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FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

That the strain of printing detailed reports every year is telling upon the financial strength of many of the associations, is more and more evident as time goes on, and following the suggestion which the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association put out not long ago, a proposal has been brought before the Yorkshire Association to charge a fee of threepence to each ringer taking part in a peal, to help meet the cost of printing the record in the annual report. Without doubt, these annual publications are a great drain upon funds, which in these days the ordinary subscriptions are insufficient to meet. A report like that of the Yorkshire Association is really a very substantial one, and if members desire their society to issue a publication of this kind, each ought to be prepared to pay for his copy. It is sometimes difficult to get ringers to realise what these publications involve in money alone, without taking any account of the time which has been given to their compilation. As has been previously pointed out, the cost of printing the peal records is usually the most costly part of the report, and, while it has been urged that booking fees place an undue tax upon those who are doing their best to raise the standard of peal ringing, there are those who are not constant peal ringers who contend that the printing of the details of other people's performances should be borne by those who take part in them. There is much to be said from each standpoint, and we can imagine that there will be strong discussion wherever the question is raised.

But now, along with the existing financial perplexities of some of the associations, come the first sounds of agitation which may add to the difficulties. A meeting of Lincoln Diocesan Guild members have decided to approach the Committee of the Association with a suggestion that the annual subscription should be reduced. This is principally on the ground that wages have fallen, and in an agricultural county such as Lincolnshire is, the effect of this decline is a serious one to the wage earners. Many ringing organisations—we are not sure if the Lincoln Guild was one of them—raised their subscription to meet the all-round rise in their expenses. These latter have not yet fallen, but if there is any general demand for reduction in subscriptions, the position of some of the associations will be serious. In order to bring into affiliation all ringers, whatever their personal circumstances, it is, of course, absolutely essential to make the annual contribution as small a one as possible. As ringers give their services to the Church, why should not the Church be asked to give help to the ringers' organisations? An

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affiliation fee, say, of ten shillings a year, for each tower paid out of the parochial funds, would be no serious burden on any church, but it would be the means of keeping many associations solvent, and, in some cases, no doubt, would enable a reduction to be made in the amount of the individual ringer's subscription.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... 9
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 11
FRANCIS E. DAVE ... 6	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method, and of Maximus, and first attempt.
† First peal of Maximus and first attempt. ‡ First peal of Maximus.
This is the first peal on 12 tower bells in which a husband and wife have taken part.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... Treble	PERCY E. CLARK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... 8
WILSON RUSHTON ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a compliment to Wilson Rushton on his 17th birthday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK PALMER ... Treble	JOHN JAY ... 6
WILLIAM PALMER ... 2	†LIONEL SEARS ... 7
GEORGE BLEACH ... 3	A. YORK BRAMBLE ... 8
CHARLES PALMER ... 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	THOMAS DEADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*STANLEY W. WHITE ... Treble	†GERALD W. ARNOLD ... 6
†HARRY J. GOODENOUGH ... 2	†LEONARD G. STONE ... 7
†FREDERICK A. COLLINS ... 3	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 8
†WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR ... 4	GEORGE PRESTON ... 9
†EDWARD C. ELLIOTT ... 5	*HENRY J. NASH ... Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by G. PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as the quarterly peal of the district. Ringers of 2nd and tenor hail from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 3rd and 8th from Ringwood, 5th and 6th from Lymington, the rest belong to the local band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS Treble	REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE ... 6
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS 8
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	MORTON W. PIERCE 9
CHARLES W. BRETT 5	GEORGE H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

The above are all members of the Cathedral company. The conductor's 200th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
*WALTER P. WHITENHEAD ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
*W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
PERCY HARRISON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
W. H. B. MUNDY 5	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... Treble	FREDERICK OAKHILL 6
FRANK COLE 2	JAMES PARKER 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	ALBERT BURCOMBE 9
HENRY FUSSELL 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Doctor Jenner.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2	JOHN MCKELL 7
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	*HAROLD WALKER 8
JAMES COTTERELL 4	FRED SALMONS 9
*JAMES F. HARVEY 5	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by THOS. POLLITT. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George Bolland and Joe Hardcastle.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ISLINGTON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY FRANKS ... Treble	JOSEPH HAWKINS 5
JOHN CARTER 2	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

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WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	W. H. SHUKER 5
ALLAN F. BAILEY 2	*TITUS BARLOW 6
*JOHN POTTER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	J. W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BOYLES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 5
GEORGE COLE 2	SAMUEL C. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... 3	JOHN RANCE 7
FRANK LUSH 4	WILLIAM HOULTON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WM. J. PAICE.

Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Patronal Festival of the church. The conductor's 40th peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... Treble	*JOHN T. BROTHWELL ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	THOMAS RILEY 6
*BERNARD DITCHER 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JNO. FLINT.

J. J. Moss' 100th peal. These peals have been rung with exactly 100 different ringers. * First peal in the method.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

FRED COTTON ... Treble	CHARLES BELTON 5
J. WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... 2	HARRY GARNER 6
SAM WHITE 3	GEORGE P. GARNER, JUN. ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*ALBERT MASON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. GARNER, JUN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	*JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. J. Barnes (one of the local company) and Miss Lily Smalley, and also to oblige J. Watson, of Blackburn Parish Church, and L. J. Williams, of Churchkirk. * First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
GEORGE DURLING	Treble	WILLIAM H. DAYNES	5
ERNEST B. CROWDER	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	JAMES HORRELL	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.			
WILLIAM COCKINGS	Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	HENRY STAPLETON	6
BERNARD FISHER	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7
MISS EVELYN STREL	4	HERBERT L. HARLOW	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS	Treble	LAWRENCE POULSON	5
FREDERICK MORTLOCK	2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	6
FREDERICK LEEKS	3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	7
FRANK TURNER	4	FREDERICK A. POULSON	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

FOXEAIRTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD	Treble	THOMAS CHINNERY	5
THEODORE SLATER	2	ARTHUR MAXIM	6
ERNEST AMERSON	3	ALBERT CATTERWELL	7
ARCHIE IVES	4	SAMUEL EVANS	Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.			
CECIL V. EBBERSON	Treble	*WILLIAM E. JUDD	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7
HAROLD W. CLARK	4	REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Superlative.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
RICHARD KEEN	Treble	GEORGE BROOKS	5
*LESLIE OLIFFE	2	JOHN MONK	6
†THOMAS W. BOND	3	NOBLE SPINDLOW	7
THOMAS BULL	4	*GEORGE HARRIS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.			
WILLIAM SPICE	Treble	THOMAS JULL	5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	3	FRANK BELSEY	7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

First peal as conductor. Rung to oblige the ringer of the 7th, this being his first peal at this tower at which he started ringing.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.			
FRANK ONSHOTT	Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	CHARLES READ	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ARTHUR DEAN	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Neville G. J. Stiff, who was interred the same day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Feb. 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. RANGLES	Treble	ERNEST PALMER	5
FRANCIS BIBBY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	WILLIAM BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	CECIL RADDON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 67). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.			
*WILLIAM LEWIS	Treble	REGINALD L. LEWIS	5
CHARLES GREEDY	2	SAMUEL JONES	6
JAMES H. PHILLIPS	3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	7
WILLIAM MARGOTTS	4	GEORGE WATTS	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOT.

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.			
†WILLIAM BATTY	Treble	WILLIAM BARTON	5
*WILFRED B. KIRBY	2	ERNEST SIMPSON	6
GEORGE ROBINSON	3	JOHN AMBLER	7
SAMUEL WARD	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on tower bells by the ringers of 5th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. B. Bolland, also to Mr. E. Simpson and Miss Simpson.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HERBERT TREDGETT... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
*FRANK RINGE 2	ALFRED PYE... .. 6
†ERNEST FIRBANK 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
HAROLD W. CLARK 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES V. HARE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
LIONEL H. PAGE... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES.

The conductor's 400th peal.

HARPENDEN, HERTS
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*BEN JARMAN Treble	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
WALTER AYRE 2	HARRY WOOD 6
FREDERICK HUNT 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
ALFRED KING 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band, 2nd hails from Leverstock Green, 5th from St. Albans Abbey, 7th from Hatfield, and the 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor from Luton.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS RILEY 5
HERBERT E. ROBBINS... .. 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
EDWARD ROBBINS... .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Frank Wagstaff, one of the local company.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL BAKER Treble	*ALFRED ROWLEY 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells since May 21st, 1892. The conductor's 20th peal in the method. Alfred Rowley's 40th peal on the above bells. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of the Girls' Friendly Society, also as a compliment to Master William Geoffrey Rowley (grandson of the 5th ringer) on the 3rd anniversary of his birth.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	CHARLES J. NORRIS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WM. J. JEFFRIES.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT LONGHURST Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
PETER ETHERIDGE 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
GEORGE ILLMAN 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
STEPHEN KENWARD 4	WALTER HUNT Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	*JOHN BOOTH 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	JOHN WATSON 6
WILLIAM SEARPLES 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED RIGBY 4	*WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of treble, 6th and 7th hail from Blackburn, 3rd and tenor from Brindle, 2nd from Whittle-le-Woods, 4th from Chorley and 5th from Standish.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... Treble	GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BALL 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JAMES H. BANKS 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN... ..	Treble	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT... ..	5
*DAVID HODGKIN... ..	2	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... ..	6
†TOM SAUNDERS... ..	3	CHARLES H. SONE... ..	7
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4		PHILLIP HODGKIN... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HOBBAARD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major with an 'inside' bell.

ELHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*JOHN EAGLES... ..	Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... ..	5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY... ..	2	†ALBERT CASTLE... ..	6
RICHARD H. STEVENS... ..	3	CHARLES TURNER... ..	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... ..	4	GEORGE A. GODFREY... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal, † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. R. Millway, who has carried out some valuable work as representative of the Canterbury District; also in honour of the wedding of Miss Christine Walker and Mr. Alic Willis, which took place at Alvescot, Oxon, on the same day. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. Castle, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Woodbine, and 720 each of Kent, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

CHARLES NONN... ..	Treble	ALPHEDS J. BERRY... ..	4
EDWARD YOUNGS... ..	2	WILLIAM CLOVER... ..	5
GEORGE BROWN... ..	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Col. Lord Henniker, and of Mr. E. Youngs.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

MILTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 of Kent.

*JACK NOBES... ..	Treble	*EDGAR HUMFREY... ..	4
JACK HONEY... ..	2	ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	3	GORDON CAUDWELL... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

LYNESBURY, ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLAIN <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED C. IBBETT 4
* HAROLD GREEN... .. 2	SIDNEY J. PECK 5
* ALBERT GREEN 3	HERBERT FIELDS... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SIDNEY J. PECK.

* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL... ..	Treble	JAMES BLAKE... ..	4
JOHN J. BEVAN... ..	2	WILLIAM POSTON... ..	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... ..	3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS... ..	Tenor

Conducted by R. E. SUMMERS.

First peal as conductor.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID READ... ..	Treble	ERNEST CURTISS... ..	4
FRANK RUFFLES... ..	2	HARRY HALL... ..	5
JOHN HALL... ..	3	WALTER RUFFLES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER RUFFLES.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

*GEORGE MASON... ..	Treble	FRED WIGMORE... ..	4
*ARTHUR WIGMORE... ..	2	BERT GOGLE... ..	5
*JOHN FOSTER... ..	3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor in two methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT MALVERN HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. PILGRIM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

ROY PILGRIM... ..	1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY... ..	5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN... ..	3-4	LEONARD W. BALE... ..	7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Feb. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILLERS, 5003 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER... ..	1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER... ..	5-6
JOHN THOMAS... ..	3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL... ..	7-8
		WALTER J. BOWDEN... ..	9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

RINGERS' DINNER AT LIVERPOOL.

A dinner organised by a few of the most active members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Brunswick Hotel, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. It is hoped that this will be the first of an annual series. A most enjoyable evening was spent, with Mr. R. O. Street in the chair.

After the toast of 'The King,' proposed by the chairman, had been duly honoured, a violin solo was excellently rendered by Mr. E. Bounphrey.

The toast of the 'Liverpool Branch' was proposed by Mr. S. F. Barnes, and, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Hughes, was responded to by Mr. J. Martin.

The toast of 'The Visitors,' among whom were noticed Messrs. W. Bibby, J. E. Bibby, F. Bibby and Gleave, of Frodsham; Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Chester; Messrs. H. Ludkin and Barnes, of Oxtou; Messrs. J. Cliffe and E. Breede, of Bebbington, was responded to by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

During the evening, songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Ludkin, J. Wilkinson, J. Cliffe and A. Lindsay. A course of Grandsire Triples and a short touch of Bob Major were rung on handbells by the Messrs. Bibby and Ludkin, also a course of Major by the chairman, Messrs. Wilde, Martin and Ludkin.

It was pleasing to notice the presence of Messrs. W. T. Robson and J. W. Bell, who the company would like to see more often in the tower. It would not be right in this account of the proceedings to omit the name of Mr. Lamb, who has gone to reside at Wantage, Berks, and whose health was toasted during the evening.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the artistes and organisers were responded to by Messrs. Newton, Wilkinson and Gilmour, the two latter being thanked for their excellent dinner arrangements.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Biggleswade district was held at Sandy on Saturday, January 20th, when members attended from Biggleswade, Everton, Clifton, Roston, Pottou, Northill, Bedford, Eynesbury, and the local company. Ringing commenced with a 240 Kent Treble Bob.

At the business meeting which followed tea, Miss Steel was in the chair, and one new member was elected.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Old Warden.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Soden to the Rector for the use of the bells. The tower was again visited, and the ringing maintained in standard methods until after 8 o'clock.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Fry, R.D.) a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 27th, members being present from Finedon, Burton Latimer, Isham, Kettering, Geddington, weekley, Broughton, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Raunds, Wellingborough, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Woodford, Ringstead, Thrapston, and the local band. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A short service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. G. E. Stevenson, who also gave a thoughtful and inspiring address. Tea was provided at the Bede House by the local ringers and their wives, 53 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the vice-president the Rev. G. E. Stevenson occupied the chair.—Wollaston was chosen as the next place of meeting, and two new members were elected.

The secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which was considered highly satisfactory, and he was heartily congratulated upon it. He also referred to the loss the district had sustained by the removal of the Rev. J. G. Thornton, who had left the county, he having been a most loyal supporter of the association during the time he was Vicar of Mears Abbey. He mentioned the interesting fact that they could now boast that they had a Member of Parliament amongst their honorary members, and pointed out that Mr. Parker had held various offices in the association, and had been a most enthusiastic and loyal supporter for many years. He felt sure he should be expressing their wishes as well as his own when he said that he hoped that Mr. Parker would long hold the high and honourable position he had attained to. Reference was also made to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Yardley Hastings on December 23rd last, it being the first peal of all those taking part, and believed to be the first peal ever rung there by a local band. The ages of three of the ringers were as follows: Treble 15, second 18, fourth (conductor) 19, and considering that this tower only joined the association on October 8th, 1921, when they could do nothing in the way of change ringing, it was a very good performance.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Rev. G. E. Stevenson for conducting the service and for his address, also to the organist, the local ringers and lady helpers, this bringing a most successful meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were several points of interest about the peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark on Saturday by the London County Association, not the least noteworthy being the fact that it was the first occasion upon which a husband and wife had taken part together in a peal on twelve tower bells. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Barker falls this distinction.

Then, too, Wilfred Taffender rang his third successive peal. His first was London Surprise Major, his second Stedman Cinques at Bow, and his third Treble Twelve at Southwark! Some start for a lad of 15!

At the heavy end we find Mr. James George, in his 70th year, ringing the 50 cwt. tenor, and turning her in without turning a hair. It is really wonderful when you think about it. We think Mr. George must unquestionably be the oldest ringer to ring this bell single-handed to a peal of Maximus.

The six ringers who took part in Mr. George Bolland's birthday peal at Tong on Saturday have between them 255 years' service in the belfry of their parish church!

The meeting of the Worcestershire Association recorded last week was a Northern and not a Western Branch meeting, as reported.

The peal at Rawmarsh on January 13th was rung in 3 hours 40 minutes, and not 2 hours 20 minutes, as published.

Among the long peals, of which the anniversaries fall next week, are the 14,016 Kent Treble Bob at Oldham on Feb. 12th, 1821; 7,018 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill on Feb. 14th, 1731; 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Feb. 14th, 1920; 9,999 Grandsire Major at Oldham, on Feb. 15th, 1825; 14,224 Bob Major at Aston on Feb. 16th, 1789; and 8,448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick on Feb. 16th, 1858.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. R. F. Deal, asks some questions with regard to ball bearings, and quotes the report of the conference between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council. That report must be read with reference to the main object aimed at, namely, the best way of preserving old towers. The conclusion arrived at was not a 'casual dismissal.' Indeed every paragraph was most carefully considered by both sides. Nor can the conclusion be the result of experiment, because ball bearings for bells have not yet been tried for a sufficient number of years to constitute a reliable experiment. From the point of view of stress on the tower, ball bearings can have no effect different to that produced by the older type of bearing, provided the latter is maintained in such reasonable order as to avoid any serious 'knock.'

One of the undoubted advantages of ball bearings is the saving of labour to the bellhanger in the tower, and the consequent lower initial cost of hanging. But generally the members of the conference felt that the question of ball bearings was an open one, depending on local circumstances, and they were not prepared to commit themselves to a definite opinion.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think that the argument about the areas of ringing associations in Norfolk and Suffolk has been caused by the fact that when the Act for increasing the Episcopate was unexpectedly passed in 1913, the authorities were not well advised in the areas for the new Bishoprics they laid out. West Norfolk and West Suffolk are very near the Cathedral at Ely, and, further, parts of West Norfolk are also not far distant from the Cathedral of Peterborough. Now that Leicestershire has practically been taken away from Peterborough, it seems to me that East Norfolk and East Suffolk should have been the area of one Bishopric, and the west portions of the counties should have gone to Ely.

But although that matter has been settled, and must be made the best of, I do not see why the accomplished fact should upset ringing. After all, bells should be used first and foremost for ringing regularly for Sunday services; for which, of course, you must have ringers. Now, bands cannot be formed and maintained without at times outside help, which can only be given sufficiently by some person in each district; and the enthusiasm of districts can only be maintained by peal ringing of associations. I consider that East Norfolk and East Suffolk, because of rail and road communications, are naturally linked together, and should always be together. We in the Waveney Valley, with our towers alternately in Norfolk and Suffolk, would regret a separation more than any other part of the old diocese.

I was one of those appointed in 1914 to interview the late Bishop of Suffolk on the matter. All he said was he wished for an association for his Diocese, and the wish of the East Suffolk ringers generally for a joint association he would make no comment on. As to how to keep ringing going I do not suppose he knew anything.—Yours truly,

FRED R. BORRETT.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED.**ENTHUSIASM IN THE WESTERN CITY.**

About 300 ringers were present, and great enthusiasm was manifested throughout the City of Exeter on Saturday, when the new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Exeter were dedicated.

The proceedings commenced with a short dedicatory service in the south tower, in which is the ringing chamber immediately beneath the bells. This is reached by a narrow spiral stairway from the nave permitting only one person at a time, and traversing the parapet from near the west front to the tower entrance.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, the donor of the new bells, was accompanied, as guests, by Sir Robert Newman, M.P., Mr. F. R. Lumley, Rev. J. F. Sheldon, formerly Rector of St. Leonard's, Exeter; with Mr. E. J. Harbottle (representing his father, Mr. E. H. Harbottle, Cathedral surveyor). Also in the tower were the Dean (Dr. H. R. Gamble), the Archdeacon of Exeter (Ven. F. A. Sanders), the Archdeacon of Totnes (Canon T. Newton Leeke), Canon D. McLaren (sheriff of Exeter), Preb. F. W. Gegg, Revs. H. de Vere Welchman, R. C. B. Llewellyn (succentor), W. E. Lees (priest vicar), and Mr. W. T. M. Snow (chapter clerk), with Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, secretary to Devon Guild of Ringers; Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary of Exeter branch of the Guild; Canon G. F. Coleridge, of Crowthorne, Berks (president of the Central Council), and Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Cathedral ringers were under Mr. F. J. Davey (foreman), and included Mr. T. Laver (secretary).

Mr. Thomas and party paid a visit to the belfry, and saw the new bells in position. The Dean performed the dedication.

THE 'THOMAS PEAL.'

The Cathedral band then rang the peal of eight in E flat, to be known as the 'Thomas Peal,' and the Grandisson peal of 12 in B flat, bringing in both the new bells. Canon Coleridge took part in the ringing, which continued until 2.40, when the bells were chimed for evensong at 3 o'clock, specially adapted to the occasion. There was a large attendance of the general public, who with the visiting ringers and others comfortably filled the nave.

A procession from the west end of the nave included representatives of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, the Cathedral ringers, the donor, the choir, clergy, and Cathedral clergy, among those present being Revs. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly (president of Devon Guild); E. V. Cox, Bampton (secretary North-East Devon branch); H. B. Clark, Honiton Clist; Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman Exeter branch) and T. G. Bartlett (treasurer). The clergy included the Bishop of Crediton (Dr. R. E. Trefusis), Preb. W. Bevil Browne, Treasurer P. Jackson, Rev. H. G. Chalk, A. P. Lancefield, and C. E. Burditt. Among those also present were Mrs. Thomas (wife of the donor) and Sir James and Lady Owen.

Dr. E. Bullock (Cathedral organist) led the singing of the processional hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord.' Rev. H. de Vere Welchman intoned the service. The Bishop of Crediton and the Dean read the lessons. Psalm 141 was chanted, and the choir rendered the anthem, 'Send out Thy light.' Special prayers were also used.

The concluding hymn was 'Hark on high the joyful music; hark the concert of the bells.'

After the service the Cathedral ringers rang the Cobthorne six, the Stafford eight in C minor, and other combinations, as well as the full peal, and ringing was continued by the visitors in relays until about 8 p.m.

Tea was provided for the ringers by the Dean and Chapter at Deller's Café.

Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung by a mixed band of Plymouth and Taunton ringers.

On Monday evening the Cathedral clergy, representative citizens, Cathedral ringers, and officers of the Guild will be entertained at dinner by Mr. A. C. Thomas.

Exeter Cathedral now boasts of one of the most remarkable combinations of peals in the country, as well as holding the distinction of having the heaviest tenor and the heaviest peal in the world hung for ringing. Visitors on Sunday were delighted with the new twelve, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon the success of their work.

RINGERS' HATS IN THE BELFRY.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Great Brimley, 24 members, representing 11 branches, being present. Some good ringing was done, notably 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by the Master (Mr. W. J. Nevard). Tea was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel at the kind invitation of the Master, who presided, supported by the Vicar.

Allusion was made to the old custom in this parish of having the hats of the old ringers hung up in the corner of the belfry. These were a novel and interesting sight, the last one being dated 1823.

Mr. Nevard (Master) and Mr. R. W. Stannard (secretary) were re-elected unanimously, and after electing the Vicar and churchwarden as hon. members, handbells and music were indulged in. Tendingr was selected for the May meeting, and Harwich for midsummer.

SIMPSON TUNING.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—Quot homines, tot sententia! But some of your correspondents are surely unfortunate. In spite of Messrs. E. Barnett, senr., and J. K. Jerram, there are a great many eminent ringers who do not loudly condemn the Simpson principle of tuning. In this town there has been lately installed a recast peal of ten for the old Parish Church of St. Nicholas—a first-class example of all modern 'heresies,' for the bells are in a steel frame, with ball bearings, and are tuned on the Simpson principle. But he would be more than rash who would decry them either from the point of view of the ringer inside the tower or the listener outside. And these bells are only one example of many.

There are just two simple points which many people overlook, but which might well be borne in mind by the Simpson critics:—

(1) That bells are primarily for the glory of God—and for this nothing less than the very best should be accepted—and not for personal idiosyncrasies of the ringers.

(2) That many bells are called 'Simpson tuned' which have little or no right to the name. Any who would know how beautiful a Simpson peal is have only to listen to the latest products of the famous Croydon or Loughborough foundries, who have cast many peals which refute the charges laid against bells of this type.—Yours, etc.,

CECIL H. CLARKE.

Vicar of St. Thomas', Hove, Brighton.

THE THOUGHTS OF A FLAT.

Sir,—A few thoughts on Simpson tuning. Has this method justified its purpose? Judging by the reports of various openings all over the world it must have. Anyway, it prevents such awful peals of bells as everyone is familiar with. What does Simpson tuning do? Much what the frock coat and top hat does. While not making a gentleman of anyone, it certainly makes them a little more presentable.

Now, as I have not got a battle axe, I must be a bit cautious in my remarks. The critic should remember that bells were intended to be heard more than a mile away. That is why they are put in the tower, and not in the chancel. Also, that founders cannot all be Rudhalls, any more than ringers can all be William Pres. No doubt Rudhall had some 'bad eggs.'

But what tickles my funnybone is that the critic says, 'I have rung peals on them.' Now, this is an army method of calling the stew and then eating it. Reminds me of a conversation I heard a short time ago. The conductor was holding forth on the musical qualities of various methods, when someone said, 'You stand for music?' 'Yes, all the time,' was the reply. 'Then why the policeman did you call such a rotten composition this afternoon?'

From the public point of view, excepting on special occasions and for their proper purpose, bells are tolerated, and no more. And, like the ringer, the public are just as pleased when a peal comes round, but from a different point of view. Nowadays there seems so much humbug about the ringing fraternity; yes, give them a peal of bells that go well, and which they can ring as much as they like, and what care they if the harmonics have got the rheumatics? Most of it goes out at the top. As to the musical part of the public, they have the foggiest notion about it. As I heard one say, 'Fancy playing all your tunes in E flat!'—Yours truly, A FLAT.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Saturday, and the gathering included members from Guildford, Dorking, Leatherhead, Swindon and Bletchley. The fine ring of twelve were kept going for two hours before tea.

At the meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. C. Matthews; trustees, Messrs. E. Chapman and A. N. Hardy; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford.

The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the sum in hand being £22 4s. 6d. During the year four peals of Stedman Cinques, 1 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2 Stedman Caters, 1 London Surprise Major, 1 Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 Double Norwich Major and 1 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Howard, one of the local ringers, on Saturday, January 27th, 720 College Single, Oxford Bob, Merchant's Return, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung at Barley, Herts, by F. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 11th, 720 Bob Minor Ben Patmore 1, H. Wallace 2, Barnard Patmore (conductor) 3, H. Wilds 4, N. Patmore 5, Walter Smith (first 720) 6.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the New Year was held at Worksoy on Saturday, January 20th. Ringers attended from Anston, Blyth, Barlboro', Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, Southover Cathedral, Staveley Town, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tickhill, Ordsall, West Retford, Treeton, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Wortley, Misterton and Worksoy. The Gainsborough men arrived in good time, and by 2.45 p.m. had brought round some well-struck touches of Treble Bob Major, Stedman and St. Clement's Triples and Forward Major. They afterwards adjourned to the Priory Gate House, where the ladies were preparing tea, and gave selections on the handbells.

The Rev. Canon d'Arcy had arranged a choral service at the Priory Church, and he was supported by a member of choirmen and 18 choirboys, the organist and the Rev. S. Dennison. The service was a great delight to those 50 who attended. Tea at the Priory Gate House was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy), supported by the Rev. S. Dennison, the hon. secretary, etc.

Two new members (Messrs. W. Schofield and L. Walker, of Tuxford) were elected. The next meeting, the annual meeting, will be held at Retford in May. The Gainsborough ringers gave a course of Grandfire Triples on the handbells, which was much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Worksoy for granting the use of the bells, arranging the service, and presiding over the tea and meeting, also to Mr. S. Mayes, organist, for arranging the choral service; to the choirmen and boys and the Rev. S. Dennison for their attendance.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ringers' wives and lady ringers for attending to the wants of the inner man.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome them to Worksoy; they were doing a good work throughout the diocese, and they had delighted him with some good ringing during the afternoon. The secretary of the association had asked, through 'The Ringing World,' for a good attendance, and he had got it. He would only be too pleased to arrange a similar service in all respects on a future occasion if asked to do so. In fact, he would like one every day; it reminded one of the days of our forefathers when men were more regular in their attendance at daily worship in the house of God.

During the afternoon and evening Grandfire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Triples, Stedman Triples and a number of six-bell methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise were rung. A most pleasing feature was the first touch of Grandfire Triples by the 11-year-old son of Mr. Herbert Trueman, and a lady ringer (Miss Taylor) conducting the first touch of Grandfire Triples on the bells.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland District was held at St. John's, Deritend, 'Birmingham's third oldest church,' on Saturday, January 20th. There was quite a good gathering of members from Sinerhwick, Solihull, Evesham, Handsworth and Netherton. Much regret was expressed that, owing to a bad cold, Miss Parker was not able to be at the meeting, and much sympathy was expressed with Mrs. White, who was unable to attend owing to the illness of Mr. White.

Unfortunately, owing to the illness of a little child in the vicinity of the church, there was no ringing on the tower bells, but handbell ringing occupied a little of the time. Mr. J. E. Groves and a young member of St. John's band taking part.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Morgan) took the visitors round the church, explaining several things of interest, among them, the deed for the endowment of Deritend Chapel, signed by Richard II. in 1383; and the bust of John Rogers born in Deritend, 1500, and burned at the stake in Smithfield in Queen Mary's reign in 1555. The Vicar afterwards conducted the Guild form of service, and gave a very interesting and helpful address. He also arranged tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the party.

Miss Johnson was elected to the chair for the business meeting, at which two life members were elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, and in replying he gave the Guild a hearty invitation to visit his church again soon.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION IN 1922.

At the close of 1922 the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association had 973 members, made up as follows: Resident life members, 5; non-resident, 224; hon. members, 51; performing members, 675; probationers, 18. The receipts were £104 3s. 2d., and the payments £120 13s. 8d., leaving a deficit of £16 10s. 6d. In the 205 peals rung in 53 methods from Doubles to Maximus, 306 members took part. A grand total of 1,036,145 changes was rung in 607 hours 59 minutes, with 40 conductors. The tower bell peals were rung in 68 towers. One general meeting of the association, five branch meetings and 18 district meetings were held.

WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS.

A MEMORIAL DINNER.

On the 27th January, in that quaint Elizabethan hostel, the Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham, where in all probability the man whose memory was honoured had refreshed himself, a fully representative company sat down to dinner with the dual object of social intercourse, and to revive the memory of the stalwarts who have gone before, the chief and most remarkable being William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham lawyer and campanologist, who lived 1737—1809. The local president, Mr. Albert Coppock, occupied the chair, supported by the Vicar of St. Peter's, Nottingham (the Rev. H. P. Hall), the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson and J. F. Amies, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. C. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. F. Bailey (Leiston), Mr. W. E. White, Mr. G. Hollis, whilst all the towers of note in Notts were represented, excepting Nottingham.

The Chairman traced the history of change ringing in Nottingham from its known commencement in 1672 down to the establishment of the M.C.A., pointing out all conductors and important features connected with the peals recorded. He also drew attention to the future care of such records as still exist, deploring the loss of W. D. Crofts' personal peal book, through a piece of pure sentiment, and the sale of a peal of cup handbells left by Crofts to the ringers at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by one who was merely the custodian.

Opinions were expressed as to the best way to preserve these manuscripts, and one of the methods may be adopted, if the present holder gives consent.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson gave a most interesting address on the bell founders of Nottingham, prefacing his remarks with a piquant anecdote of the enterprising efforts of a former Mansfield ringer in collecting Christmas boxes.

An excellent programme was provided by the Welbeck Glee Quartette, which includes a well-known ringer, and Mr. Chas. Riley, a clever local entertainer, the accompaniments being furnished by another ringer, Mr. W. Taylor, organist at Greasley, Notts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Martock on Saturday, January 27th. There was an attendance of about 30 members, representing Ilminster, Stoke-under-Ham, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Yeovil and Martock. The service held in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock), who, in his address, welcomed the branch to Martock.

Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. The president occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke, and Mr. J. Goodchild, churchwarden of Yeovil Parish Church.

The officers were re-elected as follows: The Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary and representative of the branch on the general committee, and Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ringing Master. — The President said, in accepting office again, he did so against his own principles. He did not believe in one man holding the same office for a long time, but the longer he held this office the more difficult he found it to refuse to accept it. He was pleased the membership was increasing (the secretary having reported that 18 new members had been elected during the year), and that several were to be proposed at that meeting. He would like to see the suggested office for admission of ringers to the association used. He intended to admit new members to his own band at a public service in the church. He considered in that way the congregation would be brought to know the good work ringers were doing.

Thirteen new members were elected either as probationers or full members. The Rev. J. McKay, Rector of Norton; the Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke, and Mr. J. Goodchild, of Yeovil, were elected hon. members.—Mr. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

At the conclusion of the meeting a return was made to the tower. Grandfire, Stedman and Bob Major were the methods practised during the day.

HALESOWEN RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, January 20th, the mortal remains of Mr. Harry Lea were laid to rest at Halesowen Parish Churchyard. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, was a sideman for a great number of years, and a bell ringer for nearly 40 years. He rang his first peal at Halesowen Church on Jubilee Day, 1887. He was one of the ringers to take part in the first change ringing in Halesowen since 1776, of which there is record. He was a Sunday School teacher in his younger days.

The bells were rung half-muffled for an hour before the funeral service, which was attended by the ringers, who also rang for an hour afterwards. Several touches of Stedman Triples were brought round by the local band, including E. White, M. Hackett, G. N. Cockin, W. Coley, V. White, A. Hackett (conductor), W. Webb, E. Brettle, W. Brown, A. Harriss. Nineteen wreaths were placed on the grave, including one from the bell ringers.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: Miss Harris 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, Percy J. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Webb 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, Percy J. Spice 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. P. J. Spice's first attempt for Cambridge Minor.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dunes, Strand, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. A. Fardon 2, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Pudland 5, C. W. Roberts 6, W. Rushton 7, E. A. Young 8. First quarter by the St. Clement Youths, and first by Miss Bryant.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins.: F. A. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 2, H. Argent 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, L. Beckett 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. B. N. Russell, son of Mr. John Russell, for many years churchwarden of this church, who was accidentally killed on the railway on Tuesday, January 30th.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. T. Evans 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Edwards 4, H. T. Hughes 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Also recently, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, H. Jarman 5, R. T. Evans (first quarter as conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 720 Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. Sermons 3, A. Howard 4, W. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for the evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Godfrey 1, R. H. Stevens 2, C. Turner 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Walker (conductor) 5, C. R. Millway 6, F. W. Elliott 7, H. Pilcher 8.

CAVERSHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major, in 49 mins.: J. Waine 1, Miss S. Davis 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, G. Essex 4, E. W. Menday 5, E. J. Menday 6, A. D. Cullum 7, W. Hibbert 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Boyes 1, W. Felling 2, B. Heasman 3, A. S. Errey 4, T. B. Scrivens 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dave (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 4th (also for the silver wedding of Mr. Ralph Coles, foreman), 1,265 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: F. Hays 1, R. Coles 2, J. Gransbury 3, E. R. Coles 4, A. J. Hoing 5, G. Twitcheen 6, G. White 7, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 minutes, for morning service, on Feb. 4th; F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, W. Ayles 2, P. Giles 3, E. Martin 4, P. Cook 5, W. Scaife, R.M.L.I., 6, H. Aitken 7, F. Edney 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: L. Warner 1, C. Charman 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, E. Warner 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, T. Worsfold 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Springham (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew 7, C. Ridgewell 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Wilkins, F. G. Newman, H. T. Scarlett, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, senr., R. Maynard, junr. (conductor), W. H. Freeman, A. Estall. Rung as a compliment to A. Estall on his 69th birthday.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, P. Ashcroft (first 720) 3, V. Glass 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. First 720 Surprise by an entirely local band at this tower.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: N. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, R. Howard 3, W. Tack 4, W. Sermons (conductor) 5, A. Howard 6.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, nine six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each

called differently: E. Enticknap 1, H. Nicholls 2, S. Kilner 3, P. Duneton 4, F. Brooks (conductor) 5, G. Wakeford 6. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.

ERITH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., half-muffled, as a token of respect to W. Whiting, an old parishioner: L. Cullum 1, A. Connely (Woolwich) 2, H. Holden 3, A. J. Horsley (Woolwich) 4, W. Smith 5, D. Harvey 6, A. Morton (conductor) 7, R. Middleton 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): E. W. Pannett 1, Miss Mabel A. Nye (Bagshot) 2, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 3, H. James (Lee) 4, E. J. Pannett 5, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 6, T. A. Easterby 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Warn (Fordham) 1, E. Leggett (Wormingford) 2, O. Bareham (Great Tey) 3, A. Worth (Great Horkeley) 4, W. Stiff (conductor, Mount Bures) 5, C. Bowers (Bures) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On New Year's Eve, at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins.: G. Noakes 1, A. Brier 2, V. Lowton 3, H. Sutton 4, A. A. Ham 5, W. Perry 6, A. P. Duffield (conductor) 7, L. Noakes 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: N. Hayes 1, F. Hayes 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. Also at 11.30 p.m., for the close of the old year and coming in of the new year, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *W. Wharton 1, E. Brocklebank 2, W. Hughes 3, R. Birchall 4, *E. Glanvill 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung with the bells muffled on New Year's Eve.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 24th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: *V. G. Stock 1, H. Baverstock 2, *F. Cole 3, *A. G. Rose 4, T. Woolley 5, A. Bradley 6, F. W. Townsend (conductor) 7, *T. Sanson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman, also the first quarter-peal by the local band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John, for evening service, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Wren (first-quarter) 1, R. Franklin 2, W. P. Cross 3, H. Gosling 4, T. Smith 5, T. Farr 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, J. Croft 8.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Jenkins 1, *G. Vernon 2, H. Fairclough 3, E. Bostock 4, L. Bostock 5, J. H. Davenport (conductor) 6. * First 720 'inside'.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Sage 1, H. Fairclough 2, E. Bostock 3, L. Bostock 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5, J. H. Davenport 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday, December 24th, after evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble, Cyril P. Munn, R. Birch, A. E. Manning (conductor), S. Mowl, W. Bidnell, senr., S. A. Gower, G. E. Drury.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Christmas Eve, for evensong, 1,260 of Plain Bob, in 45 mins.: W. Chamberlain 1, A. Green 2, A. Walton 3, H. Green 4, W. C. Ibbett 5, S. J. Peck (conductor) 6. Longest touch by the local band.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), comprising 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire, in 48 mins.: F. Hopper 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. First quarter-peal in two methods by all except ringer of the treble. F. Hopper belongs to Northampton, the rest to the local band.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for carol service, on Christmas Eve, 240 Bob Doubles: E. Curtis 1, E. Sanders 2, J. Berridge 3, J. Tiney 4, H. Gibbard (conductor) 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles, with J. Berridge 1, H. Gibbard 2, E. Sanders 3, J. Tiney 4, E. Curtis (conductor) 5.—For 7.30 a.m. service, on Christmas Day, 360 Grandsire Doubles.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Horne 1, R. Lewis 2, C. Horne 3, C. Bowers 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Jordan 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, after evensong, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1,279 changes): H. T. Scarlett, J. H. Wilkins, H. A. Edwards, C. T. Coles (conductor), G. B. Lucas, J. C. Adams, H. J. Maynard, R. Maynard, junr., F. C. Maynard, R. Maynard, senr. Longest length in the method by all the band.

30 METHODS IN SEVEN EXTENTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was naturally much interested in Mr. Dawson's inquiry which appeared in your issue of January 26th. In reply, I wish to point out that the idea and plan of splicing Minor Methods has been before the Exercise at least 10 or 12 years. I think I am correct in saying that the Rev. H. Law James was the first to make known and to practise the idea. Through him the matter was discussed at the Central Council meeting in 1912. In the issue of 'The Ringing World,' August 23rd, 1912, Mr. E. H. Lewis described the rules by which the splicing could be done. A peal which contained extents in spliced methods was rung here on July 12th, 1913, and, together with the peal, the figures were published in an early issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I would like to add that the practice of splicing invests Minor ringing with considerable additional interest, which fact has often made me very much surprised that the practice has not been more widely adopted. I hope that as a result of this inquiry it may become so, and if any further particulars are desired I should be only too glad to give them.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES FERNLEY.

BOBS AND SINGLES IN MINOR.

Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. Dawson's letter congratulating the Norbury company upon their recent achievement in ringing a spliced peal of Minor in 30 methods, and also wish to add my own congratulations to his, as I took part in the first peal of its kind in 14 methods at Edenham, Lincolnshire, composed and conducted by the Rev. Law James in February, 1911. If Mr. Dawson would inquire of that gentleman he would give him all the information he requires.

As to the suggestion of giving the Bob and Single leads of the methods in the 'Collection,' I have seen this question asked many times. The Rev. Law James, in answer to an inquiry which I made when the collection first came out, stated that in all Minor methods 4th's place is made at a bob instead of 2nd's or 6th's which ever it may be at a plain lead. A single is made by making 4th's as at a bob, and the plain lead place whichever it is and also the place between them. For example:—

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Plain Lead	165432	153624
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Bob	165432	153624
	156423	135642
Single	165432	153624
	165423	135624

It is a surprise to me that more six-bell ringers have not taken up spliced-method ringing, as it increases the interest in six-bell work, and also saves many rows of rounds coming up when it is wished to ring a peal in more than the seven methods.

I should also like to see all those Surprise Methods rung by the Anston company (composed by Mr. Fowler, I believe, and rung during the South African war and since), so that the best could be added to the collection. I also notice the record of a 720 Bristol Minor rung at Aldrington. This would be interesting, as I have never seen the method published under this name.—Yours, etc., F. BLOOD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH FAVOUR BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday week. Ringers attended from Coaley, Dursley, Stenichcombe, Berkeley, Wickwar, with the local ringers. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and kept going to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. At the special service, which was choral, the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Greenham) officiated. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Room, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding.

The hon. secretary read the report and balance sheet for the past year, which were very satisfactory. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Burcombe; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Dyer; representative on the general committee, Mr. H. W. Fussell; hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley.—One new member was elected, and the meeting passed a resolution in favour of a belfry repair fund, which it is hoped the association will bring forward at the annual meeting on Whit Monday.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and providing such an excellent tea was passed.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Wotton. He greatly appreciated the work the association was doing, and hoped it would meet with continued success.—A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. R. Marmont for giving his service at the organ.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Wokingham. A service was held in St. Paul's Church in the afternoon, when the sermon was preached by Canon R. P. Newhouse, Rector of Sandhurst.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Room, under the management of Mrs. Houlton, assisted by Mrs. H. M. Walter, Mrs. F. Heilas, Mrs. E. S. Barry, Mrs. Onslow and Mrs. Collis. Those present included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (chairman, Sonning Deanery Branch), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. F. Dentry (branch secretary), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Canon R. P. Newhouse, the Revs. H. M. Walter, B. Long, Farham, J. C. F. Wimberley, S. M. Winter, P. H. Ditchfield, E. H. Arkwright and C. Nightingale.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis presided over the business meeting. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £12 19s. 7d., an increase upon the previous year of £1 1s. 2d.—The Hon. Secretary reported that there was a membership of 183 of all ranks, a drop in one tower being made up for by the entry into the branch last year of Waltham St. Lawrence. Mr. T. Houlton, of St. Paul's, Wokingham, a ringer for upwards of 50 years, and one of the branch's oldest members, had been taken from them by death. Two peals had been rung in the year in the branch, both by Sandhurst (applause). Combined practices had been held in all the towers, the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.—The report was adopted with applause.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. Dentry hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee, consisting of the foremen of the towers, were re-elected. Mr. W. Houlton being chosen in the place of the late Mr. T. Houlton at St. Paul's. Messrs. Moth, Wright, Rance and Brooks were elected representatives to the Guild General Committee, and Messrs. Brooks, Moth, White, Rance and B. Darvill to combined practice committee.

The usual toasts were then given, including the Preacher (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse), the Rev. H. M. Walter, and the organist (Mr. A. H. Custy).

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, in proposing 'The Guild,' spoke of the influence of a great Guild like theirs upon its members. All were grateful to the ringers for the work they did.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, in replying, said the Guild was a very big thing, of which they were but a small part. Oxford had now started a branch, and other branches were possible. It was said there were still towers where the bells were not ringing, so there was yet a great work for the Guild to do.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who also replied, said the Guild was in a flourishing condition.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (hon. treasurer of the Guild) gave an account of the Guild finances, the balance being £61 ls. 7d. Eighty-four peals had been rung, against 44 last year. He also referred with feeling to the recent decease of Mrs. Tyndale Heilas, an old personal friend, always associated with these gatherings.

The Rev. E. H. Arkwright thanked the ladies who had helped with the tea.

The local towers were placed at the disposal of the members for ringing during the afternoon, and many touches were brought round.

A MEETING AT BRAY.

As is their usual custom, the Vicar and ringers of Bray kindly arranged for a half-day meeting at the Parish Church on Saturday week, when some 30 members of the Berks and Bucks Branch maintained their interest in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, representing ten towers, with visitors from Goring (Mr. and Mrs. Carter) and St. Giles', Reading (Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds).

The branch secretary (Mr. A. J. Harman) came direct from urgent duties at Lymington, and during the evening arranged for the branch committee to meet at Boyne Hill, on Saturday, Feb. 24th; the annual general to be at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday, subject to local approval.

Mr. J. N. Beale (local foreman) supported a suggestion that the old practice of holding monthly combined meetings be resumed. It was mentioned that the Diocesan Conference for Oxford was held at Reading last year, thus breaking, for the first time, its annual gathering in the city. This was thought to be a good omen for the Berks and Bucks ringers, who reside so far from the centre now adopted for the annual festival of the Guild.—The Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell presided at the tea, and after thanks to the organisers had been proposed and applauded, the family party adjourned to the church at 6.30, and there joined in prayers with the Vicar, who took over the organist's duty for the two hymns that were sung. Further ringing afterwards took place. Fine weather and a moon assisted the homeward journey, adding to the enjoyment of the visit. It should be noted that one gentleman created a record by acting in the following capacities: President, chairman, Vicar, chaplain, organist and bell ringer.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 17th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Committee Meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 p.m. (1/9 to members and 2/6 to non-members) at the Newburn Hotel.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea for those applying to Mr. Green, Change Ringer, Crofton, near Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 4 p.m. Tea provided by the president at the Church Room at 5 p.m. sharp. Meeting afterwards, and service in church at 6.15. Wilton bells (6) will be available from 3 to 4.30 only.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, at the Central Cafe, Market Place, Faversham, at 1s. 6d. per head. Association allowance 1s. 3d., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary. The bells of Ospringe will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available for ringing: St. Giles, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Lombard Street, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, at 1s. per head, at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. Annual Reports ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available, Spalding (8), Fulney (8), Pinchbeck (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Barker's Restaurant at 1 o'clock prompt; tickets 2/6 each.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at Bramford, 2 p.m. Meeting at Sproughton, 4 p.m.—Chas. Mee, Sec. for Archdeaconry, Sproughton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the Hunts District fixed for Huntingdon on Feb. 10th has been unavoidably postponed until after Easter.—H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday, 6.30 till 8 o'clock. Ringing Sunday mornings, Feb. 11th and 25th, 10 till 11 o'clock. Also Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11th, 2.15 till 3.15. Monthly business meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at 8 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.—The tablet to the memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford will be dedicated at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 5 p.m. There will be a short special service held, and it is earnestly hoped that all fellow ringers will make an effort to attend.—L. Harris and F. W. Romaine, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Unveiling peal tablet at 4 p.m. Tea at the Swan Hotel 2t 5 p.m. (1/3 each).—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at Christ Church from 3 p.m. Tea at King's Arms Hotel, 4.45. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Blagdon (near Bristol) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells at 3. All will be welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Owing to the recent illness of the Secretary, the Quarterly meeting which was to be held the third Saturday in February, will necessarily be postponed a few weeks. Due notice will be given when the date of the meeting is fixed.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dale. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon, 1/3 each, at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 20th? Subscriptions which are now due will be gladly received at this meeting.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 15th and March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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