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THE LEISTON RECORD.

The record set up at Leiston Church, where one hundred peals in Surprise methods have just been completed, is a noteworthy thing. We have no information of so many Surprise peals being rung in any other tower, and we imagine this must be unique, although one or two places occur to mind where possibly, if the records were searched, it might be found that such a number had been rung. But such a list requires years of steady and persistent peal ringing, and we are really doubtful if any other tower can claim a similar performance. Of one thing, however, we feel quite certain, no other tower can claim peals in such a variety of Surprise Major methods, for the century at Leiston was made up of no fewer than thirteen different methods, and, when one thinks of it, this is really a remarkable achievement and is another to add to the records which this band can claim.

Leiston has been fortunate in being able to maintain for a long period a band of able and enterprising ringers, of which the backbone has been the brothers Bailey. What has been done by this band is something more than the ringing of a considerable number of peals; they have shown that on eight bells, as on six, ringers can introduce extensive variety into what they practice. As we have often remarked before, it is really surprising how little ringers go outside the common track to find diversity in the art. It is not that other methods are not worth ringing—there are many that are—but even Surprise bands who are regularly practicing together seldom get away from what one may be excused for calling the 'big four' of the Surprise category. These four methods are so well established among ringers that their claims to first consideration are unlikely to be displaced, but where there are opportunities for introducing variety we should like to see the ringers show a somewhat more enterprising spirit.

Although these remarks are prompted by what has been done in Surprise ringing at Leiston, they apply equally to ringing in less difficult methods. As we pointed out only a few weeks ago, there is an interesting series of plain Major methods for those who can ring Double Norwich; indeed the group which has been put into practice at Willesden forms an easy stairway from Plain Bob upward, and those who really take a delight in their ringing should apply themselves to these methods. Not so easy, but even more interesting, are some of those rather complicated odd-bell methods evolved from Stedman and Erin by Mr. J. W. Parker. We still await the performance of a peal in one of these methods, which in their complexity look worthy of the time and attention of the most advanced ringers. They form a new world to be conquered, and the first to conquer it will have gone a step beyond their fellows.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
SAMUEL MEADOWS 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
THOMAS CATHRALL 3	GEORGE R. JONES 8
*THOMAS BUTLER, JUN. ... 4	JAMES MORGAN 9
HENRY W. WILDE 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. Arranged and rung in honour of the en-
thronement of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bangor, which took
place at Bangor Cathedral on this date. His lordship was formerly a
Rector of the above church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	*THOMAS NEWMAN 6
Cecil V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN THACKRAH. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE

* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR H. HAYWARD ... Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
PERCY MERSON 2	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	HENRY BUNGAY 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal in the method by the Association, on the bells, by all
except ringers of 7th and 8th, and west of Bristol by a resident band.
The peal was rung at the first attempt (but not without previous
practice).

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES TURNER Treble	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 5
STEPHEN A. BAKER 2	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
*JOHN EAGLES 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 4	FRANK A. SLINGSBY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S NINE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
JOHN CURTISS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The peal was preceded by a 720 of Bob Minor, in which the Vicar
rang the treble, it being his first 720. It was a birthday peal for Mr.
Jas. Pagett.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY W. HASNIP ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5
ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 2	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 6
JOHN LYDDIARD ... 3	ISAAC EMERY ... 7
GEORGE DURLING ... 4	HARRY DURLING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

*CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 5
†MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' After the peal, Miss Bibby received the hearty congratulations of the band upon her splendid performance.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HERBERT WORMWELL ... Treble	TOM REDMAN ... 5
CHARLES W. STEPHENSON ... 2	WILLIAM HUNTER ... 6
RENNIE HARTLEY ... 3	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 7
*WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	†EDWIN OGDEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL.

Conducted by E. OGDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble	HENRY HUTTON ... 5
*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	ALFRED H. WINCH ... 7
*JOHN A. COLE ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. This was G. Marriner's 50th peal on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7
HENRY C. COLLIER ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

* First peal of Surprise.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

†ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
*MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 6
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3	*JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Dodds, of Winnipeg.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERIC A. BURNETT ... Treble	RICHARD STONE ... 5
*MRS. F. BURNETT ... 2	PERCIVAL L. COOK ... 6
*PERCIVAL GILES ... 3	HARRY L. W. AITKEN ... 7
HARRY REYNOLDS ... 4	GEORGE COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. BURNETT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. Canon Lovett, C.B.E., M.A., Vicar of Portsmouth, as the first Archdeacon of the new diocese of Portsmouth and the Wight, which took place at the above church that morning.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Guild.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2	FRED COTTON ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal of Triples in the method. Triples, Calers and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman have now been rung on these bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. ACDSLEY ... Treble	JOHN BURLS ... 5
HARRY ARGENT ... 2	WILLIAM HARPER ... 6
*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. M. MITCHELL.

* First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES E. LILLEY ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
ERNEST BAKER ... 2	WALTER FAIRHEAD ... 6
†WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3	CHARLES PICKEN ... 7
WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW ... 4	*FREDERICK ANSLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; 2nd and 7th to Shifnal; tenor to the local band.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM MILES Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	LEONARD E. LAST 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung with the bells partially muffled. This was Mr. Miles' first peal of Major, and it was the first peal of Major on the bells.

BALDOCK.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.	
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	*HERBERT E. DAY 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	*GEORGE T. CROFT 6
*JOHN J. CAUDWELL 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
JOHN HARE 4	HERBERT W. ELSE Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr.

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4
JOHN R. MAIN 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
GEORGE BASFORD 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Ringstead.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

†GEORGE LAWRENCE Treble	*ALBERT HEATH 4
†HENRY HATTEN 2	SIDNEY H. HOPPER 5
†JOHN H. PENNEY 3	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells.

RINGER AND REFEREE.

Mr. Frank Renton, president of the Leeds Parish Church Bell Ringers, and a well-known Rugby referee, has been injured through becoming entangled in a bell rope. He fell about ten feet. A collar-bone was broken and one knee bruised.

Mr. Renton, who is 53 years of age, will be unable to referee the match at Wigan next Saturday, and this, it is said, will be the first match he has missed since he began refereeing thirty-seven seasons ago.

ALDERSHOT.—On Wednesday, March 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the local band: Miss Nancie Denyer 1, Miss Bertha M. Mills 2, Miss Addie Fisher 3, Miss Hilda F. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, A. J. Croucher 6, C.-Q.-M.-S. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO LADY RINGER AT BUCKNALL.

On Saturday, March 7th, the monthly meeting of the above association was held at Bucknall. This village being easy of access for members of surrounding towers, coupled with the fact that it is the home of Minor ringing in North Staffordshire, upwards of fifty members were present, from Kingsley, Biddulph, Newcastle, Stoke, Audley, Burslem, Norton and Cheddle, while visitors from the neighbouring county of Cheshire, representing Crewe, Wistaston and Norbury, also attended. Ringing began at 2.45 by the early arrivals. A short service was held at 5 o'clock, when an address (limited to five minutes) was given by the Rev. — Sinister, who said it was the first time he had been in the company of ringers. There was one thing which had impressed him very forcibly, and that was the great enthusiasm and keenness which seemed to prevail amongst the ringers present. That was the spirit that was wanted in the life of the church generally. Whatever work was taken up it ought to be done with heart and soul, such as he had witnessed in the belfry that afternoon. Although the preacher's time was so limited, every word was pregnant with meaning, and was enjoyed by every one present.

After the service the church day schools were visited and a splendid tea, provided by the ringers' wives, was in readiness.

After tea, a large framed photograph of the Bucknall ringers was presented to one of the lady ringers of the band, Mrs. W. Clarkson (nee Miss Alice Wheeldon) on the occasion of her recent marriage.

The Rector said he was delighted to make the presentation, as both Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson were both good church workers. He had seen them both grow up in the service of the church; he had had the pleasure of marrying them in their own place of worship, and he wished them both every happiness and prosperity (applause).

Mrs. Clarkson thanked the ringers for their beautiful present which she and her husband would prize very much. Her household duties would now claim most of her time, but if they would allow her and her husband to join them on some of their outings, which she had always enjoyed, she would be pleased to do so.

Mr. John Fenton (Rector's warden) and a great benefactor of the church, also spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson.

Ringings was afterwards kept up until 9 o'clock, when a very successful meeting came to a close.

DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to point out that the above method is asymmetrical, and, therefore, illegitimate, according to the ruling of the Legitimate Methods Committee. It is all the more remarkable, therefore, that one of the Legitimate Methods Committee should have taken part in the peal.

A glance at a diagram of the method proves the statement, and further proof can be had by proving the method by reciprocal proof, which discloses two false rows, i.e., 14628375 and 14326587.

A symmetrical method will never have more than one false row when proved by reciprocal proof, i.e., the lead-end.—Yours, etc.,
11, Shirley Street, Leek. E. A. RIDGWAY.

5,088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB.

By E. C. GOBEY.

	Oxford.					
	M	2	3	4	W	H
2345678						
7352468	2	x				2
5327468	2		x			2
3725468	2		x			1
2753468	2		x			2
2734568	1		x			2
7432568	2		x			1
3742568	2		x		2	
7243568	2		x			1
4237568	2		x			2
4275368	1		x			2
3526478	1	x				1
2356478	2		x			2
2364578	1		x			2
3547268	1	x				1 1
7453268	2		x			
2643578	1		x	x		
2635478	1		x			2
2654378	1		x			2
6452378	2		x			1
2345678			x			

First rung at Duffield, February 21st, 1925.

MEDIÆVAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—We have been interested lately in claims to the possession of ancient bells. It began with the report of the dedication at Eythorne, wherein it was asked, with justifiable pride regarding the two ancient bells in that tower, if any other church possessed two bells which had never been recast of earlier dates.

Our Eythorne friend, in giving details of the inscriptions, says: 'The inscriptions on the bells are as follows':—

4th.—SANCTA: KATHERINA: ORA: PRO: NOBIS.' W. JORDAN, 1470.

Tenor.—'NOMEN: MAGDALENA: CAMPANA.' W. JORDAN, 1470.

The invocatory character of the 4th inscription is in perfect keeping with the period, so is also the inscription on the tenor. One would assume that the latter was at its dedication given the name of the patronal saint, to which the church is dedicated?

Doubt, however, exists in my mind concerning the founder's name and date being inscribed on the bells. It is possible, but very improbable, when we consider the period. Perhaps your Eythorne correspondent will make that point clear, as it is of great importance to anyone who indulges in 'bell hunting'; possibly that information was collated from a documentary record or source.

In 'The Ringing World' of December 26th last, Mr. J. R. Jerram gave us an excellent account of the Croyland bells. The tenor being of greatest interest, bears the imprint of the royal founder, John Danyell, i.e., the royal arms quarterly England and France, crowned.

Now, sir, John Danyell was founding c. 1450—1460? And two of his bells hang in the steeple at Whiston, near Rotherham. They bear on the waist the shield Mr. Jerram describes, but neither of these shields are crowned—Danyell did occasionally omit that detail—the cross stops are Fleury, and not the medallion stamp as on the Croyland tenor.

The bells are respectively inscribed, and spliced into the peal of eight, as the

3rd.—'SANCTE: PETRE: ORA: PRO: NOBIS.'

4th.—'VOX: AGUETINI: SONET: IN: AURE: DEI.'

The capitals are Lombardic, and the smalls of black-letter type.

Let us then assume that Danyell cast the Whiston bells at the 'big' end of his career, they will be at least a decade earlier than the Eythorne bells. Not much, I agree, but it's there.

Now, let us just take a peep at the inscriptions, which are to be found on the first and second bells in the tower of St. Matthew's, Morley, near Derby. Ah! there they are, look! at the elegant Old English type on the

Treble.—'X: ORA: PRO: NOBIS: BEATE: ANDREA:

Now, here we have highly ornamental Lombardic capitals forming the whole of the inscription on the

Second.—'X: I.H.C.: NAZARENUS: REX: JUDEORUM.'

Oh yes, they both came from the hands of the same founder. See the quaint fleury stop, following the word 'PRO' on the treble, and here again it is reproduced on the second bell following the sacred monogram, and once again it follows the word Ring (REX).

But what about the date of founding? That is to be arrived at partly by the Old English on the treble, which proves that they were not cast before 1400. See, the tenor has unfortunately been recast in the year 1614 by Oldfield, of Notts. What a pity! what a pity!

Now, let us get down into the church again from amid the dirt and grime of past centuries. . . . Eh, guide, just sniff! What a strong perfume of paraffin! Ah! that reminds me, keep clear of the 'meter'! it's at the bottom of the tower steps.

Come this way, here we have at the east end of the north aisle, paved in the floor, a collection of encaustic tiles. These tiles were made and fashioned by the Premonstratensian Canons of Dale Abbey. They were fired at the kiln by those Norbertian Monks, whose ashes are crumbling to dust amid the ruins of that once stately pile.

And see, what a variety of designs are imprinted, from a simple initial letter, to the finest heraldic 'coats' of Lancaster, Grey, Beauchamp and Zouch. But, here we are, 'his is the one of most interest to us on 'this' bell-hunting expedition. On this tile we have a 'Rampant Lion Dically crowned upon a shield'; the shield is cantoned, so that three bells may be placed within the margin. Yes, the pious Monks of Dale designed and fired that tile to commemorate JOHN STATHUMS' munificent gift of three bells to Morley Church!

Now, reader, leave those encaustic tiles, and let us examine this slab of Purbeck marble. You will see it had originally several brasses let into it; most of the heraldic shields are missing, but on this elaborate portion, John Stathum is represented in armour; bare-headed, and kneeling on his helmet. Opposite, his wife Cecily is represented clad in a loose robe, kneeling also.

Now let us read the inscription, it is in English, and records Stathum's gifts to the church and poor of the parish of Morley. We read as follows: 'Here lieth John Stathum, Squyer sometime Lorde of this towne and Cecily his wife; which yat to yis churchc iij belles and ordyned iij. yjd. yerely for brede to be done in almes among

pore folk of ys pressh i ye day of ye Obit of Dame Godyth sometime Lady of ys towne. Ye said John dyed ye vj day of Novembre ye yere of our Lord MCCCCLIII—and yo said Cicely dyed ye xxvth day of April ye year of our Lord MCCCCLXIII, of whos sowles God have mercy. Amen.'

Here we have sufficient proof that Morley bells were cast previous to 1454—so rest content they are, also slightly earlier than the mediævals at Eythorne—and, reader, they still are

'Ringing, hanging, verdantique an' hoary,

Aye, me—they tell a patriarchal story!'

470 yeres after ye Obit of John Stathum, Squyer, an' Donor! What a memorial! What a memorial! Consider.

IRENÆUS.

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 300 PEALS.

	Tower.	Hand.	Conducted.
Seven methods on five bells	1		
Five methods on six bells	1		1
Grandsire Triples	10	6	3
Grandsire Major		2	
Grandsire Caters	6	1	1
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Plain Bob Minor		1	1
Plain Bob Triples	1	1	2
Plain Bob Major	18	23 (a)	27
Plain Bob Royal		3	1
Plain Bob Maximus		1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1	2
Little Bob Major	1		1
Dartford Little Bob Major	1 (b)		
St. Clement's Bob Major	1		1
Stedman Triples	18	1	
Stedman Caters	19	2	
Stedman Cinques	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	15		4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	4		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	9		2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2		
Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major ..	1		
Forward Major	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Duffield Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	47		1
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters ...	1		
Double Oxford Bob Major	2		2
Winchester Bob Major	1 (b)		1
Edmonton Bob Major	1 (b)		1
Mariborough Bob Major	1 (b)		1
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1 (b)		
Little Albion Treble Bob Major	1		1
Norfolk Surprise Major	7		
New Cumberland Surprise Major ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Cambridge Surprise Major	27		2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3		
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	3		
Superlative Surprise Major	27		2
Brighton Surprise Major	1 (b)		
Bristol Surprise Major	10		
London Surprise Major	4		
	258	42	57

(a) Including 11,200.

(b) The only peals yet rung in these methods.
Rung in 108 towers.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Morton, Derbyshire, to commemorate the 21st birthday of E. Mallender, the following touches were rung: On Friday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Deaken 1, E. Mallender 2, F. Knowles, senr., 3, C. Thompson 4, F. Knowles, junr. (conductor), 5, G. Frost 6. Also on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: E. Deaken 1, E. Mallender 2, F. Swain 3, F. Knowles, junr., 4, W. Swain (conductor) 5, G. Frost 6.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Thursday, Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Balaam (conductor) 1, K. Scott 2, J. Scott 3, F. Knapp 4, Rev. I. G. Best 5, A. Juniper 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Woolton Hill; 4th, 5th and 6th from Highclere.

BELLS IN MUSIC.

By ROBIN HOOD.

To imitate the sound of bells with the instruments of the orchestra is admittedly difficult, and such imitation is rarely attempted. Composers of music for any instrument are frequently required to illustrate bells, the principal medium being the octave of tubular bells, familiarly known as 'gaspipes,' or the gongs usually found among the effects of the drummer. The writer remembers, as a child, singing in a then popular temperance cantata in which the air of 'Caller Herrin' was adapted to the following words:—

I love a merry peal of bells,
Of hope and joy their music tells.
When travelling homeward wearily
They greet us cheerily.
Hark! 'tis the bells of the village church,
How pleasantly they strike on the air,
How merrily they ring.

The Brooklyn Comedy Four, a combination travelling the halls a few years ago, did a splendid vocal imitation of an un-Simpson tuned bell, the waves of harmony being very realistic, and must have cost hours of practice. The usual method of including a bell in the orchestra is to fit its occasional strokes to the harmony, as in 'Mariana' (Alas, those 'chimes!'), 'Il Trovatore' (Miserere scene), and the 'Yeomen of the Guard' (execution scene). A much more effective number is the organ solo by Horsman, entitled the 'Curfew.' This is a wonderfully beautiful tone poem, illustrating a calm summer evening, accentuated by the recurring strokes of the curfew bell, played on one note of the carillon stop in the organ.

Then we have passages of music undoubtedly inspired by the composers' knowledge of English ringing. The church parade for troops is usually preceded by a composition, entitled 'Hark! the merry Christ Church Bells, 1 2 3 4 5 6,' the numbers being the correct sequence of a peal of six. A six-bell change also occurs in the hymn, 'There is a blessed home,' curiously enough, repeated, as for a whole pull, this phrase also being employed by Mr. John Carter in his humorous skit on change ringing, 'The scolding witch.'

Sir A. Sullivan was a known lover of bells, and probably change ringing had its effect on the very numerous diatonic melodies which literally poured from his pen. I have heard the chimes of Big Ben reproduced over the 'wireless' on the piano so realistically as almost to deceive, and I have seen them scored in one selection with fearful discords and an explanation that such discords were included to give the proper effect.

Then we come to the carillon effect. There are dozens of these, and they make very attractive items, being often clever and ingenious adaptations to the orchestra of the octave of tubular bells. The opera entitled 'Les Cloches de Corneville' is too well known to escape notice. This also is a carillon device, played either on the glockenspiel or celeste, but the church at Corneville possesses no such bells, there being only two indifferent ones, quite incapable of doing justice to Planquette's melody. The Whittington change on eight bells occurs completely in Mendelssohn's 'Ruy Blas' overture, though there is no evidence that the composer received any suggestion from hearing it at any time. Gounod certainly betrays influence in the accompaniment to his 'Angelus.'

Regarding Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture,' frankly I am puzzled. Did he write the bell obligato as played by British bands? I think not. The usual method of expressing joy through bells on the continent is a pandemonium of jangling, and not the well-ordered sequences of our own isle. In fact, outside Belgium, bells in any number are rare. Anyway, our method of treating the overture is no more bizarre than that of the composer's, who introduces into an '1812' episode a melody not composed until 30 years later.

The best descriptive bell song that I have heard up to date is one entitled 'I heard the bells at eventide.' It is not an ambitious number by any means, but the composer has gone one better than most descriptive composers in this particular task. Now, the final illustration is, perhaps, the finest, and it would be difficult to find a better piece of tone painting. Massenet was a prolific composer, and quantity of production often spells poverty of quality. Still, we have a gem in the 'Angelus' from 'Scenes Pittoresques.' An atmosphere of prayer pervades the whole number. The three bell notes, the first three notes of an octave, are given out by the horns, with a running accompaniment by violins (or clarinets in the military band arrangement), and constitute the most perfect and poetic illustration of bells by the orchestra possible. No one can listen to it without acknowledging its fidelity to its title.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday, March 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Wadey 1, J. Parsons 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinde 4, G. Feist 5, R. Langridge 6. First 720 in the method by 1st, 4th and 6th.

ONE HUNDRED SURPRISE PEALS.

As recorded last week, the peal of London Surprise at Leiston on February 28th was the one hundredth Surprise peal on the bells. They have been rung in the following methods:—

Superlative, 23; Cambridge, 23; New Cambridge, 5; Bristol, 21. Guildford, 4; London, 15; Suffolk, 2; Dublin, 1; Norfolk, 1; Yorkshire, 1; Lancashire, 1; Edinburgh, 1; Rochester, 2; total, 100.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

A meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Blandford on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and was attended by about 70 ringers from many parts of the diocese. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on the peal of eight bells at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul. A service was held, and was of a singularly appropriate character. The hymns, Psalm and lesson, as well as the prayers, all emphasised the importance of music in church worship, and the short address of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Greenwood) was on similar lines. After the service, the company went to the Parish Room for tea, at the conclusion of which a short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Shroton (chairman of the branch, and Ringing Master of the Guild).

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Greenwood for inviting the branch to Blandford, and for allowing them the use of the tower and bells. They also thanked him for his address in the church, in which he had splendidly put before them the exact objects of the Guild. They also thanked Mr. G. W. Essex, the organist, for his services at the organ.—The Chairman announced a letter of apology for absence from the Rev. R. E. P. Goringe, of Manston, secretary of the branch, who was laid aside with an attack of lumbago.

The names of several new members were added to the Guild, and the election of the Blandford band of ringers was received with applause.

Replying to Dr. Greenwood, the Chairman said the Guild existed for the purpose of encouraging change ringing. It was quite unnecessary that any should wait until they were change ringers before they joined. If a band of ringers wished to learn the scientific method of change ringing, the Guild would instruct them in twelve lessons free of cost.

Touches were also rung in the evening on the bells of Bryanston and Durweston Churches, each of which contains a peal of six.

CHELTENHAM BIRTHDAYS.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 28th, the company of the Parish Church and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Cheltenham, met to celebrate the birthdays of the captain, Mr. W. T. Pates, who was born February 28th, 1853, and Mr. W. A. Humphris, born February 26th, 1865.

At 7.30 the ten bells were raised in peal, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire and W. T. Pates' combinations of methods were rung, after which the captain invited the company to the spot where ringers sometimes congregate, when past birthdays were recalled, and the opportunities of young ringers of to-day were discussed.

Mr. Pates called the record peal of Grandsire Caters in 1889, having never called a 'bob' in the method before that day, while the long peal of Stedman Caters in 1888 was his first peal as conductor. The young members of the company are proud of their captain, for he devotes a great deal of time at his residence teaching them how to call touches, bringing bells round, explaining 'in and out of course,' etc.

Mr. Pates rang his first peal, Holt's Original, on July 21st, 1876, conducted by the late C. Hounslow; Mr. Humphris, Holt's Ten-Part, at Upton, St. Leonard's, August 6th, 1883, in which Mr. Pates took part. Messrs. Sid Hayward and W. Vick were unable to take part in the birthday ringing, but the former was able to join the company later in the evening.

It would be very nice if more evenings of the same sort could be spent. They are thoroughly interesting to young ringers, who thoroughly enjoy finding out about the various methods which are discussed at such gatherings.

A BATH ABBEY MEMORIAL.

On Saturday, February 28th, the bells at Bath Abbey were rung half-muffled, after the dedication of a war memorial to former members of Bath College, where the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) was at school, and at whose request the muffled ringing was kindly arranged by Mr. F. C. Rich at a day's notice. The ringing included 216 Grandsire Caters by C. W. Bell 1, Miss Williams 2, W. Temple 3, T. Grant 4, A. Prince 5, E. King 6, Rev. F. L. Edwards 7, W. J. Prescott 8, G. Harding (conductor) 9, T. Hogsflesh and H. W. Brown 10.

DUMB-BELL APPARATUS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A further reference to the above (as quoted by Mr. G. P. Burton in your last issue) is to be found in Dr. Raven's 'Church Bells of Dorset,' which work I am fortunate in possessing, through the generosity of Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis.

In the "Antiquary" for October, 1903, is a short article by Mr. C. Essenhigh Corke on an ancient dumb-bell, from which, by permission of the author and editor some extracts and illustrations are taken. Some twelve years ago Mr. Corke was much puzzled by hearing the housekeeper at Knowle speak of the Dumb-Bell Gallery. He went to the attic, which bore this name: it was unfurnished and empty, excepting that in the middle of it stood a curious wooden machine resembling a windlass. A rope was wound round the middle of the roller, and at each end were four iron arms, each with a poise or ball of lead at each end. The rope formerly passed through a hole (which still exists) in the floor into the Leicester gallery below. A person, by pulling the rope in this gallery, would cause the roller with the iron arms poised with lead to revolve at the first pull, and the impetus given would re-wind the rope again, and so continue to wind and unwind at each pull, thus giving the same exercise as that of ringing a bell in a church tower, except that it was noiseless."

The attic, or dumb-bell gallery, forms part of the additions made at Knowle by Thomas Sackville, first Earl of Dorset, 1603-8, in Jacobean style of architecture, rebuilt upon the stone basement which is 15th century work. This might suggest the approximate date of the machine, which is very old and decayed.

The late Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A., to whom a photograph and description were given fully concurred as to the derivation of the name given to smaller dumb-bells, and Sir Henry Dryden attributed it to the 17th century, 'when bell ringing was part of a gentleman's education and practice.'

John Northbrooke, in a treatise against 'Diceing and Dancing,' 1577, says: 'In the reign of Queen Elizabeth the progress of building in London was like an inundation: it overflowed the ancient fields and vacant spaces within and around the city, so that tilt yards, shooting grounds and racecourses were covered with streets and alleys, and thus active civic sports were of a necessity in a great degree laid aside. As a substitute for these healthful exercises, young gentlemen were exhorted to labour in their chambers with poises of lead—that is, to exercise with dumb-bells.'—Yours sincerely,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**STAINDROP BELLS.**

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The weather was all that could be desired until late in the evening, when it commenced to snow. The Parish Church bells, which are a very musical ring of six, with a 17 cwt. tenor, were kept going in various methods from 2.30 until the late evening. Those who were not engaged in ringing all the afternoon very much enjoyed a stroll along the banks of the picturesque Tees, and in the country around Hurworth and Croft, whose ancient churches were also visited. Tea was served in the Temperance Cafe at Croft Spa, when 23 sat down, Mr. C. Todd, the president, being in the chair. The following towers were represented: Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Newcastle (Cathedral and St. George's), Tanfield, Staindrop and Hurworth. At the meeting after tea, one honorary and four active members were elected.

The President expressed the sentiment of all by congratulating the Rev. A. W. Lister (one of the vice-presidents), now curate of Tanfield, upon his becoming Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields. He was sorry St. Stephen's had no bells, and hoped Mr. Lister would be able to alter that.

The President proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. H. Shipp, of Staindrop, upon the death, at the age of 84, of his father, Mr. Daniel Shipp, who was one of the original members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, when it was formed in 1877 as the Durham Association. It was in 1882, when the diocese of Newcastle was formed, that the name was changed to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The President expressed the feelings of all when he deplored the fact that Mr. Shipp had not lived to see the old ring of six at Staindrop (which he had loved and rung for upwards of half a century) rehung and augmented to eight by the Loughborough firm.

Mr. H. Shipp returned thanks, and said he would convey the sentiments of the meeting to his brother, Mr. J. W. Shipp. He said he had come to the meeting armed with an invitation from the Vicar of Staindrop for the association to try the bells on Easter Monday. The bells are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Durham at evening-song on Palm Sunday. They will be rung on Easter Sunday, and be open for ringing on Easter Monday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on March 14th, 1727. The church had been consecrated on October 26th, 1726, and it would seem that the London Scholars were entitled to a first claim on the bells for a peal, for they were the first successful band. Their peal was 5,006 Grandsire Cinques. Only two other peal performances by the London Scholars are recorded.

On the day following the peal above mentioned, the College Youths rang a peal of 6,314 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, 'being the longest that was rung.' R. Annable conducted this peal, and Robert Catlin, a well-known London bell founder of that time, also took part in the peal.

On March 14th, 1837, a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hours 54 minutes at Christ Church, Bristol.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham in 6 hours 1 minute on March 16th, 1767.

The first peal of Violet Treble Bob was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on March 16th, 1767.

A peal of Duffield Maximus was rung for the first time on March 17th, 1891. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The weight of the tenor at Mells, Somerset, is 26 cwt., not 12 cwt., as published last week.

On March 11th, 1887, J. C. Mitchell, W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughen, of the College Youths, rang Holt's Original 'non-conducted' on handbells, at the Goose and Gridiron, City. This was the first time this had been done.

The peal of Superlative at Soberton on February 28th was the first peal in the method by R. Linter, F. A. Burnett and T. R. Taylor, and it was also G. Pullinger's 50th peal.

Mr. Pullinger, who is secretary of the Winchester Guild, lost an arm in the war, but his management of a bell is really wonderful.

In connection with the dedication of the recast peal of ten at Rotherham Parish Church next Wednesday, notice is given that the bells will not be open for ringing by visitors except from about five o'clock to 6.45 p.m. The local band are issuing the announcement to save disappointment to ringers in the district.

The new bells at Shilton, near Coventry, are to be dedicated on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.30 p.m.

While complimenting Miss Foulk upon the peal she rang at Duffield, Mr. Biggin writes that she was not the first Derbyshire lady to ring a peal in the county. This distinction belongs to Miss Elsie Smith, of Norton, who rang in a peal of Bob Major for the Yorks Association at Norton on Nov. 18th, 1922, and a peal of Bob Major at North Wingfield for the Midland Counties Association on March 10th, 1923.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

RINGERS AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest I read your 'leader' in last week's issue, under the above heading. Alderman Pritchett's suggestion has occupied my thoughts many times.

May I now suggest that Alderman Pritchett seek to obtain the necessary permission, and that the lodge be formed in Birmingham, to be called the 'Alderman Pritchett Ringers' Lodge,' after which, and for the convenience of the ringing fraternity, a lodge may be formed in each of the following districts of England, viz., North-East, North-West, South and West.

Our London brethren would have no difficulty in forming a ringers' lodge in their own province.

Qualifications, such as suggested by Alderman Pritchett, would be necessary.—Yours truly,

15, Westgate Street, Bath.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Several correspondents have written expressing the hope that Alderman Pritchett's suggestion will materialise.

One London ringer writes: 'I have been watching, for a long time, for a lead from some prominent brother . . . I trust that the London brethren will take advantage of the hint thrown out by the worthy alderman, and in any step that may be taken in the way of forming a lodge exclusive to ringers, I hope to be allowed to take a part, and, if possible, become a founder.'

ANOTHER GREAT CARILLON TO BE MADE AT CROYDON.

MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S CONTRACT WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

Ottawa is to share with New York the distinction of possessing one of the two largest carillons in the world, as the Dominion Government of Canada has just placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston the contract for a magnificent carillon of 53 bells, to be identical with that for the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, which is now nearing completion at the Croydon Foundry, this second carillon being for installation in the Victory Tower of the new Houses of Parliament of Ottawa.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also secured the order for the large clock which is to drive the hands of the four 16ft. diameter dials and to chime the Westminster Quarters, and strike the hours on the 9-ton bell.

The position and setting of a carillon are of vital importance, and it would be difficult to imagine a more ideal campanile for these bells than the Ottawa Victory Tower. Its great height and elevation, commanding a wonderful panorama of the city of Ottawa, the Ottawa River and the Gatineau Hills, ensure that the bells are effectively heard over a large area, while architecture of the tower is of wonderful beauty and its position on the summit of a hill surrounded by quiet parks and terraces provides an auditorium from which the music of the carillon can be heard to the best possible advantage.

The tower forms the entrance to the new block of buildings just completed, and replacing those burnt down about twenty years ago. Above the entrance archway is a vast memorial chamber and chapel containing the names of Canadian soldiers who fell in the great war. The lofty belfry is about 180 feet above the ground level, and in this the bells will be arranged tier upon tier in such a way that as the passenger elevator travels upwards to the Observation Gallery every bell will be visible, while the works of the great clock will be displayed in a large glass case in the centre of the clock chamber.

It is interesting to note that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston supplied the clock and bells in the tower which was destroyed by fire when the original Houses of Parliament were burnt down.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT PETERSFIELD.

The first meeting of the year in the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday last, when upwards of 20 members were present from Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Swanmore, Wickham and Winchester. Among those also present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), and Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) and J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

A very enjoyable service was held in the church, at which the Rev. P. J. Miller, of Sheet, officiated. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ. The Guild's form of service was used. The preacher's address to the members was both interesting and instructive, as his subject was quite a departure from the usual 'stock' sermon given to ringers.

At the conclusion, the members adjourned to St. Peter's Hall, where tea was awaiting them. The Rev. P. J. Miller was disappointed at not being able to join the company at tea owing to a previous engagement, but he looked in to have a chat. It had been quite a delight, he said, to be with them that day as a diocesan association, and he readily acceded to the request that he should become an honorary member.

At the opening of the business meeting, the Chairman (Mr. W. Tate) made reference to the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, of Reading, who had been with them at Portsmouth for some little time, and who was made a member of the Guild at the last meeting of that district.—As a token of respect and tribute the members stood in silence.

Mr. C. Wiggins (Swanmore) was elected a full member, and the meeting also confirmed the election of the Rev. P. J. Miller (Sheet) as an hon. member.—A brief report of the doings of the Central Committee at Winchester a fortnight ago was given by the district representative, who informed the members that it had been decided to revert to the pre-war form of Annual Report.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Netley on June 6th, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Masters), the Rev. P. J. Miller, the organist, and those who made arrangements for the tea, on the proposition of the chairman, after which the members returned to the tower. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL SIX-BELL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

Some 30 or more members attended a North and East District meeting, which was held at Finchley on Saturday last, the towers represented being Barnet, Edmonton, Harrow, Hendon, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Southgate, Stanmore, Walthamstow (St. Mary's), and Willesden, with several unattached members.

Divine service at 5 p.m. was well attended, the address being given by the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), late of Stanmore.

Ten was served in the Church Hall, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which two new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the annual general meeting would be held at Southgate on April 18th, when he hoped members would attend in good numbers. It was also stated that an improved form of the association certificate is being prepared, and would shortly be on sale at the usual terms.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Barnet and Hadley early in May.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, and to Mr. E. H. Tubb, the local secretary, for all they had done to make the meeting a success.—In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, who had to attend a meeting of a different kind, Mr. Tubb acknowledged the vote of thanks, stating that it gave the Finchley ringers much pleasure to see so many members present.

Mr. G. Hughes, of Stanmore, said he hoped members would turn up at Stanmore in good numbers, when the association met there on July 25th, as their new Rector was very anxious to meet them.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening covered a large number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

FIRST SERVICE IN BRAINTREE'S ANCIENT BELFRY.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On Saturday, ringers from various parts of Essex assembled at Braintree for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a peal board which had been erected in the tower of the Parish Church to record peals of 5,000 changes and upwards in each of the following Surprise methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and London. At 4 p.m., the Vicar of Braintree (the Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, R.D.), who was robed, proceeded to the ringing chamber of the church, which is approached by a long and nearly vertical ladder from the floor of the tower, and there found a large number of ringers assembled. Before the ceremony commenced, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, stated the object of the meeting. The purpose of the peal board was, he said, to record successful peals being rung in four of the most difficult and complicated methods in Major change ringing, and further to act as an incentive to those who come after to aspire to the ringing of those higher methods. He mentioned that the board had been made, and beautifully written and painted, by one of the ringers, Mr. A. W. Coles, of Brixton, and had been subscribed for entirely by those whose names appeared upon it. The peal of Bristol was conducted by Mr. W. Pye, of Leytonstone, and the other three by Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, both of whom ranked among the ablest conductors in the kingdom.

The Vicar of Braintree commenced by reading Psalm 84, and offered an appropriate prayer. Afterwards, he dedicated the board 'in the faith of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God,' and then pronounced the Benediction.

In thanking the Vicar for arranging the service, Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary, Northern Division, stated he considered the service was unique in the history of Braintree Church, which dated from 1198. He believed that was the first time a service had ever been conducted in the belfry by the Vicar of the parish, robed.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of being present and conducting that service. In the whole of his ministry he had never been in charge of a parish before where there was a peal of bells. He was very much struck by the enthusiasm of the ringers in their branch of church work. There appeared to be a spirit of brotherhood among ringers which was seldom found in any other branch of church work.

The ringers afterwards had tea at the Parish Room, the Vicar and Mrs. Bassett Kerry being present.

Mrs. Wiffen, wife of the District Master, Northern Division, and other ladies, provided tea. Afterwards, handbell ringing was indulged in, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise were rung on the tower bells. In the last named method the Master rang his first course.

A YOUNG BAND.

At Boxley, Kent, on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, G. Voules 2, R. Luckhurst 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller (conductor) 5, E. Voules 6. First 720 by this band, who have an average of 17 years.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESS OF THE DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

Exton was the venue of the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on Saturday, Feb. 28th. The keenness of the members was shown by the fact that the attendance numbered about 90, from all parts of the district. A peal of six, in good order, hung in the tower of the little church, and were made good use of. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Boulton (Rector of Exton), and an impromptu choir selected from the members led the singing, Miss Williams being the organist. Taking as his text verses six and seven of Psalm 98, the Rector preached an able sermon, which held the close attention of his congregation.

After the service, the company were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom by the Rector and the Parochial Church Council. The members were waited upon by Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Lovelace, Mrs. L. Phillips, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Gunter, and the Misses Burge and Williams.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business took place after tea, the Rev. H. P. Boulton presiding, in the absence of the Rev. T. S. Dawson, whose inability to attend was due to the prevailing epidemic. For the same reason the Rev. Preb. A. C. Harman (Old Cleeve) was unable to come, and messages of regret for non-attendance were also read from the Revs. E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), H. Gardner McTaggart (Monksilver), and J. C. L. Isard (Minehead).

The annual report and balance sheet were presented by Mr. G. Stacey, the hon. secretary. The report stated that the branch had held four successful meetings during the past year at Carhampton, Dulverton, St. Audries, and Old Cleeve, at which the average attendance had been 55. They had to congratulate Wootton Courtenay band on ringing their first peal, the only peal rung by the deanery during the year; and also Old Cleeve on the addition of two new trebles to their tower. The branch had been strengthened by the election of 29 performing members and three honorary members. The strength of the deanery now was 146 members, 31 of whom had not paid their 1924 subscriptions. The subscription question was always a source of worry to the secretary, and if the foreman of each tower, stated the report, would see to it that they were collected and sent early each year it would be a great help. They regretted to record the loss of one of their members through the death of Mr. G. Veysey, of Winsford, and sympathy was expressed with the bereaved family.

The balance sheet showed that the treasurer had collected from working members £5 17s., and hon. members, £1 5s.; tower fees amounted to 17s., and there was a balance in hand of £1 11s. 8d., making total receipts of £8 12s. 11d. After expenses were paid there was a balance due to the general secretary of £5 3s.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The election of officers next took place. The Chairman said he was sorry that Mr. Dawson was unable to be present. In him they had a very good chairman, one who took a great interest in the association, and they could not do better than re-elect him.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Hawkins (Dulverton) seconded by Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead), the chairman was re-elected.

With warm appreciations of their services from members, endorsed with applause, Mr. Stacey was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Wm. Hoyle (Minehead) Ringing Master. Mr. H. A. Phillips (Timberscombe) was re-elected the branch representative on the Central Committee.

Nine new ordinary members were proposed and elected from Winsford, Carhampton, Wootton Courtenay, Timberscombe, Exton, and Cutcombe.

INSTRUCTORS TO BE APPOINTED.

In discussion on the next place of meeting, an invitation to Wootton Courtenay was submitted, but it was decided to visit Stogumber next and Wootton Courtenay subsequently.

There was some discussion as to arranging for instructors to visit various towers for the benefit of bands of young ringers, and it was decided that instructors, to be chosen later, should first visit Winsford and Exton.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and officers for their services, which was seconded by Mr. T. Newberry (Dulverton), and carried with acclamation.—Mr. Hawkins then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service and giving an address: to those who had provided the tea, to Miss Williams, the organist, and all the ladies for helping with the tea, and to Mr. S. Wyatt for having the bells in readiness. Mr. Hawkins said it was a good thing that they should have such meetings as this. He was glad to say that parsons generally were taking more interest in the ringers than they used to do when he first joined the association. 'The parsons can go into the pulpit,' he added, 'and tell us what to do without question, but at these meetings we can get our own

back (laughter), and tell the parsons what they are expected to do with regard to the belfries and ringers.' Mr. Hawkins said he considered the ringers were just as important as the choir, and that the belfry was part and parcel of the church.

The Chairman, in acknowledgment, said he was pleased to give the association a hearty welcome to Exton. He felt proud that they had come there for their annual meeting, and it was real joy to have so large a body of men at the service.

After the meeting a number of the ringers returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until late in the evening.

The success of the gathering was due in large measure to the arrangements made by the hon. secretary for a service of Blue motor-cars to Exton from Minehead, Porlock and Wootton Courtenay, and Williton and intermediate places, picking up as far as Cutcombe.

SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN.

By W. A. CAVE.

5,027 Caters, From 2nd change of Quick Six.						5,016 Cinques.					
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614532	—	—	—	—	—						
415632	—	—	—	—	—						
Call this 10 times (omit bob at 1) with Single for bob at 6 in 3rd and 8th parts brings						Then call four parts like the Caters, and repeat the whole. Bobs at 1 in first course and last two courses.					
	1	4	5	6	7	First Course of Caters					
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514362	—	—	—	—	—						
213465	—	—	—	—	—						
314265	—	—	—	—	—						
412365	—	—	—	—	—						
512463	—	—	—	—	—						
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512364	—	—	—	—	—						
413265	—	—	—	—	—						
312465	—	—	—	—	—						
214365	—	—	—	—	—						

MR. ROBERT SPERRING'S 300 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	1	1
Doubles, 3 methods	1	1
Bob Minor	1	
Minor, 3 methods	5	1
Minor, 4 methods	6	1
Grandsire Triples	78	47
Double Grandsire Triples	1	
Union Triples	2	
Oxford Bob Triples	3	1
Double Oxford Bob Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	14	8
Bob Major	23	12
Double Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	63	53
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	6
Oxford & Kent Spliced Bob Major	2	1
Duffield Major	1	
Albion Treble Bob Major	2	
St. Clement's Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	48	32
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	
Single Oxford Bob Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	8	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	5	2
Grandsire Caters	2	2
Stedman Caters	3	1
Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	9	6
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Bob Maximus	1	
Total	300	176

Rung in 43 towers.

PEAL OF SIX AT BATHAMPTON. NEW TREBLE DEDICATED.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Bathampton, on Saturday, February 28th, a new bell was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Jauey Hudson. The church used to have only five bells, but through the kindness of Mr. Morris Hudson, who gave a new treble bell in memory of his wife, there is now a peal of six. As the old frame was unsafe for ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. White) made an appeal in the village for funds towards a new frame, and having the second bell recast. The appeal was well responded to, and there is now only a small sum of about £50 required to clear the cost of the work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London. The bells are run on ball bearings, and the fittings are all of the latest design. The work at the tower was in the hands of Mr. Jesse Tyler, whose advice on bells and bell ringing has been greatly appreciated by the old and young ringers, who came to see this fine peal.

After the dedication service, the Vicar and churchwardens kindly entertained all ringers who attended the service to a tea, and subsequently some fine touches in different methods were rung on the bells, the 'go' of which is perfect.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. White), and the ceremony was performed by Prebendary F. A. Bromley (Upper Weston), who also preached an appropriate sermon, dealing with the origin and uses of bells.

Two of the old bells in the tower are pre-Reformation, and two others are dated 1682 and 1672. The recast 2nd was dated 1767.

AUGMENTATION AT BRENCHLEY, KENT.

The old peal of six at Brenchley, Kent, has been taken out, tuned and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and two trebles have been added to complete the octave.

The new treble bears the inscription: 'A thankoffering to Almighty God, for having brought John, Gemma, Raymond and Dennis Lees (all serving) safely through the Great War'; and the second, 'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

The work has been carried out in Messrs. Taylor's usual efficient manner, and the new peal is a notable addition to the Kentish eights.

The service of dedication was performed by the Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday, 1st March. Many visiting ringers were present from the surrounding neighbourhood, and the new peal was heard to advantage in various methods. For evensong a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major (conducted by S. H. Green) was rung by J. L. Harris (Rochester) 1, S. H. Green (Tunbridge Wells) 2, F. J. Lambert, junr. (Burwash) 3, R. E. Lambert (Horsmonden) 4, W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells) 5, R. T. Lambert (Horsmonden) 6, F. J. Lambert, senr. (Horsmonden) 7, F. White (Tunbridge Wells) 8. A peal is to be attempted on March 7th, under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Sone, and another on March 21st by a Tunbridge Wells and Horsmonden band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. About 38 members were present, and ringing commenced at 4 p.m. Tea was served by the lady ringers, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Oldham Parish, on Saturday, March 28th. — Two new members were elected; one performing, and one non-resident.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and to the ladies for providing tea, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., and the methods rung included: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Major. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your recent paragraphs, re incumbents in the belfry, it may interest your readers to know that the Rector of Bridport (Canon J. W. Coulter), although not a ringer, makes it a practice to come up into the tower every Sunday evening he preaches in the parish church, which is three Sundays out of four. He also visits us on practice evenings, and attends all the meetings of the band, of which he is chairman.

Canon Coulter firmly believes in making his ringers a real live section of his church workers, and his presence amongst us has done more in this direction than all the sermons he could preach. I can assure you that he preaches the doctrine he practices in his own tower throughout his Rural Deanery.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER.

Captain, St. Mary's Band.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—There is a type of controversy which is more common than agreeable at the present day. Its essence lies in the assumption that difference of opinion and personal enmity are synonymous. When such a line is adopted it is usually evidence of ignorance of the matter in debate, and in any case to attacks of that nature I propose to make no reply.

It only needs to add in the interests of truth that in the 'Bell News' of June 14th, 1913, Mr. J. A. Trollope wrote:—

'Scores of useless methods have been published (including Leek Major the latest), being mongrels.'

On August 9th, 1913, he wrote in the same paper:—

'I am not sure that Leek Major may not turn out to be legitimate after all. It is not a principle, but a very complicated thing, with two hunts altered in every direction.'—Yours, etc.,

March 4th, 1925.

E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—May I reply to the Rev. H. Drake? When a reverend gentleman begins lecturing other people about departing from the path of rectitude he should be very careful to practice what he preaches.

I have written of Single and Double Shunts, but 'Treble Shunts,' so far as I am concerned, is ridiculous nonsense, and a figment of the reverend gentleman's own brain.

From correspondence that I have recently received, there are at least three gentlemen in the United Kingdom and one in far New Zealand who can understand my meaning (three of the four gentlemen I have never seen); therefore, the only conclusion that I can come to is that those who do not understand me are deficient in their powers of understanding, which is no fault of mine. I can supply arguments, but I cannot give any opponents brains to understand them.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Sir,—Although generally in agreement with a certain amount of Mr. Drake's writings in 'The Ringing World,' I cannot take that view of his letter in your last issue. His comments on Mr. G. Baker's articles are quite beside the mark, and are without the least justification. If Mr. Drake finds Mr. Baker's writings and figures so impossible for him to understand, he should ask for more information, then we should all get the advantage of further enlightenment on this very interesting question of method construction.

Personally, I should have thought a ringer with the meanest intelligence could have understood, as I consider Mr. Baker has given us in plain English the very A B C of method construction, from plain hunt to infinity.

With regard to Mr. Drake's remarks, re Mr. Trollope, he commences with an appreciation, but almost in the same breath commences to criticise and offer amendments. This, to my mind, shows a want of knowledge of the subject under discussion.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

MR. CHAS. J. SEDGELEY'S 100 PEALS.

Handbells.	Tower.
Double Norwich C.B. Maximus ...	1
Double Norwich C.B. Royal	2
Double Norwich C.B. Major	12
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	11
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ...	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	7
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	6
Stedman Cinques	12
Stedman Caters	1
Stedman Triples	17
Grandsire Cinques	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Grandsire Triples	4
Plain Bob Royal	1
Plain Bob Major	2
London Surprise Major	1
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Duffield Major	1
Seven Minor methods	1
6	94

Conducted two Stedman Triples and one Cambridge Surprise Major.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On March 8th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, H. Young 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, H. C. Ruffel 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHIPPING BARNET.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Langley 1, J. A. Dart 2, W. Tarling 3, M. Soper 4, F. Chandler 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, six members of the Four Shires Guild and two local men rang 840, 420 and 168 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, H. Gillite 5, T. Banning 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts (conductor) 2, S. H. Hopper 3, A. V. Good 4, A. Heath 5, H. Hatten 6. Rung as a welcome to A. V. Good, who was on a visit to Swindon from Apsley, Herts.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. N. Mack (conductor) 1, J. McDermott 2, F. Bowden 3, G. Goodchild 4, F. White 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Aldate's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Henagough 1, W. Harris 2, F. Taylor 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, W. Collett 5, F. Beckett 6.—For evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 College Single: F. Clinkard 1, W. Collett 2, G. Stace 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, F. Beckett 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6.

NORTH SHIELDS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Triples: R. Gray 1, G. Dix 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, A. Tully 5, J. George 6, E. Hern (conductor) 7, A. Scheef 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, Robert Fardon 4, Robert Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, E. Easton 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes (composed by A. J. Pitman), in 47 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Benton 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, March 8th, for the evening service, the St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Haley's Variation, in 44 minutes: J. Eagles 1, H. Jones 2, R. H. Stevens 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Walker 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 719 Grandsire Caters, called by E. Whitehead.—For evening service, 1,025 Grandsire Caters by D. Grant 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, L. Jonsson 4, J. Morris 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, E. Whitehead 7, A. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris 9, J. Grant 10. Composed by the late George Woodiss.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, March 1st, for men's service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. N. Eyles 1, A. Clark 2, H. W. Mance 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. Essery 5, H. Mance 6, H. H. Mance (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Baylis 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, T. Beadle 3, W. Lidbetter 4, J. Milner 5, A. Beckensale 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, J. Pole 2, R. Barrow 3, H. L. Smith 4, K. R. Elliott 5, H. Reeve 6, A. Disney (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the reopening of the bells, after rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on St. David's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, Fred Bailey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday evening, March 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Thorpe (conductor) 1, J. Edmonson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison, junr., 6, R. W. Jennison 7, A. Jackson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Thorpe, of Grantham (mother of the conductor), also to the ringer of the 6th.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: M. England 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, R. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Ernest Newell 8.

NORTHELEACH, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Mustoe 1, J. Sly (first quarter-peal inside) 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acock 4, D. Hills 5, W. Clayton 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, March 1st, 672 Bob Major: D. W. Markwell 1, E. Marcy (first in the method) 2, E. Lish 3, F. Cruttenden 4, C. Tyler 5, A. E. Baker 6, W. J. Alliss 7, G. Payne (conductor) 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): J. Bragg 1, S. Bragg 2, C. Bragg 3, R. Bragg 4, F. S. Price 5, H. Bragg 6, H. Shepherd 7, Sam Brass 8, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10. All the above ringers are close relatives, Nos. 5 and 9 being being on a visit from Beeston, Notts.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, on Sunday, March 1st, for afternoon service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Cryer 1, T. Robertshaw 2, Miss H. Bell 3, F. Hodgson 4, J. Robertshaw 5, C. Sutcliffe 6, F. Robertshaw 7, W. Horan (conductor) 8. Longest touch by ringers of treble, 5th and 6th, and longest touch as conductor.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, A. Shuffelbottom (conductor) 5, E. Claydon 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Barker.

BACUP, LANCS.—At Christ Church, on March 1st, for evening service, 1,344 Kent Treble Major, in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. Crabtree (Cross Stone) 1, J. S. Lomas (Bacup) 2, Miss R. A. Bell (Cross Stone) 3, D. Briggs (Bacup) 4, W. Holt (Bacup) 5, H. Mills (Bacup) 6, W. Crabtree (Todmorden) 7, H. Davenport (conductor, Todmorden) 8.

WOOLTON BASSETT.—At All Saints' Church, on March 1st, for morning service, 600 Grandsire Doubles: Hewart Flewelling (aged 11½) 1, J. Gibbs 2, L. Box 3, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 4, W. Boulter 5, C. Edwards 6. First 600 by all the hand except the conductor. The above ringers have been taught to ring during the last ten months.

NOTICES.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kingswalden (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Buses run from Hitchin and Luton at convenient times. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Smarden, on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Gen. Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—H. J. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 4th, in St. Laurence's Hall (near Abbey gateway), at 3 o'clock. Notice of motion should reach general Secretary at least 10 days before. Will all branch Secretaries and representatives please note.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON AND 'AMONG THE BELLS.'

Some time ago I was asked to contribute a preface to a proposed reissue of Mr. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells.' But as this was to be a reprint of the letterpress only, without the illustrations of church towers in which, and of eminent ringers with whom, Mr. Robinson had rung (the original copperplates having been commandeered for their metal during the war), it would, I fear, have been rather a dry record of facts and figures, however interesting for statistics of the history, weight, etc., of bells, which are permanently useful for correcting loose and inaccurate local tradition on such matters.

The original edition, I see, is still on sale; and I trust that, even in this age of rapid change and forgetfulness, the memory of Mr. Robinson's work for the cause of change ringing and bellry reform may be preserved in as many belfries and church libraries as possible.

It was indeed a remarkable work. To quote the words of a preacher on the Sunday after his funeral: 'In the art of bell ringing he used all his powers for the glory of God. Only those who knew the condition of bellries fifty years ago could realise the influence of Mr. Robinson, among others. In former days, the parson's presence in the belfry was often regarded as an intrusion; and the ringers seldom attended church, or considered it a necessary part of their work. Now, the belfry has been consecrated to the worship of God; the ringers are regarded as church workers; the clergy are welcomed in the belfry, and proficiency has been raised to a higher level.'

'Among others'—Mr. Robinson would have been the last man to undervalue the share of many others, clergy and laity, in that bellry reform of which he was a distinguished pioneer; younger men upon whom his mantle has fallen, and who honour his memory by carrying on his work and holding up to their own generation the light of his ideals, as summed up in the motto of his book: PERSEVERA—PER SEVERA.

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P.S.—It may not be amiss, in these days of money-making mediocrity in literature, and thoughtless or libellous gossip, to say that I have not, and never have had, any personal interest in pushing the sale of 'Among the Bells.'

DEATH OF MR. HENRY PAGE.

A FOUNDER OF STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Page, of Oxford Street, Stoke-on-Trent, who passed away on February 22nd, at the age of 69 years. He came from London over 40 years ago, and was one of the founders of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. By his quiet and agreeable manner he won the respect of all. He was a safe ringer, and good striker and conductor. He conducted the first peal on the Stoke bells (Grandsire Triples), and also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the association, at Longton. This was rung by Stoke ringers. The deceased was leader of the Stoke bellry for 18 years. Although he resigned this office 25 years ago, he always kept in touch with the bellry, both as a ringer and as chairman of St. Peter's Association. He was also sidesman of the Parish Church for some years, but resigned some time since owing to ill-health. He was a member of the following societies: Midland Counties Association, Ancient Societies of College Youths, Sussex County Association, and the Lancashire Association. He had rung about 40 peals in various methods.

The bells of Stoke Parish Church were rung deeply muffled, before and after the funeral, by ringers from Newcastle, Biddulph, Norton and Stoke. Among the many beautiful wreaths sent were two in the shape of a bell, one from the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, and one from the Stoke ringers. The deceased leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. A very hearty welcome was extended to the members by the captain (Mr. W. Gillingham), and although the attendance was small, a very enjoyable time was spent. The towers represented were Portishead, Bristol, Clapton-in-Gordano and Evercech.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs in the Parish Church.

A delicious tea was served at the White Cot Dairy, and was followed by the meeting, at which Mrs. Jukes presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bath, on either the first or second Saturday in June. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present, as it is the yearly meeting of the district, when officers are elected.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at: St Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 15th (6 p.m.); St Magnus, on the 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 31st; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Tower open at 2.45. Tea arranged for 5.30 at 9d. each. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) will hold a quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, March 14th, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea 1s. 3d. each to those who notify me by 10th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea, 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 14th, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, March 14th. The bells have been rebung in a new frame, and a full and representative gathering is desired. Tower open 2 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, March 14th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8), St. John (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available. All ringers are welcome, and are asked to meet at St. John's tower at 1.30 p.m. Tea at the St. John's Mission Room at 5 p.m., at 9d. each. Half-fare tickets are issued by the L.N.E.R. to Darlington on Saturdays.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1762).—The next practice will be held at Ruddington on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—The recast ring of 10 bells is to be dedicated on Wednesday next, 18th March, at 3 p.m. The local band will ring the first touches. Visitors will not get much chance of a pull until after 5 o'clock, and the bells will have to be ceased by 6.45 p.m. This notice is to prevent any disappointment to ringers in the district.—Colin Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The meeting at Harlow will be held on March 21st, at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The bells will be available.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Salle, on Saturday, March 21st; Reepham also available.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall (Wells Street) 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing till 9.30 p.m. Will members and friends please do their utmost to attend? Those desiring tea please notify me by the 18th.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, March 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea will be provided in the Institute at a charge of 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Stubley, 13, Rising Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, by Thursday, the 19th. The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 21st March, 1925, at Christ Church, Armley. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, March 21st. Meat tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—H. G. Fretwell, Secretary, 14, High Street, Swanwick.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Linslade bells (8) will also be available after tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 194, High Street, North Dunstable.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.), dedicate the new bells at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.30 p.m. The members of the Guild are officially invited to attend.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 28th, 1925. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Far Headingley on March 28th, 1925. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall) the fine peal of 8 bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the School, Otley Road, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. Those who intend to be present are requested to notify Mr. F. Hutchinson, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, not later than March 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Malden, M.A.) the bells of St. Michael's will be available for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 o'clock. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopgood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 28th March. The bells will be opened on this date after re-hanging, and will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday. Nominations for the offices of president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary should (vide rule 7) reach me one month before the meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars later. Will captains of bellfries inform Hon. Sec. before April 4th, as to the numbers who will attend?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Edgar Wightman and her son wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind sympathy in their great bereavement.

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WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on Ash Wednesday, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Wallwork 1, S. Harrison 2, J. Freeman 3, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 4, J. Howarth 5, D. Howard 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, S. James 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Lichfield.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Friday, Feb. 27th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells by a local band so far as is known. Also a course of Stedman Doubles and 120 Grandsire, with G. Gatward taking part. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, W. Essery 3, W. Dean 4, E. A. Reeve 5, F. A. Finch 6, H. H. Mance 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Walford 1, G. Warner 2, A. G. Hunt 3, T. Perry 4, H. E. Booth 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8. Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dunkley, wife of the Vicar, upon attaining her 81st birthday.

MANSFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Thurman 1, D. Smith 2, G. Hardstaff 3, J. Bleeby 4, T. Dyer 5, H. Allsop 6, C. Carr (conductor) 7, C. Randall 8.

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