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THE EXAMPLE OF THE M.C.A.

The Midland Counties Association is not only one of the largest of our ringing organisations, but it is admittedly one of the most go ahead, and thanks to the fact that it has been well managed by a succession of able officers, it stands in as strong a position as any in the country. From whatever point of view one looks at the report which has just been issued for the past year, there is evidence of solid progress. Financially the Association has a very substantial reserve, and, so far as its practical operations are concerned, there is no association which has shown a more progressive spirit. The results of the year's operations must be very satisfactory to all concerned. There are, moreover, certain matters referred to in the report which ringers outside the M.C.A. might well meditate upon. We would refer here to two of them.

The M.C.A. has over two hundred honorary members, and nearly half its income comes from this source. When it is remembered that the active ringing membership is 720, the large proportion of honorary members will be more fully realised. Such a number of subscribers from outside the ranks of ringers is not obtained without steady and persistent effort, and many of the associations, who are lamenting the falling off of funds, or finding the increased expenses a source of anxiety, might well direct more definite attention to this source of revenue. What the Midland Counties Association can do others should be able to manage. There are several associations we know whose finances are very largely of a hand-to-mouth kind, and whose energies must perforce consequently be much restricted, who seem to make but small effort to secure honorary members. Perseverance and tact are required to build up a big phalanx of outside support such as the M.C.A. has obtained, but with this example before them there is no excuse for the pessimists to say it cannot be done.

In the peal ringing line, the M.C.A. had an equally successful year, and of a total of 149 peals, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Royal and Kent Treble Bob Maximus, no fewer than 30 per cent. were Surprise peals. The actual number was 46, and here we come to our second point, the conducting of these Surprise peals was shared by no less than twelve ringers. Here again is an example which might well be emulated in other associations. If one examines the annual reports of many of our organisations—there are exceptions, of course—one finds that the conducting in the higher methods is kept in the hands of just one or two men. It does not follow that it is because of any selfishness on their part; they have shown themselves capable and others have therefore just

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'left it to them.' The result has often been that when the conductor goes the higher method ringing goes. The very best way to secure the continuance of ringing is to encourage conductors, who, after all, often take upon themselves the role of instructors, so that the falling out of any one of them does not necessarily cripple the band or handicap the association.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM	Treble	* WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
ALBERT SCRIVENS	3	ERNEST MANSALL	9
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL	6	JOHN NEAL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	* HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
FRANK I. HAIRS	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
* PRYCE TAYLOR	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, M.D., M.V.O., and to the genial tower keeper, Mr. E. Horrex.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	2	THOMAS LANGDON	8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	3	WILSON RUSHTON	9
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERELL	11
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung in honour of St. Patrick's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to C. F. Winney.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM PALMER	Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES	6
ALFRED C. PANKHURST	2	BENJAMIN HOBBS	7
FRANK BENNETT	3	* HARRY PARKES	8
WILLIAM WATTS	4	ROBERT J. DAWE	9
CHARLES PALMER	5	THOMAS DEADMAN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	*WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
JAMES BETTS ... 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
ALPHEDUS J. BERRY ... 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 8
*DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 9
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 5	*THOMAS W. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. It is worthy of note that the above band hail from ten different parishes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
*THOMAS CATHERALL ... 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... 7
*WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 4	*WILLIAM CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples and proposed a member before starting.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES GAMWELL ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE ... 5
FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 2	JAMES W. NEESAM ... 6
JOHN STOTT ... 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7
GEORGE WELLING ... 4	*ALLAN DICK ... Tenor

Composed by C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's wedding.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM RENSHAW ... Treble	JOHN P. TARTON ... 5
MISS ELSIE SMITH ... 2	GEORGE THORPE ... 6
WILLIAM BUTLER ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
WILLIAM MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. WAIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST MEFFEN ... Treble	ARTHUR HOODLESS ... 5
FRED OVERTON ... 2	*HERBERT MINGAY ... 6
THOMAS FITZJOHN ... 3	J. WILLIAM SEAMER ... 7
WALTER GODDARD ... 4	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by FRED HY. DEXTER. Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Alonzo W. Long, over 25 years a ringer at the above church, and who was buried on the above date. * First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-EX-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE ... Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ARTHUR WATKIN ... 3	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 7
GILBERT GERRARD ... 4	ERNEST CHANNELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JAMES SWINDLEY.

First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 2	FRANK STONELEY ... 6
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
WILLIAM JONES ... 4	EX-P.C. W. BILLINGE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

The ringer of the treble hails from Hazel Grove, 3rd, 4th and 5th from Worsley, 7th from Ashton, and 6th and tenor from Didsbury. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Kellet, wife of the respected Captain of this tower. Both are service ringers at this church.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER RUFFLES ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to oblige the ringer of the 4th, who was home on leave. For calling, see Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' page 21.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ON THE GABRIEL EIGHT.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'	
ROBERT HARDY ... Treble	JOHN E. BURTON ... 5
MISS HILDA M. DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
MISS FRANCES L. BILL ... 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, also by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
*GEORGE BENNETT 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WM. C. ROMSEY.

* First peal in the method. This and the peal at Stonham Aspell were arranged to oblige Clr.-Sgt. Bennett, who was home on leave.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES WARD Treble	*ARTHUR BIGLEY 3
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
FRED WILFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Houghton, whose body was interred on Tuesday, March 13th.
* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 6
JOHN FLINT 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
FREDERICK E. SMITH 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Longest peal of Major on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble	JAMES CHINERY 5
ARTHUR E. MOORE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 6
CHARLES FISHER 3	CHARLES PARKER 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	CHARLES WOODCOCK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. G. Rhind-Tutt, who is leaving the district for Woodbridge, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Gillingham. First peal rung in Ipswich for the above Association.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT ELSE Treble	*HENRY REEVES 5
*JOHN HARE 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH 6
ERNEST W. DAY 3	HERBERT E. DAY 7
*GEORGE WOLFE 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by G. T. CROFT.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Ware, wife of the Verger, who was interred the same afternoon.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HAYES Treble	HERBERT LODKIN 5
*WALTER J. BATTLE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

G. WELLING Treble	H. TAYLOR 5
J. METCALFE 2	L. BROWN 6
J. BARNETT 3	W. BROADLEY 7
A. HUNTER 4	*W. BORTON Tenor

Conducted by G. WELLING.

* First peal. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	*ALFRED ROWLES 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	*WILLIAM DOWDING 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ben Gough.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN 2	HARRY A. HEARL 6
ERNEST BISHOP 3	SIDNEY PALMER 7
H. W. L. WELLS 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

This is the first Surprise peal by a Wiltshire band, and all the ringers are members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild. Rung on the occasion of L. A. Wilson's birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
GEORGE BELL 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
†GEORGE POUND 4	*JOHN SHORTER Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal with a bob bell and first attempt.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Free Estimates and Drawings, also photographs of designs, sent on receipt of full particulars of Peals to Jones, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

BERTIE WHITESIDE Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	BEN. S. THOMPSON 6
TONY PRICE 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. F. J. Howchin's 250th peal.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN OGDEN Treble	*RENNIE HARTLEY 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. A. Tomlinson's 100th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

FRANK BRASSINGTON Treble	*THOMAS DICKIN 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6
WALTER HORTON 3	*JAMES F. CLARKE, SEN. ... 7
ERNEST STONE 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the 60th birthday of J. F. Clarke.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, Mar. 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Canterbury, Westminster, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Netherseale, Annable's London, Cambridge and Norwich.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by Messrs. Youngs and Poppy.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday March 15th, 720 Bob Minor. *R. Pendry 1, *F. Price 2, †F. Smith 3, *H. Price 4, *C. Young 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6. * First 720. † First 720 inside.

LEONARD STANLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DENIS WYMAN Treble	THOMAS PRICE 4
*GEORGE STEVENS 2	EDWARD PREEDY 5
THOMAS BAILEY 3	*ARTHUR PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE BURT Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE WAGHORN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.

First peal as conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT FEIST Treble	*HARRY TURRELL 4
THOMAS ADAMS 2	JAMES BOWELL 5
RICHARD BOWELL 3	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DENMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal as conductor in a Surprise method. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Sussex Association. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's wedding day.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ARTHUR WARREN Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
†MISS KITTY MOORE 2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 4
THOMAS BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. This peal was arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. R. Black, District Secretary, who was unable to ring through illness, Mr. Warren kindly taking his place.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob & Plain Bob.

JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
CHARLEY MILLARD 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER 3	EDWARD H. SPICE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 15 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN E. BLOXHAM Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
RONALD ELLIS 2	JOHN HAMMOND 5
DAVID J. LEWIS 3	ALBERT E. HATTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles ever rung with fifteen different callings, and first peal of Stedman by all the band, also first peal of Stedman Doubles by the Association. Rung in honour of the coming of age on March 4th, of David Martin Evans Bevan, son of Mr. Evan Evans Bevan, Cadoxton House, donor of three of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

E. HOBART SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

Witness: MR. W. J. MAYHEW.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells by all the band and by the above Association. * First peal on handbells. No. 5, C.C. Collection.

FARENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

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

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by R. W. COOKE.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal as conductor. Composition contains the 6th the extent in 6th's.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, Mar. 16, 1923, in Two Hours,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) 3-4	*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 7-8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method away from 1-2.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 10, NORTHLANDS STREET, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER 1-2	*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3-4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7-8
†JAMES BOLLOCK 9-10	

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
Umpire: HORACE TAYLOR.

* First peal on handbells and first peal on ten bells. † First peal on handbells.

'SPLICED' EXTENTS OF MINOR.

COMPOSED OVER 40 YEARS AGO.

Dear Sir,—The splendid achievement of the Norbury ringers in ringing a peal of Minor in 30 methods in seven true extents, calls forth the admiration of every true lover of the art of change ringing, and as the recent issues of 'The Ringing World' testify, it has aroused very great interest in 'spliced' methods extents.

Mr. Dawson, in his letter, wants to know if the method of splicing is a 'state secret,' and Mr. Fernley, in his reply, says he believes he is correct in saying that the Rev. H. Law James was the first to make known and practise the idea ten or twelve years ago. You, sir, in your leading article in 'The Ringing World' on Feb. 16th also state that it is more than ten years since this form of Minor extents was introduced.

By these remarks it would seem that the 'spliced' 720 of Minor is quite a new idea, but I would like to point out that I have a spliced 720 of Treble Bob Minor in nine methods, which was composed by a man who has certainly been dead over forty years.

I found this among some papers which belonged to my father, and an old ringer here on seeing the figures and writing assures me that they were written by my grandfather, who died in 1878, so if that is true it must have been composed before that year. The extent is written out, every one of the 720 changes, and the footnote states that it was composed by the late James Platt, of Saddleworth Fold. Now, when James Platt died I cannot say, but I find on referring to my father's peal book that a peal of Treble Bob there recorded was rung in 1881, and composed by the late James Platt. It also states 'this peal was the first ever rung with the 6th at home at nine different course ends and the tenors together, and was first rung at Moltram-in-Longdendale on Nov. 5th, 1846.'

James Platt, therefore, was composing peals nearly eighty years ago, and has been dead at least forty years, so this spliced 720 must have been composed long before the Rev. H. Law James made the idea of splicing known.

The 720 with the changes of method and the lead ends is as follows:

23456	British Queen	Continued
46532	Oxford	25463
54263		34625 Liverpool
25346	Holmfirth Surprise	56234
— 32546		42356
— 53246	New York	— 63425 British Queen
46325		45236 Oxford
25634	London Scholars'	24653
34562		62345 Holmfirth Surprise
62453		36245
— 53462	British Queen	— 23845 Glossop Delight
42635	Oxford	34256
64523		45362 New Kirk
56342	Holmfirth Surprise	56423
— 35642		62534
— 63542	Nelson's Victory	— 23456

Thus we have nine methods, and no less than fifteen different changes of method, and never more than 72 changes without a change of method; also nine hobs called.

Of course, some of these methods would not satisfy our present-day experts of method construction, and are what are termed irregular, and bring up irregular lead ends, but the changes are true.

I have sent the original to Mr. Fernley, and he agrees with me that considering the time at which it must have been composed it is a wonderful construction.

Perhaps there is a reader of 'The Ringing World' who can tell us more about James Platt and his compositions, and help us to find out if he or someone else was first in the field with this very interesting idea of Minor composition.—Yours sincerely,

Hyde.

TOM WILDE.

A STIMULUS TO WIDER PRACTICE.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I would like to tender my sincere thanks to Mr. Fernley for his letter and figures of the 30-method peal rung at Norbury on New Year's day. I feel sure the publication will stimulate the practice of splicing Minor methods considerably more than anything else has done for some time.

There are (as you mentioned in your leading article a week or two since) many new recruits to the Exercise since the rules were published in 1912, who will, I am convinced, appreciate the publication immensely.

I would also like to congratulate the band on their recent performance in 29 methods, and had not the figures been published some doubt might have been cast on the previous peal, as I notice Morning Star has been omitted.

However, my curiosity has been satisfied and the brilliancy of the Norbury men further illuminated, and here I would like to say, if and when it is decided to issue certificates of merit, those responsible for the awards will do well to bear in mind the Norbury men's performances.—Yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WILKERSON,

Hon. Sec., Warwickshire Guild.

DEATH OF A GRIMSBY RINGER.

The death occurred, on March 8th, at his home at Grimsby, of Mr. Alonzo William Long. The deceased, who was 42 years of age, underwent an operation in October last, and, although he was able to get about again, had a relapse, and passed away as stated. He had been a ringer at St. Andrew's Church for over 25 years, and was most regular in his attendance, and always willing and obliging. He had rung 36 peals in various methods, his last being one of Double Norwich in August last, it being the first in that method in Grimsby.

The funeral took place on March 13th, the first portion of the service being held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Barton), the committal being said by the Rev. Marsden. The service was choral, a brother ringer, Mr. H. Rushby, presiding at the organ. Amongst those present at church and the graveside were Mr. A. W. Hoodless (Barton-on-Humber), Mr. W. H. Hayhoe (secretary, Grimsby District, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. S. Hill (representing North Eastern Steam Fishing Co.), by whom deceased was employed, and numerous other friends. The coffin was carried to its last resting-place by four ringers: Messrs. Shepherd (St. James'), Brown, Ovorton and Bromfield, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Seamer, Brown, Hoodless and Bromfield. Amongst the numerous wreaths was one from his brother ringers at St. Andrew's, and one from the St. James' band. In the evening a muffled peal of Bob Major was rung, particulars of which appear elsewhere. Deceased was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association. J. W. S.

PAID AND UNPAID RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has recently been stated that there are 31,454 unpaid bell ringers in places of worship under the Church of England. This fact will, no doubt, be of great interest to your readers. If it were safe to assume that non-association ringers are paid ringers, it would be interesting to compare these figures with the number of association ringers, if this can be ascertained. There is no doubt that remuneration for ringing is one of the greatest dangers that associations have to contend with, as it stops the young blood from taking up ringing. Moreover, unpaid ringers are the ones who make the most advance in change ringing. I have this proved to me every week in my own district. For one thing the paid ringers do not like members of another tower coming to give them a hand, even if the former are change ringers, and so, year after year, they stick in the rut, never getting more than Grandsire.—Yours truly,

ALEC. RICHARDSON.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**SOME PLAIN SPEAKING.**

A successful and interesting meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held on Saturday, March 3rd, at Pudsey. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the White Cross Hotel, and attended by members from Armley, Bramley, Birstall, Idle, Rotherham, Calverley, Headingley, Holbeck, Mirfield, Leeds Parish Church, and the local company.

There was more 'steam' let off at this meeting than there has been for some time. Fortunately by the thoughtfulness and generosity of the local gentlemen, who kindly supplied light refreshments, the members remained calm and bright.

The Secretary led off by complaining of the lack of official support which was shown, and this resulted in Mr. H. Lockwood being elected president pro tem.

Another member complained of the poor attendance at Birstall, which he said was a disgrace to this society, especially as the Vicar had put a service off for the convenience of the members.

Mr. Johnson spoke in a plain and direct manner of the unsatisfactory support of members at the meetings, saying that it was no encouragement to those who arranged them.

A USEFUL PRACTICE.

A practice meeting of the Halesworth district of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association was held at Wenhamston, on Monday evening, March 12th, and was attended by twenty ringers and probationers from the following towers: Halesworth, Bampton, Henham, Mells, Wissett, and Wenhamston. Good touches of Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and much useful instruction was given to the young members present.

MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, rung 19 (conducted 6); Stedman Triples, 18 (8); Kent Treble Bob Major, 17 (8); Bob Major, 8 (4); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 (1); Double Norwich, 8 (5); Superlative Surprise Major, 5 (1); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; London Surprise Major, 4; Guildford Surprise Major, 1; Forward Major 1 (1); Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Minor, 11 (6); total, 100 (conducted 40). Rung in 25 towers. Eighty-eight of the peals included ringers who were either ringing their first peal or their first peal in the method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In our last issue we recorded 'the first peal of Major on the bells at Twickenham. It is interesting to note that in Benjamin Annable's MS. (page 181), now in the British Museum, is a record of a peal bearing the name of 'Middlesex' which was rung by the Twickenham ringers on January 22nd, 1733, composed by B. Annable. Whether this was a Triple or Major method we do not know; perhaps someone may be able to tell us.

Among the early peals that were rung was one at Wye, Kent, a peal of Grandsire Triples, on March 29th, 1736, concerning which it was recorded that the band were 'ye first set that ever rang it in the county, without the assistance of Londoners or others.'

A peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung at St. Mary's, Dover, on March 26th, 1729.

On March 24th, 1837, a peal of 6,048 Albion Surprise was rung at Liversedge, Yorks. It was, we believe, a method composed by W. Sottenstall.

It was on March 23rd, 1837, Elijah Roberts tapped a peal of 19,440 changes. Roberts committed suicide in 1865.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826.

Ringers who propose to attend the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on April 7th will do well to note that admission to the tea will be by ticket only, which, as will be seen from our notice columns, must be applied for by April 4th.

It will be no good complaining that they are excluded from the tea if they do not take this precaution. The committee of the association are determined to act upon this arrangement, if only out of courtesy to the Rector.

Mr. J. Barnett has just completed 54 years as a ringer at Northallerton, Yorks, and at the age of 74, took part on Saturday in a peal of Grandsire Triples. He has received the congratulations of the band upon his long service.

Ringers who keep their M.C.A. reports for reference should delete the composition of peal 2,599, published in the 36th Report, which is false.

Wilfred Taffender, the youthful son of the Master of the London County Association, has added to the laurels which he has begun to gather at such an early age. London Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve, have been followed by another peal of London and a 'double handed' peal of Stedman Caters. Not bad for one's first five peals at 15 years of age.

The handbell peal was also taken part in by another ringer under 16—one of the coming men in London, Jeffery Gammon—and by the veteran, Mr. John Carter, formerly of Birmingham, now of 'Park Lane' and Douglas, Isle of Man.

'Interested' writes with reference to the peal of Bob Major rung 'in hand' at Saffron Walden on February 25th, and which was claimed to be the first handbell peal ever rung by a member of the Saffron Walden Society, that the late Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow rang a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' as long ago as May 3rd, 1896. This peal was rung at Mr. W. H. Buckingham's residence at St. Albans, and conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

The Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association (Mr. W. Page) asks us to request all ringing visitors to Worcester for the annual meeting on Easter Monday to go direct in the first instance to St. Helen's tower. They can then be escorted to any other tower they may wish to visit, and this will avoid delay or disappointment at finding a tower closed.

LONDON PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S 800TH ANNIVERSARY.

The 800th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great was celebrated on Sunday, March 11th. The Lord Mayor of London attended morning service in state, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop of London. The pre-Reformation peal of five bells was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round. The following evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by C. T. Coles (conductor), W. Hewett, F. I. Hains, C. W. R. Grimwood, R. Sanders. It having been previously announced that the bells were being rung on this occasion, quite a large number of parishioners gathered outside the church, listening to these ancient bells with great interest.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Saturday, March 17th, for Confirmation service, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: L. G. Cartwright 1, J. Withers, senr., 2, O. H. Stanley 3, Wm. B. Cartwright 4, T. W. Wright 5, Charles Webb 6, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 7, Jas. George 8. Longest length of Cambridge by ringers of treble and 3rd.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The 37th Report of the Midland Counties Association, covering the year 1922, has just been issued, and contains over 100 pages. The committee's report records a gratifying number of bell restorations, among them being the addition of new bells to make two rings of eight into ten, two rings of six and one of five into eight, and one of five into six. In regard to finance, the committee view with great satisfaction the continued prosperity of the association. The income for the year amounted to £90 17s. Of this sum the ringers' contributions totalled £48 14s. 6d., while a sum of no less than £42 2s. 6d. was subscribed by patrons and hon. members. To the latter the association owes a great debt of gratitude, for without their aid the ringers' annual subscriptions would not suffice to meet the expenditure. The balance in hand is £132 14s. 9d., and the hon. treasurer has suggested that a portion of this should be invested. A 'Bell Repair Fund' has been opened, to which several subscriptions have been already sent, and to which further help is specially invited. The committee might feel disposed to transfer to this fund a sum agreed upon from the balance in hand on the general accounts.

The peal ringing record is an excellent one, the number of peals being no fewer than 149, made up of Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Spliced Kent and Oxford Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 3, London Surprise Major 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 16, Cambridge 18, Norfolk 1, Duffield Major 2, Double Norwich 8, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Bob Major 8, Stedman Triples 16, Grandsire Triples 19, Minor 14, Doubles 16. The peals in Surprise methods total 46, a percentage of 30.87, which may be regarded as very satisfactory. With a continuation of the present enthusiasm and suitable opportunities for extension of knowledge, it will naturally follow, says the report, that peals in higher methods will take the lead, and it is impressed upon the district committees that, with the association only holding four meetings annually, the opportunities for progression rest largely with them.

While considerable attention is given in the report to the progress of peal ringing, it is not forgotten that the most important of members' duties is the provision of good and regular ringing at Sunday services. That this duty is faithfully performed, there is not the least doubt, and it is often referred to by the clergy at meetings, which they attend regularly and in increasing numbers. That the incentive of peal ringing is an inducement for improved striking is a well-known fact, and the committee are convinced that peal ringers are among those who attend best to the duty above mentioned.

The membership at the end of 1922 was 922, comprising 9 patrons, 193 hon. members, and 720 ringing members.

SIMPSON TUNING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It was not my intention to trouble you again, as the hope, widely shared, that the daylight that had been let in upon the cause of the 'howl' in certain bells tuned on the S.P. would lead to some measures being taken as suggested in your leader of the 23rd February, i.e., 'it ought not to be beyond the wit of the founders and their tuners to overcome the drawback.'

Now let us get back to the point at issue:—

Q.—Do certain peals of bells tuned on the S.P. 'howl'?

A.—Yes!

Q.—What is the cause?

A.—Apparently the harmonics, which should be subservient to the tap tone, are too greatly accentuated.

Remedy: Remove the cause, the effect ceases.

How to discover the cause of the 'howl' has been my aim all through, and that is clearly shown in my previous correspondence. In spite of this the Rev. C. H. Clarke charges me with inconsistency.

It is certainly very clear that he has, with a steady persistency, accompanied with banter, written all round the subject, but has not once touched the cause of the 'howl,' which, of course, is the main point of the argument.

The offer to me of a free pardon has its humorous side, in view of the many personalities contained in his letters. Having reached threescore years and six I can afford to smile, and in return for his magnanimity I, with the greatest of pleasure, offer my benign benediction with the fervent hope that he may never have a peal of bells in his tower that 'howl.' Pax vobiscum. My thanks to you, sir, for your kind indulgence.—Yours truly, A. FLAT SEVENTH.

SURPRISE MINOR.

The six bell company at Aldrington, Sussex, are adding to their Surprise repertoire, and the following 720's have recently been rung: On Tuesday, March 13th, 720 Surfleet Surprise Minor: R. S. Cherryman 1, K. Hart 2, F. Trusler 3, R. Stredwick 4, G. Steele (conductor) 5, A. White 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells. Also recently, 720 of Beverley Surprise Minor: R. S. Cherryman 1, R. Stredwick 2, G. A. Steele 3, A. Cherryman 4, A. White 5, J. White (conductor) 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells; and 720 London Surprise Minor: J. White 1, G. Steele 2, R. S. Cherryman 3, R. Stredwick 4, K. Hart 5, A. White (conductor) 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION AND THE ANNUAL REPORT.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorks Association was held at St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield, on Saturday last. For an annual meeting the attendance was very disappointing, the towers represented being Rotherham, the Cathedral, St. Maries and All Saints', Sheffield; Ecclesfield, Arksey, Eckington, Chesterfield, Handsworth and Norton. The visitors were welcomed in the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lea Nicholls), himself a very enthusiastic ringing member of the association.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who, in a brief and interesting address, gave much good advice and counsel to those present.

Tea in the Schoolroom was heartily enjoyed by all. The business meeting was then held, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

Messrs. F. Wetherill (Wragby), G. Haigh (Doncaster), M. Wilson (St. Maries, Sheffield), E. Haynes (Rammoor), and S. Sheppard and Miss Clarkson (Tickhill) were elected members of the association.

Mr. F. Clark was re-elected secretary; Mr. G. Holmes, Mr. C. D. Potter and Mr. O. Harrison were elected to the committee, and Mr. Harrison was further elected to the general committee (to retire in 1925).

Several members complained of inaccuracies in the annual report, and a long discussion was held on the subject, the following resolution being passed: 'That the General Committee be asked to consider the advisability of the secretaries and committees of the different divisions compiling the report for their respective districts and forwarding the same to the general secretary.'

An invitation was received from Wortley inviting the district to that place for the next meeting, and this was accepted, the date being fixed for June 16th.

Mr. F. Willey gave a short account of the arrangements made up to date in connection with the association dinner in September, and everyone was well pleased with the progress made.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company and the ladies for the excellent tea, were acknowledged, and brought the meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. J. B. HOUGHTON.**PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN IRLTHINGBOROUGH RINGER.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. James Betts Houghton, of 10, Lilley Terrace, Irlthingborough, the sad event taking place on Friday afternoon, March 9th, after a long and very painful illness, at the age of 62 years.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mrs. Houghton and family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Houghton was a ringer at Irlthingborough for over fifty years, he having first learnt to ring a bell at the age of ten, under the able instruction of his father, at the time when there were six bells in the tower. The peal was made into the octave in 1893, after which the deceased made rapid progress in change ringing, and rang in the first peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise in Northamptonshire.

Altogether he had rung 236 peals in the following methods: Doubles 3, Minor in 71 methods 17 (conducted 4), Grandsire Triples 14, Stedman Triples 31, Bob Triples 2, Bob Major 16 (cond. 7), Kent Treble Bob Major 21 (conducted 5), Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 60 (conducted 25), Superlative 55 (conducted 10), Cambridge 5 (conducted 1), Bristol 2, London 5, Stedman Caters 2, Grandsire Caters 1, Treble Bob Royal 2. He rang in the 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Irlthingborough, the 11,000 and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston, and was also the first to ring 100 peals for the Northants Association. Mr. Houghton was a member of the following associations: Central Northants, Bedfordshire, Warwickshire Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Peterborough Association, and the Midland Counties Association. He rang his last peal, Double Norwich, last year, after which his health began to fail him.

Deceased was most regular in his attendance at his own belfry for ringing, ever ready to help others. Being an able conductor and a safe ringer, he will be very much missed, and his loss to St. Peter's, Irlthingborough, and to other towers in the county cannot be measured.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 13th the service being held in the Parish Church. Many ringers and friends were present, including Messrs. F. Barber (Wellingborough, district secretary), T. Law (Weston Favell), G. Basford, T. Abbott, J. Main (Finedon), H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert (Raunds), J. Garratt (Higham Ferrers), H. Horn (Irlthingborough). The cortege was met at the church by the Rector (the Rev. Walter A. Frift, M.A.), and the coffin was carried by eight of his brother ringers: Messrs. A. Tyler, W. Perkins, A. Perkins, J. Ward, C. Newman, J. Mawby, F. Wilford and F. Barber. The service was taken by the Rector, and the interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the churchyard.

Muffled touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and a course of Grandsire was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. A. Perkins, W. Perkins, A. Tyler and J. Mawby.

It is an interesting fact that the deceased and his father between them, gave 110 years' service as ringers.

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AN OLD RINGING MATCH.

INTERESTING RECORD OF A LANCASHIRE CONTEST.

Few records of the doings of ringers in the distant past have come down to us, and the following interesting account of a match between two well-known Lancashire companies will, we are sure, be read with interest. We are indebted for it to Mr. J. Bruce Williamson, who found it recorded in a volume of the 'Sporting Magazine' for the year 1808, under the heading of 'Sporting Intelligence.'

The following announcement appeared in the June issue:

'We have the pleasure to inform the amateurs in the art of change ringing, that the Oldham Youths of Lancashire have challenged the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, in the said county, to ring them Mr. John Holt's Ten-course peal, of 504 changes, each course of Grandsire Tripples. The College Youths have accepted the challenge to ring them for 40 gs. a peal, in the above method, containing a true and complete peal of 5,040 changes only, at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, near Manchester, all in the said county, on the 25th day of June inst. Weight of the tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.'

The story of the contest is told in the issue of July, as follows:

HARMONIOUS CHANGE RINGING.

'The Oldham Youths, sometime since, challenged the College Youths, change ringers of Ashton-under-Line, to ring them Mr. John Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Tripples of 504 changes each, making a complete peal of 5,040 harmonious changes. The Collegians of Ashton-under-Line accepted the challenge to ring the above peal for 40 guineas which was staked, and who have since completed it in the finest style of ringing, and in the quickest time on the new peal of eight bells at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, on Friday, June the 24th, 1808. Weight of the tenor bell 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. net bell metal.

'This wager had caused a spirit of emulation between those two fine and lofty ringing societies; and various trials were made of their skill previous to the decision. The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line took the lead first (in practice); on Sunday, the 15th day of May, they rung at their village a complete peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which was finely completed in the quick time of two hours and 33½ mins.

'On Monday, the 16th day of May, the Oldham Youths rung at their village, a complete peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which was well rung in the quick time of two hours and 38 mins.

'On Tuesday, the 24th day of May, the Ashton College Youths ascended St. Michael's tower at their villa, and rung well Mr. John Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes, in the quick time of two hours and 34 mins.

'Early in the morning of the 29th day of May, in honour of the old English oak, the Oldham Youths ascended St. Paul's Gothic tower, at their villa, and rung a fine peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, composed of 5,040 good pleasing changes, which was completed in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins.

'On the morning of the same day, the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line ascended St. Michael's fine Gothic tower, also in honour of the ancient English oak, and most nobly brought round a fine-rung peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in courses, containing 5,040 beautiful changes, in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins.

'On Saturday, June 4th, in honour of his Majesty's birthday, the Oldham Youths again ascended the Gothic tower at their village, and completed a fine peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes, which they finely rung in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins., in the ten-course method.

'On Thursday, June 8th, from a friendly invitation, the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, paid a visit to Mottram in Cheshire, and a select eight of them ascended the neat and Gothic tower at St. Mary's Church in that romantic village, and rung a charmingly fine peal, in ten courses of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in the very wonderful quick time of two hours and 23½ mins. The average speed of ringing this peal was thirty-five changes each minute, and towards the close of the peal thirty-six changes a minute, being the best and quickest ringing ever performed in this kingdom.

'The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, being highly pleased with their excursion to, and treatment at the romantic village of Hilly Mottram, in Longendale, Cheshire, they paid a second visit on Sunday morning, June the 19th, and highly delighted the natives in that part of the country with another remarkably fine rung peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 harmonious changes, which they completely and most nobly again brought round in the astonishing quick time of two hours and 23½ mins. Weight of the Mottram tenor 13 cwt. net bell metal.

'The above eight peals being rung for practice, we must now approach towards the day of decision. Both companies of ringers met on the ground at Flixton, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1808, and each alternately ascended the Gothic tower of St. Michael's Church, and rung practice peals, according to their articles of ringing, during the day.

'On Friday, June the 24th, early in the morning, both societies met and cast lots which company was to ring first. The Oldham Youths had the first innings, and they ascended St. Michael's Gothic tower at this village, and completely brought-round a fine and true rung

peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which they performed according to the articles of agreement, and in the quick time of two hours 32 mins. and 50 secs.

'The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line ascended St. Michael's Gothic tower, and rung a superlatively fine half-peal (say, 2,520 changes), made the single in fine stile, and rang most nobly fine to the 21st treble lead of the sixth course, when the conductor of the peal called a bob two treble leads too soon, which threw the bells out of course, and then they were obliged to call bobs irregularly afterwards for some time. The two last courses were rung true, after all the misscalling; the single at last completely made, and round at the change of 5,012, being the two treble leads short of the whole peal (or 28 changes) which entitled the Oldham Youths to the wager of 40 guineas, and was paid to them by the decision of the four censurers and umpire, who were as follows:

Ashton-under-Line Censurers.

Mr. Thomas Ogden, of Ashton-under-Line.

Mr. John Moss, of Ashton-under-Line.

Oldham Censurers.

Mr. Daniel Bamford, of Middleton.

Mr. John Amellows, of Oldham.

Ashton Treble lead taker down.

Mr. Joseph Tebbs, from Leeds.

Oldham Treble lead taker down.

Mr. Jonathan Hague, of Manchester.

The grand umpire for both parties, and sworn to do justice, was Mr. Joseph Grayson, silver plater, of Birmingham, but formerly of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

'The ringing artists for this wager at Flixton were as follows:—

Ashton College Youths.

Treble, Mr. Jonathan Wild.

2. Mr. Thomas Dewsnap.

3. Mr. Samuel Moss.

4. Mr. Thomas Hammond.

5. Mr. Aaron Walker.

6. Mr. Joseph Burgess.

7. Mr. James Moss.

Tenor, Mr. Charles Greaves.

Conductor, Mr. Jonathan Wild.

Weight of the tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. net bell metal.

Time of Ashton ringing 2 hours 34 mins. and 2 secs.

Oldham Youths.

Treble, Mr. James Taylor.

2. Mr. Robert Coope.

3. Mr. Henry Hindle.

4. Mr. Joseph Newton.

5. Mr. William Rigby.

6. Mr. Joshua Kershaw.

7. Mr. John Whitehead.

Tenor, Mr. James Gartside.

Conductor, Mr. Joseph Newton.

'The Society of College Youths of Ashton-under-Line received the following flattering testimonial from Ralph Wright, Esq., Justice of the Peace, at the village of Flixton, on this ringing occasion:—

'Mr. Wright has the honour to present his best compliments to Major Lees, and to request that he will take the trouble to divide ten guineas among the Ashton-under-Line ringers as a small compliment due to their merit, on this day, in delighting the village of Flixton with their most excellent peal of Holt's Grandsire Tripples.—Flixton, Midsummer Day, 1808.

'N.B.—The inhabitants of Ashton-under-Line, and the Change ringers, conjecture that the conducting of the peal of Mr. John Holt's 5,040 changes, was wilfully lost at Flixton on the above day, and the Ashton College Youths purpose challenging the Oldham Youths to ring them again, the same peal, for one hundred guineas, on their own peal of eight bells, at Oldham, off hand, with another conductor.'

LOUGHBOROUGH TEN: ALPHA AND OMEGA

To the Editor.

Sir,—*Deforme est de se ipsum predicare.* But when I was a careless schoolboy and my iron hoop didst become 'tired,' and verily did become unstuck, it didst cause me to muse and ponder over ye laws of matter, motion and force! Uh! I could howl when I even read ye 'R.W.'—but, 'Ecce audi.' Our friend 'O. A. B.' doth not muse and ponder on ye subject, but 'often hears, and even reads of metal becoming tired,' and even goeth so far as to say that ho knoweth 'how true it is.' Oh dear me! Perhaps ye great authority will enlighten ye whole Exercise on ye subject of 'tired metal,' especially on three points of vital import?

1. How and by what means may we distinguish ye 'tired bell' from that which is not in a state of fatigue?
2. What are ye chief factors which cause ye bell to become 'tired'?
3. And what restorative should we apply to bring about revivescence?

Oh! and 'just by ye way,' why keep booming Rudhall's 'Best'? Do give ye good old bells a rest or they will become weary! As a matter of fact, 'A.B.E.' was ye 'Bellytree Poet Laureate,' and he nearly strangled his vocabulary when he burst forth into poetic effusions, booming up his own works with vainglorious boasting inscription formulas! I need no convincing that they (the Rudhalls) were most skilful craftsmen, but 'A.B.E.' spoiled himself by 'slopping over' more than any of the others. Oh! and 'just edgeways,' ye can't have any more of ye Rudhall's fabrications for ye whole line are as dead as 'Queen Lizzie'!

But be of good cheer, friend, ye who wants a 'replica.' Oh, well, ye fact remains that ye 'Loughborough Ten' are superior, and speak for themselves! And that's that!

IRENEUS PISTOR.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

There are three churches at Ealing, Middlesex, and on Sunday, for the first time in one day, a quarter-peal was rung at each of them.—At Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. A. Folkard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, O. Edwards 5, G. C. Iles 6, A. Harding 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr. (first quarter in the method) 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, D. Harris 4, H. Belcher 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr. 8.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to A. M. Stacey, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: L. H. Page (conductor) 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, J. H. Hunnissett 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Folkard 8. At the conclusion of the above, the clapper of the tenor dropped out.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE—On Sunday, March 18th, at the Abbey Church of St. Mary and St. Germanus, for morning service, 413 Stedman Caters: B. Storr 1, J. W. Hall (conductor) 2, W. Hinton 3, J. Jackson 4, H. S. Morley 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Cryer 7, G. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam 9, R. Monte 10. For evening service, 360 Bob Royal: G. Fenton 1, J. W. Hall 2, S. Morgan 3, J. Jackson 4, A. Cryer 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, H. S. Morley 10. Also 395 Grandsire Caters.

COALBROOKDALE—On Sunday evening, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 43 mins.: H. Rixom 1, R. Evans 2, T. Abbott 3, W. Wase (conductor) 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, W. Lago 7, J. Johnson 8. The ringer of the 3rd has recently returned from India.

ASHTED, SURREY—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,260 changes): W. Cook 1, G. A. Cook 2, J. Beams 3, W. H. Corbett 4, G. Maviner 5, J. Hoyle 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8, followed by a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Hoyle.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: A. Plackett 1, A. Sanders 2, F. Sanders 3, C. G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6. First 720 for ringers of treble and tenor.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 18th, for morning service 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, D. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Ford 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, J. Jolly 8.—For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, A. H. Took 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, O. Moss 7, W. Pierce 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK—At St. Mary's Church, for afternoon service, on Sunday, March 18th, touches of Grandsire Minor, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor were rung by the local band.

HORLEY, SURREY—At the Church of St. Bartholomew on Sunday, Mar. 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Ellis 1, A. J. Bull 2, H. R. Thorpe 3, W. Beeson 4, G. Ellis 5, O. Sippets (conductor) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: L. Everest 1, C. Aylward 2, I. Cruwys 3, N. Butcher 4, H. Huntley 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Wiles 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

DEPTFORD, KENT—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, Miss Mabel A. Nye 3, G. Thurs 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX—On Sunday evening, 18th March, for service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 51 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Ricot 3, W. Pickworth 4, G. Rester 5, J. E. Miller 6, John Armstrong 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, P. H. Bigg 10. First quarter-peal Grandsire Caters by ringers of 3 and tenor.

PETERBOROUGH—For evensong, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, 528 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, H. Beechey 3, W. Cross, junr., 4, W. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

BARNES—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: *W. C. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. F. W. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. * First quarter-peal.

LINTON, KENT—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Button 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Miss R. Thomas 3, G. Pound 4, H. Baker 5, T. E. Sone (composer and conductor) 6, L. Head 7, C. H. Sone 8.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on March 11th, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor by the local band: A. Dyer 1, Henry Hale 2, W. Dyer (conductor) 3, H. V. Robinson 4, Fred Handoll 5, A. Handoll 6. First 720 in this method by all the band.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, "The Ringing World" will be published on Thursday.

All items, including Notices intended for publication in that issue, must reach our office by Monday morning next.

IN MEMORIAM.

KING—In memory of Arthur Thomas King, I.S.O., who died on Sunday, March 26th, 1922. Ever in the thoughts of his friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow Common, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. A tea will be kindly provided at 5 p.m. (followed by a business meeting). Buses leave Bishops Stortford 2.30 passing through Sawbridgeworth, Harlow Town, Epping, 1 and 3.45.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3.30 until 5. Business meeting to follow. It is hoped tea can be arranged. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, March 24th, at 3.30 p.m.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., 96, Grappenhall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available at both towers at 4. Business meeting will be held in belfry at Peckleton 7 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General committee meeting Monday, March 26th, 7 p.m., at the Edinburgh. Practice, Bishopsgate, Monday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, postponed from March 24th until April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON.—Practice every Friday evening 7.30 to 9. Will all old Holloway men kindly make an effort to attend these practices?—J. Bullock and A. Turner.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at Whittlesey. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

EASTER MEETINGS.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Meeting for election of officers and other business will be held at the Church House, adjoining St. Mary le Tower Church, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Douglas Hamilton will preside. Arrangements are being made for ringing at the various churches in the town. A good attendance is desired.—George Wilson, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Brislington. Bells (8) available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 2/- per head will be made) should reach Mr. J. W. Cowling, 54, High Street, Bridlington, not later than first post on Tuesday, March 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Service at St. Nicholas Church, 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each, free to members, Church Hall. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) available.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. A small charge will be made. Bells, Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House, before 12 and 1.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting at Uckfield on Easter Monday. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea at 'The Holly Bush,' 5 (1/6 each). Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the Divisional Secretary by Wednesday, March 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting after. Those expecting tea must notify Mr. W. Allin, 86, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, not later than 27th March.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the association will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 12 o'clock on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Luncheon will be served at Goode's Hotel, Marine Parade, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members intending to be present at the luncheon kindly notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, March 29th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be available. — Arthur L. Coleman, General and Branch Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in Workman's Hall, 1.15 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Mary's, Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8). Apply for dinner tickets (1/- each), before March 28th, to Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at noon addressed by the Rev. S. T. Adams, Hon. Canon of Ely and Rural Dean. Luncheon 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic Church available, also, in the afternoon, Old Chesterton (6).—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashstead on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at Huntleys Tea Gardens, will those requiring tea kindly inform me not later than Wednesday, March 28th, so that accommodation can be reserved.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Secretary, 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—At the annual meeting on Easter Monday, Mr. E. P. Debenham will move the following alteration of first section of Rule 9, 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the Peal Book that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, or other body for the time being exercising the powers of the Central Council with regard to Peals.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Opening of Ten-bell peal at St. James', Trowbridge. A Quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The existing 8 bells available for visitors from 2 till 3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. After the service the peal of ten available for afternoon and evening. A free meat tea will be kindly provided in St. James' Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present should advise me by March 28th.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary le Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Easter Monday at 2.30 p.m. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above branch will take place at Slough on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar. Service at the Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m. Branch business at 6.30 p.m. The following Towers will be open for visitors during the morning by kind permission of the clergy. Old Windsor 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Burnham 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wooburn 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Windsor after meeting. Will ringers, all of whom will be heartily welcome, kindly notify me by 30th instant of their intention to be present.—Alfred J. Harman, 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Road, Windsor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater All Saints (6) on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea kindly inform me by 26th, inst.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) later; service in St. Paul's at 12.30. Luncheon at St. Paul's Mission Room at 1, to be followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) will be provided in the Priory Gate House at 5 p.m. if 20 or more names are sent to Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, not later than Wednesday, March 28th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem*), 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cheterick Bridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Oak Tree Inn, members 1/6, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday, March 28.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, N. Ormsby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield, (6) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by April 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornfield, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than March 31st.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the above association will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. J. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the President, Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Tea and business meeting at St. Giles' School House, Endell Street, at 5 p.m. By the kindness of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), tea will be provided at the reduced charge of 6d. per member, and admission will be by ticket only. Secretaries of local bands, and individual members, should apply to either of the undersigned for admission tickets not later than Wednesday, April 4th. Payment may be made at time of application, or on the day of meeting. Arrangements for ringing are as follows: St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Clement Danes (10), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Bartholomew the Great (5), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform J. H. Richardson, High Street, Whetstone, before April 6th. Reports for 1923 can be had at this meeting, 1/- each, or from H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Oddfellows Hall, Friar Street, Reading, near St. Laurence's Church. Notice of motion must reach General Secretary at least 10 days before meeting. Will all committeemen intending to be present please notify me, so that tea may be arranged for at the Master's invitation?—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 7th.—Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Eight Bells at 5 p.m., by the kind invitation of L. J. Hodson, Esq., business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 3rd?—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the ringers who fell in the Great War will be unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. Seats will be reserved

for relatives. For tickets apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. All ringers intending being at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, 10th April, and oblige. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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