr. Charles Willshire's visit and peal attempt here, I received a letter from Commanding Officer W. A. Cooke, R.N., of H.M.S. 'Raleigh,' at Bermuda, informing me of that ship's intending visit to this coast, and that two of her officers were looking forward to a ring. They arrived on December 27th, and left us on January 9th, and, it is needless to say, were in the belfry on every possible occasion. We rang the old year out and the new year in with 336 Grandsire Triples, the ringers being: Major C. R. Jerram, R.M.L.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.M., 1, A. O. Limpus 2, W. A. Cooke, R.N., 3, J. Parkinson 4, W. Sampson 5, H. Whiteman 6, George Roberts 7, Arthur King 8.

The following day we attempted a peal, but lost it after 1 hr. and 25 mins. good striking. On this occasion George W. Foster was our conductor, having come in from Port Haney, some 35 miles east, for the occasion, but the crossing of two bells deprived us of a good peal. We hope, however, for better luck on the return visit of the ship next year.

Now we have lost Mr. H. Whiteman, who is down in San Francisco, Cal., but we have gained for some time at least, a valuable ringer in Mr. A. P. Goddard, who is wintering here from the prairies. He was some time bell hanger for Messrs. Lewellins and James, of Bristol, the founders of our peal.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we, as a band of ringers, are getting a goodly measure of encouragement from the Press, also from the city. No less than three times have we been asked by the Mayor and Council to ring. The first occasion was the dedication of the peace arch on the international boundary at Blain, Washington, to commemorate the 100 years of peace between this country and the United States. The next occasion was on Armistice day, when we rang for 15 minutes half-muffled, on the conclusion of the two minutes' silence observed at 11 a.m., and again, open at the conclusion of the service in front of the Court House as the last note of the 'Last Post' died away. Lastly, to-day, we were requested to ring in honour of the wedding of Princess Mary. After various touches, including one of 504, a fairly well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round, in 46 minutes, the ringers being A. King (first away from the tenor) 1, Geo. Roberts 2, A. C. Limpus 3, A. Goddard 4, Jack Powell (first quarter-peal) 5, W. Sampson 6, Jack Parkinson (conductor) 7, Farrington Jones 8.

This evening I received my 'Ringing World,' and see a letter from Alexander Matthews on the difficulties of forming a young band in America. There are just a few points I feel bound to correct him on. He omits any mention of two ringing peals in Quebec City, one in Montreal, and one at Brandon, Manitoba, but apart from 'stone' in Quebec, I do not think these bells are rung now. The second point is we have been ringing here in Vancouver ever since the bells were hung in 1906, on practice night (Thursdays) at 7.30 p.m., and for Sunday evening service, 6.30. Our peal of Grandsire Triples, 'Holt's Original,' was rung on July 1st, 1911.

We have a goodly number of change ringers in and around Vancouver. I can count from memory 18 within call, but most of them go on duty about the time we ring, which leaves us with an average attendance of eight. The methods practised are Stedman, Bob Minor and Major, and Grandsire. We have also a fairly good band of hand-bell ringers.

I deeply regret to read of the accident on New Year's night in the belfry of St. Mary's, Twickenham. Though having rung but one quarter-peal there on a visit some ten years ago, I always regard it as my mother tower, knowing every inch from the ground floor to the roof, my father having been Vicar for many years. I hope Mr. Powell is progressing favourably.—Yours truly,

1237, 8th Avenue E., Vancouver.
February 28th, 1922.

A. C. LIMPUS.

DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The writer, when penning the footnote to the peal of Real Double Superlative, had in mind the possibility of other bands having tried bobs behind. We now learn from Mr. Dexter's letter that St. Martin's, Leicester, have been at it for two years.

One is awestruck at the account of the wonderful productions on the double plan in the possession of this gentleman, 9,000 with 'tenors together' must be a bit of a shock to those who thought they knew something of Superlative composition and proof. They will wonder how it is done.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.
Sunderland.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Rev. E. B. James's remarks re his irregular 10-part are careless statements, uttered for his own advantage. If as he says, I published his irregular peal as my own and he saw the printed figures, then nothing is easier for him than to produce this printed evidence. I say he cannot produce it, for like the conversation I was supposed to have with Mr. W. T. Pegler, which never took place, it does not exist. Now the figures, if I am not much mistaken, that he did see, would be the 10-part now under discussion. Mr. James seemingly published this peal in 1903, knowing at the time that it had previously been rung and published by me.—Yours faithfully, G. LINDOFF.

A TOUR IN SOUTH-EAST KENT.

VISITING THE SIX-BELL TOWERS.

The Brabourne ringers, with three members of the Elham band, had an enjoyable Saturday afternoon trip by motor to a few six-bell towers on the fringe of Romney Marsh on Saturday week. Ringing began at Brabourne, with Grandsire Doubles, followed by Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. The half-hour allotted soon slipped away, and then the party were whirled away on the road to Aldington. The first person to greet them on their arrival was the 'young' veteran, Charles Slingsby, who, at 85, had rung the treble to 720 Bob Minor the previous Sunday. The old gentleman unwillingly consented to take part in a short touch, because, as he said, 'You all have come to ring, and I to look on.' But that would not satisfy the party, and a well-struck course or two was rung with the veteran at the treble.

Aldington's fine tower stands like a sentinel overlooking the country round, including practically the whole of Romney Marsh, and the view on a clear day is magnificent. The bells may not be what is termed musical, but are nicely hung and easy going.

Sellinge, the next stopping-place, found the party attempting Stedman on a peal the opposite of musical, and the 'hang' and 'go' not at all pleasing. One of the party who had viewed the broad expanse from the top of Aldington tower, found the range of vision much too limited in the small confines of an attempted circle of ropes, to ring Stedman (perhaps the writer had better plead guilty at once).

Saltwood was the next place on the programme, and soon, under the capable hands of the driver (a nephew of J. H. Cheeseman, by the way), the party found themselves drawn up at the entrance of the tower. The bells were set going in the standard methods. The bells here are a pleasing and musical ring, and pealsmen and colts alike much enjoyed themselves. The willingness to oblige in any way, on the part of those members of the local band who were present, was much appreciated.

The next item was tea at the Castle Hotel, and then Cheriton was visited, to find the tower deserted, and in darkness. A search for the sexton revealed the fact that the party were nearly an hour late, and the members of the local band who had intended to welcome them had gone, thinking the programme had been altered. However, the energetic one of the party found the key, and soon this handy little ring were bobbing up and down in various methods. Whether the comfortable little room at the Castle Hotel was to blame for the late arrival had better not be discussed here, but the time was all too short on this nice going little peal, as Newington the last 'port' of call, had to be taken into account.

This is an ideal ring of nice tone and easy going, so that bad striking is inexcusable. The pity is the old pilot (J. Marsh) has passed away, and another has not yet taken his place. It can only be hoped that this visit may be the means of restarting interest. Ringing, like all other good things, comes to an end, and the party found itself on the road once more, this time for home. Some lucky ones were deposited at their very doors, two brothers kindly offered to walk their mile, and the Elhamites had four miles of pedal work.

The party consisted of the whole of the Brabourne band. The brothers, L. and S. Finn, E. and W. Cheeseman, C. Cheeseman, E. Vickers and P. H. Pierce, S. Hopkins (Elmsted), F. Verney, A. and F. Castle, of Elham, and the last named, though not yet 13, has several 120's to his credit.

The best thanks are due to all those responsible for lending the bells, and in other ways helping to make the little tour a success, and if any interest in change ringing has been stimulated the party will be more than satisfied.

A. C.

NEW BAND'S ENTHUSIASM.

At Capenhurst, Cheshire on Tuesday, March 21st, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: J. Bagley 1, Robt. Maddock 2, Richard Maddock (conductor) 3, E. Elwell 4, J. Maddock 5, A. Bagley 6. This is the first 720 by all, and first 720 on the bells by a local company. The bells are a fine new peal by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the local men are taking up change ringing with great enterprise and energy.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held in the picturesque town of Keswick, in the centre of the Lake District on Saturday last. Between 20 and 30 ringers, including one lady, representing nine towers, attended. The meeting was held in Crosthwaite belfry, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Bradley).

Arrangements for the annual competition for the shield, given by the late Canon Rawnsley, were made, Aspatria being the place decided on, and Easter Monday the day. Arrangements were also made for a peal attempt, at Heusingham, on Saturday, May 7th to be rung in memory of the members of the Association who lost their lives in the great war. If successful, it is to be duly recorded by a tablet in the belfry.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Hogarth. Her husband, the late Mr. Stephen Hogarth, was one of the pioneers of the Cumberland Association, and members of the family are still ringers at Crosthwaite.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Minor were rung on the bells, which are a treat to ring. Tea was held at Wilson's Cafe, Main Street, Mr. Wilson himself being a ringer.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER BRANCH'S DISAPPOINTING MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, on Saturday last. This tower had been selected at a previous meeting, after considerable discussion, because it was considered to be most central, and it was thought that a record attendance would, therefore, be assured. But in bell ringing, as in all other pursuits, hopes and expectations do not always materialise; the most carefully arranged plans do not always guarantee success; and such was the experience of the Gloucester Branch on this occasion, for there was anything but a record attendance. Trouble had been taken to secure one of the Residentiary Canons of Gloucester Cathedral to come and address the company, and a very excellent address was attentively listened to by only twelve men. However, a few more were present at tea, and by the time the meeting commenced the roll-call was 18.

The chairman of the branch (Mr. Walter B. Wood) occupied the chair and put the meeting into a good-humour at once, by announcing that he wished all present to consider themselves his guests, and allow him to pay for the tea. This request was very readily acceded to, and greeted with applause.

The Hon. Secretary (Captain A. A. Bennett) presented his report for the quarter, which was considered highly satisfactory, and was unanimously adopted.

Mention was made of a request from a young band at Longney for instruction in change ringing, with an intimation that they were prepared to become probationer members of the branch. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr. T. Baldwin be appointed instructor, and that the next meeting be held there, so that the whole matter could be talked over on the spot.

WHO WILL HELP?

We hear from Australia that the widow of the late Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, formerly of Portsmouth, who early last year left England for Sydney, and died there soon after his arrival, is in very straitened circumstances. Mrs. Ellsmore, who is 71 years of age, and past work, is now dependent upon a widowed daughter, whose husband fell in the war.

The many ringing friends of the late Mr. Ellsmore, and there are a considerable number who owe their early tuition in the art, to his efforts, will, we feel sure, be glad to extend a helping hand to his widow, left without means under such sad circumstances.

Contributions sent to 'The Ringing World' will be acknowledged in these columns, and forwarded to Mrs. Ellsmore.

We would also remind our readers of the appeal which has been made by the Middlesex Association on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Harry Flanders. Contributions to this fund should be sent to Mr. Alfred Pye, 126, Pembroke Road, Seven Kings or Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to acknowledge the following sums given to the fund opened on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Harry Flanders, and to thank all concerned for their kind help. I shall be glad to receive any further sums, which will be duly acknowledged through this paper. I may add that this is a case for timely help, as the long illness of Mr. Flanders left his widow in straitened circumstances, and in very delicate health. Amounts already received are as follows: Collected at meeting at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, March 11th, £2; Messrs. R. Sanders, 2s. 6d.; A. W. Coles, 2s. 6d.; W. H. Freeman, 5s.; H. T. Scarlett, 2s. 6d.; W. B. Manning, 2s. 6d.; F. Wilford, 2s. 6d.; A. Edwards, 2s. 6d.; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.—Yours truly,

C. T. COLES.

49, Wood Street, E.17.

FIRST PEAL OF MINOR AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

The peal of Minor rung at Ashton-under-Lyne is the first ever rung in the town. The conductor and the ringer of the 3rd are two typical Yorkshire men, and it is over 17 years since Mr. Heckingbottom called his last peal. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are two of Cheshire's keenest campanologists, and the ringers of the 4th and 5th are two modest men of the county palatine (Lancashire).

After the peal was over the band adjourned to receive the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, who with the wives and sweethearts of the ringers, had a most enjoyable evening together, the esteemed hon. secretary of the Chester Guild (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) being also of the company. He complimented the ringers on their well-struck peal.

During the evening, Mr. George Hill, of Hoylandswaine, was the recipient of a beautiful fountain pen as a token of appreciation for his kindness in entering peals rung at St. Peter's Church in their unique and beautiful peal book. Mr. W. Wolstencroft made the presentation, and Mr. Hill made a suitable reply.

OLD ALDERMASTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Frankum which took place at Aldermaston on February 21st, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. William Frankum was an old resident of the parish, and for over 40 years a ringer at the Parish Church. Some part of the time he was foreman of the band, and he rang the treble through four or five peals, of Grandsire Triples. He was also sidesman. He had to give up ringing a few years ago through an accident which made it difficult for him to get his hand up to his head. In recognition of his long service he was presented with an illuminated address, with the names of subscribers, and a purse of money. The deceased was liked by everyone in the parish, and a number of residents attended the funeral, which took place on Saturday, February 25th. There was a large number of wreaths from relatives and friends.

Mr. Frankum had a large family, and six of the sons took to ringing. Five of them were present at the funeral, and with Messrs. Green, Clark and S. Collins, who belonged to the band before the war, went to the tower after the interment and rang the bells muffled to 350 Grandsire Triples: W. Clark 1, S. Collins 2, H. Frankum 3, R. Frankum (conductor) 4, E. Frankum 5, A. Frankum 6, A. J. Frankum 7, F. Green 8.

A muffled peal, in which five sons took part, was rung on March 11th.

MR. E. H. LEWIS' 150th PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Newcastle Cathedral on Feb. 28th was Mr. E. H. Lewis' 150th peal, and the list is interesting from the variety of methods it comprises.

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Bob Minor	2 (cond. 1)	
Bob Major	13 (cond. 5)	9
Bob Royal	2 (cond. 1)	2
Bob Maximus		1
Double Bob Major	1 (cond. 1)	
Little Bob Major	1 (cond. 1)	
Little Bob Royal	1	1
Plain and Little Bob Royal		1
Grandsire Triples	11 (cond. 3)	1
Grandsire Caters	2	1
Oxford Bob Triples	3 (cond. 1)	
Oxford Bob Major	1 (cond. 1)	
Double Oxford Bob Triples	2 (cond. 1)	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	
St. Clement's Bob Triples	1 (cond. 1)	
St. Clement's Bob Major	1	
Union Triples	1 (cond. 1)	
Double Norwich Court Bob	13	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	9 (cond. 1)	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1 (cond. 1)	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	
Albion Treble Bob Major	1 (cond. 1)	
Little Albion Treble Bob Major	2 (cond. 1)	
Superlative Surprise Major	8 (cond. 2)	
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	
Stedman Triples	25	1
Stedman Caters	2	2
Stedman Cinques	2	
Forward Major	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Two Minor methods	1 (cond. 1)	
Three Minor methods	2 (cond. 1)	
Seven Minor methods	9 (cond. 3)	
Ten Minor methods (7,200)	1 (cond. 1)	
	125 (cond. 29)	25

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have in hand the augmentation of the peal at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, have promised to have the bells ready for the annual meeting of the Midland Counties' Association on Easter Monday, so that the members will have the added interest and attraction of a new peal of ten.

A peal of Minor has just been rung at St. Mellons, Monmouthshire, on a new ring of six put in in 1914. Probably this ring is unique among modern church bells, inasmuch as there has never been a dedication of the peal, owing to a difference of opinion between the Vicar and the architect in regard to the tower. The Vicar was anxious to have a ring of bells, but the architect considered the tower not good enough. The Vicar, however, carried out his wish. The bells were put in, and have been rung regularly ever since, but the dedication was allowed to slide. The tower had been thoroughly repaired and cement pointed, and, from the ordinary ringer's observation, appears very much stronger than many towers carrying eight and ten bells.

As further evidence of the youthful energy which Mr. James George puts into his ringing, we have the record to-day of his first peal of London Surprise Major away from the treble. Few men ring their first peal in this method when past 68.

Whatever else may be said about his performances, one cannot but admire the perseverance and talent of Mr. Arthur T. Morris, of Harwich, who, having tapped a second peal of London Surprise, has now added Superlative and Double Norwich to the list. We believe Mr. Morris would welcome any independent witness who cares to make arrangements to referee one of his performances.

April 1st is the anniversary of one of the earliest 'long' peals. In the year 1727, 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, and the record, still in existence, is worth recalling.

A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hrs. 28 mins. on the 1st day of April Anno, 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. Performed by Richard Barnham 1, Thomas Melchior 2, John Harvey 3, John Webster 4, Thomas Gardiner 5, Thomas Barret 6, Edward Crane 7, Robert Crane tenor.

No record of the composition exists and, in view of the very slight knowledge existing at that time on the subject of the composition of Treble Bob, it can by no means be certain that 'there was no change alike' in this early peal. But whatever doubts there may be about the truth of the composition, the performance stands out as one of the best of early peals.

In 1777, on April 1st, a round 6,000 of Treble Twelve was rung by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark in 4 hrs. 58 mins. There were two men on the tenor. This record stood for barely a year, for on March 16, 1778, a longer peal was rung at Norwich by Cumberland Youths.

The 3rd April is the anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith rung in 1899, in 9 hrs. 24 mins., for the Kent Association. This superseded the 13,440 rung at Romford in 1894, by the Cumberlands, but was exceeded in length by the much-discussed 17,024 rung at Kidlington only seven weeks later by the Oxford Guild.

On April 6th, 1916, Henry Dains died, aged 78, and on April 7th, 1896, George Newson passed away. These were two of the greatest among the Cumberlands of the past generation, and both took part in the peal at Romford mentioned above. One was the composer and the other the conductor.

The peal of Doubles on March 4th for the Salisbury Guild, was rung at Zeals, Wilts, and not Neals, as printed in the report.

LONG SERVICE.

HEPTONSTALL'S RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your valuable paper of Mar. 17, I noticed that Nor-a Anston have beaten Marhull for the record for long service ringing. I think we at Hepstonstall can beat that. There are eight ringers, with an average of 40 years, the longest having 48 years' service. Of the others there are three with 46 years, one with 42, one with 36, one with 32, and one with 22.

We have not gone in for ringing 5,000's, but have gone in for contest ringing, having won the Halifax and District Association's silver cup three times, from 1907–1911. Our oldest ringer, Mr. Joseph Nowell in his 78th year, is still active, and ringing for services. The youngest ringer out of the above band is 48 years old. Is there any tower which can beat this?—Yours faithfully, F. ROBERTSHAW.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Saturday, February 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Treble Bob, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob, viz., 720 Violet and 720 Kent was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor: A. Lees 1, T. Hurd 2, L. Pennington 3, W. P. Deane (conductor) 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne 6.

THE LATE MR. A. T. KING.

A LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and an honorary member of the Central Council, who died suddenly on his way to church on Sunday, at the age of 76 years. Mr. King resided at the 'Summit,' Stevenage, Herts.

Born in the Cathedral Close, Salisbury, on Sept. 30th, 1845, the late Mr. King was a son of the Rev. Charles King, Vicar of Stratford-sub-Castle, and Canon of Salisbury. He was educated at Winchester, and in 1864 joined the Civil Service, entering the National Debt Office, where he rose to an important position. In 1903 he was made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order, and retired in 1910.

By his death, the Exercise has lost an invaluable member, and the Middlesex Association, for whose success in its early days Mr. King was so largely responsible, an active and enthusiastic president, who,



THE LATE MR. ARTHUR T. KING.

despite his years, was never happier than when he was among the members. Mr. King was always fond of handling a bell, and had some experience when, as a boy, in the early sixties, he used to spend some of his holidays with his uncle, the Rev. Canon King, who for many years was Vicar of Worstead, Norfolk. While at Winchester, Mr. King used sometimes to ring the curfew, but he took no active part in ringing as a science until about the year 1893, when the old peal at Barnet were recast, and he became a member of the local society. He had, however, come into touch with the old Middlesex Association in 1869, soon after it had been formed out of the remains of the North Middlesex Association and, having shown a practical interest in its affairs, he was pressed into service as hon. secretary in 1895.

The first thing he did on assuming office was to open negotiations with the South Middlesex Association, with a view to uniting forces, and in 1897 had the satisfaction of seeing one strong association formed under the name of 'the Middlesex County Association,' to which in 1903, was added with the express approval of the Bishop of London, the further title of 'London Diocesan Guild.' When the fusion took place, Mr. King was appointed joint secretary, with Mr. C. Edwards, of Hounslow, the first President being the Rev. H. G. Bird. The Association grew by leaps and bounds, largely owing to the organising ability displayed by Mr. King, who in 1901, on the resignation of Mr. Edwards, took over the entire secretarial duties, besides those of hon. secretary of the North and East District. Throughout the many years Mr. King occupied the office, he never spared any effort to promote the interests of the Association, and when, in 1910, on removing from London, he retired from the secre-

taryship, he was made a vice-president of the Association, and presented with a magnificent timepiece, striking the Westminster chimes, in grateful recognition of all he had done for the society.

He was not long out of harness, however, for, on the resignation of the Rev. H. G. Bird, there could be but one choice of President, and Mr. King was elected to the vacancy. Although residing at a distance from London, Mr. King took the keenest interest in all the doings of the Association, and was frequently present at the meetings. Despite advancing years and sometimes indifferent health, he kept in personal touch with his Association, and with ringing matters generally, although he had to give up practical ringing some few years ago on account of heart weakness.

In addition to serving his Association with devotion and singleness of purpose—to promote the interests of ringing, and to secure greater recognition of ringers as officers of the church, of which he was a loyal son—Mr. King rendered enormous service to the Exercise as a whole, and the Central Council in particular. As a member for many years of the Analysis Committee of the Council the one committee whose labours are ceaseless—Mr. King shouldered a considerable part of the detailed work required in compiling the statistics which are annually published. With methodical labour and meticulous care he devoted a great deal of his leisure to this task, and only his colleagues on this committee know what this work has been. At the last meeting of the Council his services were recognised by his unanimous election as an honorary member. Mr. King having previously been a member of this body as a representative of the Middlesex Association.

Mr. King's peal ringing activities were confined to ringing the tenor and treble, and it has always been surprising that he never ventured beyond this stage in the practical side of the art. He used to say it may have been 'partly laziness and partly specific density,' which prevented him going further; but to no one, we think, could these failings be attributed with less truth than to Mr. King. In all he rang about 150 peals, including Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples and Stedman Caters. These peals he rang in 53 towers, and principally for the Middlesex Association. He was also a member of the Chester, Norwich, Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Guilds, and the Essex, Hertford, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Yorkshire Associations.

It is interesting to recall that in his youth, Mr. King was a great athlete, and among other things won the vaulting in the Civil Service sports in 1867, with a record height for these sports of seven feet. At Richmond about the same time he won the prize for throwing the hammer, beating a man who afterwards became amateur champion. He also won the chief swimming event at Winchester in 1862, and his prowess in the water more than once enabled him to save life. Indeed at the age of 65, he was able to save a girl from drowning in the River Nadder.

GREAT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I believe this is the University Church of Cambridge, and as many ringers may know, possesses a noble ring of twelve (with a tenor of about 29 cwt.) all rebung, and the trebles recast by Taylor a few years ago.

It may, however, be a surprise to some to learn that this fine ring has been allowed to hang for the past two years or more with the seventh bell cracked and useless.

The only other rings in Cambridge are the eight at the R.C. Church, a magnificent ring by Taylor (tenor 32 cwt.), the eight at St. Andrew's, a very poor lot of 'pots,' and the six at St. Benedict's (Stedman's tower), where, I believe, one 720 would be as much as any ringer would want, if it could be obtained.

I happened to be in Cambridge last Easter and heard St. Mary's bells being rung, the 6th and 7th being omitted, and very curious they sounded in rounds, the top five being answered by the bottom five, just an octave below. Now, Sir, surely something is wrong for this state of affairs to exist at a church of such importance, and I think it is up to the Ely Diocesan Association, who will hold their annual meeting there next Easter Monday, to endeavour to find out the cause.

'Lack of funds' is often a valid excuse in cases of this kind, but I cannot believe this to be the reason, if the University have any control or interest in these bells, and I am, therefore, forced to put it down to that bugbear, 'Apathy.' I hope I may be wrong in my surmise, and perhaps someone more intimate with ringing matters in Cambridge will enlighten me through the medium of your valuable columns.—Yours faithfully,

'PLAIN BOB.'

MR. T. H. PARKIN'S RETIREMENT.

At St. John's Church, Scunthorpe, on March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by S. Austin 1. A. Garbett 2. C. H. Bird 3. T. H. Parkin 4. T. Strickland 5. G. Dixon 6. R. Oliver (conductor) 7. C. Pye 8. This was a compliment to Mr. T. H. Parkin on his 65th birthday, and his retirement from scholastic duties, after 52 years' service as a day school teacher.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting was held at St. Philip's, Chester Street, on Saturday, March 18th. At the business meeting, held in the Institute, 30 members were present. The Rev. A. H. Barthram occupied the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He hoped to see them again some time, when, no doubt, he and the local men would be able to provide them with a tea, as in the days of old.

The secretary was instructed to see if a meeting could be held at St. John's, Deansgate, failing this, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 22nd.

The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Some of the younger ringers had a good lesson in change ringing, and the new ropes were appreciated, but some of the bells need a visit from the bell hanger.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and the local ringers closed the business.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday, March 18th, at East Crompton, when members were present from East Crompton, Middleton, Milnrow, Oldham, Moorside, Mamer, Todmorden Parish, Cross Stone, and Balderstone. Touches of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Mr. H. Davenport presided over the usual business meeting, at which it was decided that the next meeting, on April 8th, should be held at Shore.

The following were declared elected as performing members of the Association: James Harrop (Milnrow), Miss May Westhead and Miss H. Bell (Cross Stones); also Mr. William Horan (of Cross Stones).

The proceedings terminated with cordial resolutions of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 11th. The bells, a handy ring of six, with tenor 13 cwt., old yet beautiful, in spite of modern methods in casting tuning; rung 24 years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' is still splendid. Lest some visitors should think that the practice of change ringing is new to this tower, they must be warned otherwise, for the time was when the local band could give out the best, and there were keen critics in evidence able to judge the past and present ringing.

Tea was provided at the hotel close by the church, and the business meeting followed. The President (Mr. Wm. Reynier) was in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Greenstreet). The Chairman thanked the Vicar for his kind interest in ringers as a whole, and hoped his special interest in his own company would be long continued. The Vicar, replying, said his pride in his own ringers was very sincere, for their enthusiasm in their duties was beyond measure, and if by some means of brotherhood his ringers could attain higher rank, such aims would receive his help and approval.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member of the Association and the following members of the local company were elected ringing members: Messrs. J. Hill, George Breeden, G. Haldenby, C. Balus, T. Dumbriek, T. Bardsley, A. Edwards, A. Pender, J. Tait, T. Clayton, C. Smith.

The following towers were represented: Darfield, Arksey, Barnsley, Badsworth, Crofton, Royston, Felkirk, Sandal, Pontefract, Wragby and Wortley. Votes of thanks were passed separately to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the local company for their splendid co-operation, and to the host and hostess for the comfort and cheerful welcome given.

Penistone is proposed for the next meeting on April 8th.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting of the Exeter and District Branch was held at Thorverton on Saturday, February 25th. Proceedings opened with a service at the Parish Church, kindly taken by the Rev. J. H. Shaw (Vicar), who gave a very instructive address. Tea and meeting was subsequently held in the Schoolroom, amongst those present being Mr. E. Sheppard, chairman of the branch; Mr. J. C. Oke, assistant secretary; Rev. J. H. Shaw, Rev. F. Knight, and 38 members representing most of the bands in union. Letters expressing inability to attend were read from Rev. Canon McLaren, Exeter, and Mr. N. J. Southwood, secretary and treasurer.

The branch shows every sign of making progress, two bands having signified their intention of joining the branch, while four new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Honiton Clist, on Saturday, September 16th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Thorverton, the organist, the ladies for presiding at tea, and the chairman, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The bells (a very nice eight) were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman brought round.

BRISTOL ROYAL.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, during the controversy on the subject of extension of London Surprise, Mr. Armiger Trollope affirmed that he could produce the extension of any method from the Major in 30 minutes. Your readers will remember that I issued a challenge to Mr. Trollope to produce Superlative and Bristol Royal. That challenge has not been accepted. But as far as Bristol goes, there is now no occasion for Mr. Trollope to trouble (?) since Mr. Craven has now given us an extension of Bristol, which has been discovered independently by no less than four of our experts. First by Mr. Trollope, secondly by Mr. F. Dench, thirdly by Mr. George Baker, and, lastly, by Mr. Craven. I admit that, in face of this fact, the extension appears, at first sight, to be the correct one. In fact, it looks as though my friend, Mr. George Baker, is right when he says there is no other extension. But is there none other? Is this in fact, the correct extension? Why, it has not 'associated' leads even! According to our conventions, all correct extensions should have such—i.e., the first treble lead of Bristol Royal should be 1243658709

And this is actually possible!

In other words, next week, with your permission, I will give my reasons for the fact that Bristol Royal has not yet been published; and will indicate how the true extension may be obtained.—Yours very truly,
A. YORK BRAMBLE.

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BEACONSFIELD BELLS RESTORED.**A 'TRIAL TRIP.'**

Ringling echoes joyfully aroused the evening drowsiness of the old town of Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Thursday week, when the octave of bells at St. Mary's Church tower was 'tested' by the Beaconsfield band, after complete overhauling by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel. Poet sang never so sweetly as the 'Waller Bell,' nor statesman poured forth his eloquence with such pathos as the 'Burke Bell'—on St. Patrick's Eve, too—when in company with their old-time neighbours in the belfry they gave vent to their iron tongues in musical cadence after a long and regrettable ringing silence.

Methods known as Grand-are, Treble Bob and Stedman, were scored in short touches between 8 and 9 p.m., conducted by Mr. R. Buckland, the foreman of the tower, in which the following took part: Messrs. R. and F. Buckland, J. and L. Batling, B. Young, J. Blackmore, W. Fletcher, W. Turner, R. Wingrove, T. Eales, A. S. Bagley (late churchwarden), and Mr. J. Evans, of Hughenden, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

For the work done—mostly new fittings throughout, costing upwards of £150—all praise was given to the 'old firm,' established 1570, who erected the eight bells 40 years ago; and to their two hands responsible for its execution, Messrs. E. H. King and H. Hutchins, the latter going to Durham Cathedral for his next task.

The fund for this purpose was raised locally by bazaar, concert and donations, the leading figure in the restoration (delayed by the war) being Mr. C. A. Bennett, churchwarden, late of St. Albans, who, like his predecessor, is a practical ringer.

The old oak framework is just as sound as when it was first put up: it will do again for another half-century, and is quite equal to one of those of modern cast-iron design. The bells themselves were untouched and untuned to the modern craze for 'harmonics.' They will, perhaps, prove in years to come the wastefulness of destroying ancient and valuable bells in order to gratify a temporary fashion. One simple little device was introduced, which, while adding life to the vibrations, destroys much of the burr and rattle of the clapper on striking the mouth of the bell. A circular rubber buffer let into the ball of the clapper raises it from the sound bow after the blow is made, thus improving the quality and duration of the note produced.

W. H. F.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Kempston on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, with Kent Treble Bob Minor. Miss A. M. Durrant of Ilitchin, taking part. A short service, with address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. C. Shorting), was held in the church, and tea in the school followed. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which members were present from Bedford, Woburn, Stagsden, Bromham, Desborough, Sandy, Roxtan, Elstow, Biddenham, Turvey, and the local company. Four new members were elected. — Willington was chosen for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding, was passed. The Vicar is to be congratulated on urging his ringers to take up method ringing, as heretofore call changes prevailed in the tower. The Vicar has chosen Mr. P. Taskin to take the ringers in hand, and they are getting on well with Bob Minor.

Methods practised at the meeting ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday morning, March 26th, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Watkinson (conductor) 1, J. Taylor (age 13) 2, Miss E. Hopkin 3, F. Cardwell 4, H. Wilson 5, W. Godden 6, P. Downing 7, W. H. Taylor 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd and 7th, and first attempt.—After service, 352 Bob Major: F. Watkinson 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss Eva Hopkin 3, F. Cardwell 4, W. H. Taylor 5, H. Wilson 6, P. Downing 7, J. Garth 8.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, C. Morris 3, C. Tyler 4, G. Arnold 5, S. Clarke 6, J. E. Figgures 7, J. W. Wells 8.

WICKHAM, HANTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Churcher 1, G. Pullinger 2, H. Merrett 3, N. Welch 4, H. Smith (conductor) 5, E. Carpenter 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the following taking part: W. Butler, E. Bright (conductor), A. Chalk, H. Dorking, A. Evers, V. Glass, W. Mellin. Rung with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Bishop of Colchester.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, 305 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, A. Botham 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerley 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.—For evening service, 539 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, A. Botham 2, W. Gibson 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerley 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 13 mins., by: H. Pearson 1, J. Phillips 2, A. Burchall 3, W. Bradley 4, Alex. Sharp 5, J. Sharp (conductor) 6. This is the first 360 of Treble Bob for the ringer of the treble, and the first 360 by an entirely local band.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, 432 Oxford Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Worcester Treble Bob: Ernest Bailey 1, Albert J. Naunton 2, Edgar Bailey 3, Albert J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 78th year. It was his first 720 of Worcester, and first attempt.

EARL SHILTON.—For evening service, on March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. Reynolds 1, C. H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, F. Wilson 4, C. H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, J. W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, J. Thompson 8. Longest length on the bells by entirely local band since the recasting.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, no Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Folkard 1, W. H. Hollier 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clark 5, A. Harding 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on March 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Cunnings (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 1, J. Taylor 2, J. W. Bell 3, H. Taylor 4, G. Jones 5, H. E. Mills 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8. Rung to welcome home the Rector, after his long illness.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 5th, for matins, 240 Stedman Triples. Also 416 Double Norwich Major.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, W. J. Croft 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, H. E. Day 7, G. T. Croft 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: D. Pink 1, G. Bester 2, A. G. Crane 3, J. Armstrong 4, W. Pickworth 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, P. Bigg 10. Arranged and conducted by J. Armstrong. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by 3rd ringer.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, March 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. J. Norgate 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, A. Bradley 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Leslie Warner (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, Alwyn Charman 3, Alfred Bull 4, Horace Charman 5, Robert Whittington 6, William Charman (conductor) 7, Ernest Warner 8.

EARL SHILTON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: P. Reynolds 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, F. Wilson 4, H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, J. Thompson, senr., 8. First quarter-peal for ringer of 3rd. First quarter-peal for ringer of 6th with a bob bell. First quarter-peal for tenor man for 25 years. First quarter-peal on the bells by the local band, who are all Sunday ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Munday 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, O. H. Giles 5, C. J. Fray 6, W. T. Tucker 7, G. Williams 8.

HIGHGATE.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—At St. Anne's Church, for evening service, on March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Smith 1, C. J. Matthews 2, T. Bevan (first quarter-peal inside) 3, E. Bonfield 4, E. F. Cole 5, E. Pryor 6, R. Bevan (conductor) 7, G. Pryor 8.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, March 5th, for the C.E.M.S. service, at the Parish Church, 657 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, H. J. Collins 2, Geo. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Grow 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

720 BOB MINOR.

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H. W. WILDE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

AUGMENTATION OF ARMLEY BELLS.

On Saturday last, the above society held its usual monthly meeting at Christ Church, Upper Armley. The meeting was of more than ordinary interest, as the newly-added bells to complete the octave were dedicated by the Bishop of Knaresborough, at 3 p.m. The service was fully choral, special music being rendered by the organist (Dr. Wm. Bradley, F.R.C.O.) and the choir, including the Bell Anthem (Purcell) and Te Deum in B flat (Stanford).

The clock, which has been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds, was started by the Bishop during the service.

Ringers were present from Bramley, Leeds Parish Church, St. Francis, Holbeck; Wortley, Sheffield, Denton (Lancs), Pontefract, Wragby, Tong; St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley; Burley, Guiseley, Earlsheaton, Calverley, Pudsey, Gargrave, Selby, and the local company.

Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon, and all spoke highly of the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The members were pleased to see Mr. Arthur Craven amongst them (at his birthplace), also Mr. J. Whitaker, of Burley who is in his 80th year, and is the only surviving member of the band who opened the peal of six bells fifty years ago.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 29th, when the election of officers will take place.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BERKHAMSTEAD BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District of the above was held at Berkhamstead on Saturday, March 11th. The bells, which much need the attention of a bell founder (the 6th being badly cracked) were set going about 3 o'clock. Ringers and friends, to the number of 22, attended from King's Langley, Croydon, Linslade, Hemel Hempstead, Isle of Wight, Tring, Watford, Harpenden and the local tower. Tea was served at the Temperance Hotel the Rector (the Rev. W. C. Stainsby) and churchwarden being present.

The Rector, who presided at the business meeting, gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Berkhamstead, and said he was sorry the bells were not a good peal. He hoped, however, when the association paid them another visit the bells would have been put right.

Four ringing members and two hon. members were elected. After a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells had been passed, the ringers attended evensong at the Parish Church, at which the Rector officiated.

The tower was then again visited, and a few more touches rung. Afterwards the visitors proceeded to Northchurch, where there is a nice peal of six.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

NOTICES.

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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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will arrange tea for 5.30. St. Paul's, Hounslow, tower will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.2.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The Annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Angmering on Saturday, April 1st. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5. Local Secretaries please note—subscriptions are now overdue.—A. W. Groves, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Offley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea arranged for. Ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD.—The bells at this church having been overhauled and rehung in a new steel frame, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, April 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Wykeham Hall at 1/6 each, after which the tower will be open for visitors and friends. All will be welcome.—H. Dawkins, 61, North Street, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Lower Edmonton, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all those who notify me not later than March 29th. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting of the members of the association in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury will be held in the Church Room, Lavenham, at 3 o'clock on Saturday, April 1st. Tower bells and handbells available from 2 p.m. onwards.—Rev. R. L. Gardner, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting at St. George's, Bolton, has been postponed until April 1st. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 12 o'clock to 7 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at the Café, 1/6 each. Business meeting in the Class Room, Canon's Garth, immediately after tea.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—On and after April 1st all communications to the Rochester District Secretary, of the Kent Association, should be addressed: Fred. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly General Meeting, Monday, April 3rd, 6.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, business meeting, 8.15 p.m. Practices, Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: Bishopsgate, April 10th; Wilton Road, April 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 4th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th and Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on April 8th. Those requiring tea should notify me by April 5th. Shepton Mallet and Douling bells are available from 3 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., *pro tem*.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, April 4th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Stone, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on April 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on April 8th at Braughing, the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head. Business meeting after. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.
—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the association will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 17th. The committee will meet in St. Paul's Institute at 2.30. There will be a service in St. Paul's Church at 3.15. A meat tea, at 2/6 per head, will be ready at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's Institute, to be followed immediately by the General Annual Meeting of the Association. The times for ringing have been fixed as under: Parish Church and St. Paul's Church, 10 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock; St. Mark's Church, Winhill, 12 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock. Owing to Bank Holiday, very special arrangements have to be made for tea, and the local committee wish me to make it very clear that it will be impossible to provide tea in the Institute except for those who give notice of their intention to be present to Mr. J. Griffin, Local Hon. Sec., 11, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than first post on Thursday, April 13th.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. A start will be made at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Church, also Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's bells will be available all day. There will be a committee meeting for officers of the association at Great St. Mary's Vestry, followed by service in the church at 12 o'clock. Lunch (2/6) at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, followed by the meeting. Notice of motion to reach the General Secretary ten days before that date. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—V. Shorter, Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke Street, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The S.E.R. Co. will convey parties of not less than twelve at a single fare and a third. The form of application for reduced fares can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., also dinner tickets (1s. each). For either or both apply soon.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Will members of this district who intend to go to Ashford on Easter Monday send their names to me as soon as possible, as I have a quotation for a charabanc; twenty-eight required? Names must be sent early to secure the vehicle.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, April 17th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. Yorkshire Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Carlton in Cleveland on Easter Monday next, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. Dinner in the School Room at 1 p.m. Service in the Church at 3 p.m. Those intending to be at Dinner must notify the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, April 10th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, April 17th. By the kindness of the respective Vicars, the bells at the Parish Church (10) and All Saints' Church (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/10 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, April 11th. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 9.30 a.m. Service in St. Paul's at 12 noon. Preacher: The Rev. Guy Beech, Rector of Turvey. Luncheon in the Drill Hall, St. Loeys, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the Business meeting. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Wooburn, Bucks (Bourne End Station), on Easter Monday. Service at Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall (adjoining) at 5.15, and business meeting at 6 p.m. The following towers will be open for visitors and friends: Slough 10-11, Cookham 12-1, Beaconsfield 10-11 and High Wycombe 11 to 1 p.m. Road motor cars available and Great Western and Great Central trains. The 'Welcome' Tavern at Wooburn will provide a cold luncheon (1s. 6d. per head) at 1 o'clock, if ordered four days previously. Please advise the Secretary how many will be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4 p.m.; tea, Church Hall 4.30 and meeting 5.15 p.m. Bells available throughout the day. All ringers welcome. Many towers in district open for the day. For particulars apply to John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Cathedral and St. Peter's towers open at 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's at any time, by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m. Meat tea 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Let your Secretary know if you are coming to tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 17th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 prompt. Chairman, The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.15 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 12th. As the allowance will not cover cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, and Reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. H. White, Pinehurst, Mickleham, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, April 12th?—A. J. Trappit, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Suffolk Branch.—A General meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 17th. By permission of the Revs. Garrett and Wood, the bells of Helmingham and Framsdon will be available throughout the day. Business meeting to follow Dinner, which will be served at the White Hart, Otley, at 1.30 p.m., 3/6 per head. Members intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Monday, April 10th. Buses passing Helmingham Church leave Ipswich 10.30 a.m., Debenham, 9 a.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Kitcat). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Hall. The cost of the tea will be 1s. per head, and as a guarantee of 50 has to be given, all who intend being present should advise either of the undersigned not later than April 18th. The ringing arrangements are as follows: St. John's (10) from 3.5 p.m. and after the meeting, St. Andrew's (8) from 3.15 to 4.40 and afterwards until 9.15. Members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting to be held in Bristol on June 5th. Any alterations of rules or items for Agenda should reach me not later than May 5th. Full details of meeting shortly.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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BATH.—At the Abbey, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters was lost, after ringing 2 hrs. 11 mins.: C. Bell 1, W. Prescott 2, R. Cousins 3, T. Grant 4, H. Brown 5, E. King 6, G. Harding 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, S. Hector 9, T. Hogsflesh and J. Taylor 10. All are members of the Abbey company except S. Hector. This was the first attempt on the bells.

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