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VIGILANCE AND ACTION NEEDED.

Parliament, in the midst of its minor diversions, is shortly, we learn, to be confronted with an issue of really vital importance to the nation, before which the industrial situation, the coal crisis and the agitations of the 'Reds,' to say nothing of Pacts and tariffs, will pale into insignificance. A Bill, entitled 'The Bell Ringing (Restriction) Bill,' is to be introduced, having for its object the suppression of church bell ringing, and it is to be promoted on behalf of the 'Society for the Prevention of Public Nuisances.' At present the Society seems to be rather a vague affair, but we are promised in the near future 'a long list of influential and well-known people who are on the governing committee, or who have promised financial and moral support to the organisation.' At the moment all we know about it is that the secretary (pro tem.) is Mr. J. D. Lewis, of Penarth, and that the society will shortly secure a London office. Other 'nuisances' (at present unnamed), beside bell ringing, are to be tackled later, but the bells are to come first. It is something of a compliment to the acknowledged standing of bell ringing in its relation to the Church and its deeply established position in the national life, that a London office, a Press and public campaign and an Act of Parliament are deemed necessary to combat it. Mr. Lewis and his friends obviously do not imagine that they have a walk-over in front of them, and if their campaign really develops they will find that bell ringing will not be easily killed.

The 'anti-this' and 'anti-that' people, even though they be few in numbers, can very easily make a big noise, and presumably Mr. Lewis hopes to persuade Members of Parliament that, in the case of his society, the clamour of the few represents the views of the many. We may hear more of this society, but there is at present nothing to go into hysterics about. At the same time it is well that the Exercise should prepare for eventualities. There is always the risk that by backdoor methods, and without those chiefly concerned having any knowledge of what is happening until it is too late, some clause or Bill may be smuggled through Parliament which would jeopardise the right of the Church to the use of and control over its bells. Not only is it necessary, therefore, that the Central Council should, especially under the present threat, keep an extremely vigilant look out for any Parliamentary attempt to suppress the ringing of church bells, but should get into order and ready for immediate action an efficiently organised counter attack. The present Press Committee might be strengthened for the purpose, and we hope that, as the 'antis' have definitely announced their

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intention of getting busy, the committee will also get down to the task of preparing plans for the counterblast. In doing so they will probably not overlook the valuable machinery which they have at hand for reaching the people who will count through the clergy and the church organisations, by which a vast public opinion can be influenced.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY BAXTER Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 6
WALTER PERKINS 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
*MISS KITTY MOORE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 8
MATTHIAS HOBBS 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING 9
TOM TEBBOTT 5	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

First peal of Bob Royal for the Guild, and by all the band, with the exception of the ringers of 5th and 6th, and the first on the bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells. * First peal on ten bells, and first attempt.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER 6
REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
E. GEORGE TREW 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	JOSEPH GOULD 9
WILLIAM ABRAHAMS 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

This was the annual peal for the Bristol United Guilds and a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. G. Jefferies.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	THOMAS PRICE 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	CHARLES GARDINER 7
BASIL LATHAM 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	CHARLES BARNFIELD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a silver wedding peal to Mr. G. Orchard. It was also his 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOHN CURTIS 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JAMES HOWARTH Treble	FRED GRUNDY 5
STANLEY HARRISSON 2	WILLIAM JONES 6
JOHN FREEMAN 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
SIDNEY JAMES 4	PERCY H. DERREYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 3rd. The 4th ringer hails from Swinton, the rest belong to the local company.

PIMLICO, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY DYAS Treble	*CHARLES J. CHOOET 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	HARRY MANOE, SEN. 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5010 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	HARRY FLETCHER 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
*EDWARD WEBSTER 3	PETER CROOK 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	JOHN NUTTALL Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. The ringer of the 5th hails from Derby, and was elected a member before the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Pincott.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JAMES DRAYCOTT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
MISS GLADYS M. DODDS 2	*HARRY W. WRIGHT 6
*MISS MAY V. GODDERIDGE 3	JOHN E. S. MORETON 7
CHARLES E. RAYSON 4	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. T. C. Neath, sidesman, and for five years churchwarden at this church, who was interred the previous day. * First peal, and first attempt for Major. First peal as conductor. All except Mr. T. W. Chapman, of the Nunanton Society, are members of the local band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK RAINEBIRD Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ALFRED PYE 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
*FRANCIS W. COSTER 4	WILLIAM LEGGATT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*RONALD CURTIS Treble	†LEONARD TIDY 5
*CHARLES TAYLOR 2	HENRY J. SELBY 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
†GEORGE A. S. SELBY 4	ARTHUR J. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Bromley, Limsfield Chart and Chislehurst, respectively; the rest belong to the local band. Rung on the 120th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5
EDWARD G. TOMLINSON 2	HARRY MILLER 6
JOHN E. MILLER 3	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
*CYRIL VALENTINE 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 6). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' H. W. Wilde has now completed the circle in this tower, this being the fourth belfry in which he has done so.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. DAVIES' TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	JOHN F. SHARPE 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. John F. Sharpe, who sails for India at the end of the month. G. R. Jones has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble	HERBERT W. BISHOP 5
ALBERT W. BOND 2	WALTER TRIDEMAN 6
ROBERT W. HYNTER 3	THOMAS TOWNSEND 7
HARRY A. HEARL 4	*JOHN DURHAM Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNTER.

* First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
*WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. * 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY Treble	*ERIC FORREST 5
*FRANK KLETTE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
†THOMAS GREENSHALL 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
*ALBERT HARRIS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. B. Deakin and Miss E. M. Brogden; and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. M. Hackett and W. H. Webb, local ringers. The ringer of the 2nd is 16 years of age, and the peal was rung by an entirely local band.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	*EDWIN HUDSON 5
*WALTER POPPLEWELL 2	JOHN WM. CORDINGLEY ... 6
*THOMAS LATIMER 3	*CHARLES PRATT 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	HARRY WARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by HARRY WARD.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. T. Maude's birthday. Ringers of treble, 4th, 6th and tenor are from Pudsey; 3rd from Bramley; the rest are members of the local company.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 3½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3	THOMAS J. SALTER 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JOHN BASS Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	*ARTHUR R. MILES 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First in the method.

HORSFHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.)

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
WILLIAM WATTS 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIFFETTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIFFETTS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

JESSIE W. HARRISON Treble	*HARRY WINGROVE 4
*PHYLLIS M. MOORE 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. MYHILL Treble	ERNEST CLARKE 4
EDWARD KEMP 2	ISAAC T. POBLTON 5
HARRY BRADLEY 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent, two 720's Oxford, 720 Double Court and two 720's Plain Bob.

ALBERT GYNN Treble	HARRY MEE 4
GEORGE MEE 2	CHARLES F. MEE 5
LESLIE E. RIVERS 3	EDGAR RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie E. Rivers.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORE Treble	HARRY PROUT 4
FREDERICK BROWN 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	ALBERT SHERBORNE Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Specially arranged and rung on the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., as Rector of this parish, who baptized three and administered the first Communion to four of the above ringers, all of whom are members of the local band.

WOULDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	HARRY ARGENT 5
JOHN BURLES 3	C.S.-M. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT.

First peal on the bells, four of which were cast by Hatch 301 years ago, and two added by Mears in 1899. Five of the band are from Milton-next-Gravesend, with C.S.M. Bennett from Chatham.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburgha,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	GEORGE F. GARRISON 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
*ERNEST MANSELL 3	*JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which, with the exception of the treble, all date back to the early seventeenth century.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*CLIFFORD CHAMBERS Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
HERBERT ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	ALFRED ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal.

REDBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES JEFFES Treble	BEN JARMAN 4
JOHN MALYAN 2	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding day of the treble ringer, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. L. Whiteman, of St. Albans Abbey. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th belong to St. Albans; 3rd to Hatfield; 4th to Harpenden; and tenor to Leverstock Green. Conductor's 100th peal on tower bells, rung in 50 towers.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

*THOMAS VBZEY Treble	*ARTHUR KINGSTON 4
*GEORGE BISHOP 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 5
ERNEST LANE 3	*HERBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. The conductor's first peal of Doubles. The ringer of the treble is a local man; the 2nd and 5th hail from Shepton Mallet; the 3rd and 4th from Douling; and the tenor from Croscombe.

STON EASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS SNELL Treble	HARRY PROUT 3
REGINALD BECK 2	RONALD BECK 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Jennings 1, F. E. Haynes 2, W. A. Tack 3, Miss K. Willers 4, A. E. Austin 5, R. Howard 6. First attempt for 720 Cambridge by F. E. Haynes, who is from Trumpington. Also plain courses of London Surprise by the same band.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

CRANE'S PEAL OF STEDMAN.—HOW THE OLD COMPOSERS WORKED.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Edward Crane's peal is easier to understand. He was a lesser man than Melchior; lesser in knowledge; lesser in abilities; lesser in imagination. He argued that what was right for Plain Bob and Grandsire must necessarily be right for Stedman. The traditional form of composition was by hunts. By them the sixes were invented; by them the plain changes were rung; by them cross peals were developed; by them Garthorn had composed his extents of Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples. 'Then, I pray, let any man that is a judge in this art tell me, why Stedman on seven bells should not work as Grandsire on seven bells, and bring their great bells home at their quarter, half, three-quarter and whole peals' end? True, Stedman said that 'every bell has a course alike'; and Doleman said that 'there is no proper hunt or half-hunt therein'; but 'Stedman is mistaken, and so are you,' and 'if I be right so it is.' Therefore, Crane composed his peal with hunts.

If you want to understand what hunts are, a good plan is to study Annable's peal of Bob Triples. It was composed somewhere about this time, and first rung in December, 1730, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on the old ring of eight.

Observe the behaviour of the different bells.

First the Treble completes her whole work and comes home once in every lead. She is the whole hunt.

Next the seventh completes her whole work, and comes home once in every course of six leads. She is the half-hunt.

Then the sixth completes her whole work, and comes home once in every five courses. She is the quarter-hunt.

Lastly, the fifth completes her whole work, and comes home once in every ten courses. She is the half-quarter hunt. The other bells are extreme bells.

In each lead the treble occupies each position once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each course the treble and seventh occupy every possible combination of positions, once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each block of five courses, the treble, seventh and sixth occupy every possible combination of positions, once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each part of the peal (consisting of ten courses), the treble, seventh, sixth and fifth occupy every possible combination of positions once and once only, whether at handstroke or at backstroke.

The extreme bells work their full combinations at the part ends.

You will easily see what an excellent plan this is for producing extents. The whole peal falls into regular and equal parts; the part ends are easily recognised; the calling is easy, and there are observations for every bob throughout; and the conductor can, without difficulty, know what each bell is doing all through the peal.

This was the plan used almost universally in the seventeenth century. It is the plan of Annable's peal of Bob Major and Holt's peals of Bob Major and Triples. It is the plan of the three-lead-course peals of Grandsire Triples. By its use, John Reeves obtained the full extent of Plain Bob on eight bells, and Harrison the full extent of Double Norwich Major. Mr. Earle Bulwer used it to get the extent of Duffield without moving the sixth, and by its means I produced the extent of Bob Maximus 479 million odd changes, as you may see in the Central Council Collection.

This was the plan Crane used, and he aimed to get in Stedman what Annable had so perfectly got in Bob Triples. It was not Annable's peal, however, that he took for his model, but John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire. Garthorn was the first man to compose a true peal of Triples, and when we try and understand his peals we must realise the conditions under which he worked.

His first peal was the 1,715 Bob Triples, the figures of which are lost. When he set to work to compose this, what he aimed at was not merely to get what would now pass as a peal of Plain Bob on seven bells. He had to extend the method known as Grandsire Bob on six bells to seven bells. Now, Grandsire Bob is not just Bob Minor, it is a particular 720 of Bob Minor—the one we usually call the 'old' 720. It is constructed by a whole hunt (the treble), a half-hunt (the sixth), and a quarter-hunt (the fifth). What Garthorn had to do was to extend the whole thing; calling and method alike. While in the absence of the figures, we cannot be quite sure what the peal was, one or two things are quite clear. The bobs used were the present bobs. The treble, of course, was the whole hunt; the seventh was the half-hunt, and not affected by the bobs; the sixth was the quarter-hunt, and must have worked in a similar way to the sixth in Annable's peal. It is doubtful how he managed the fifth. He may have made

her a half-quarter hunt, and so his peal would be practically the same thing as Annable's; or he may have composed the whole in four quarters, with or without special calls. In any case, he followed the 120 of Minor very closely, and there is no reason to suppose that the peal was anything but true.

When he got to Grandsire Triples he had a much harder task, but one similar in all essentials. It was to extend the 120 of Grandsire Doubles (method and calling) to seven bells. We know how he did it, for we have the figures, and we know that it is true. It is usual to say that Annable's and Vicars' and Taylor's peals are improvements on Garthorn's, and Holt's very great improvements. But I fancy Garthorn himself would not have thought so. 'What!' he would have said, 'call them improvements when they take forty-six Doubles to do what I did with only two! As for Holt's peals they are, no doubt, very clever, but they are not Grandsire at all. Proper Grandsire should have hunts.'

In the same way, Melchior held that Crane's peal could not be 'proper' Stedman, because in Stedman 'every bell hath a course alike, and there is no proper hunt or half-hunt therein.' We should not be so particular. If Crane could have got a true peal with hunts it would pass muster with us. Indeed, in Thurstons' peal the seventh is a whole hunt and the sixth a half-hunt. But in the full sense that Crane understood the term, Stedman does not lend itself to composition by hunts. He, just as Melchior no doubt did, missed the fact that you cannot get sixty true separate courses of Stedman Triples. And apart from that he was not happy in his arrangement of his hunts. What bobs he used we do not know. He may have used the modern bob, more likely an adaptation of the Grandsire bob. He followed Garthorn's Grandsire Triples closely by composing his peal in four quarters. Then came the job of putting these quarters together. Half-way and end he had two Doubles, following the precedent set by Garthorn, and followed by Melchior also, but unlike the latter, he 'makes his two Doubles with the same two bells, dodging as Stedman does on five bells.' To get the bells into the positions he wanted at the quarter-peal end, he had to introduce his 'alterations,' those 'dismal changes,' as Melchior called them. Melchior gave us the figures of these alterations, and, though I am not quite sure I have given them correctly, we can tell pretty well what they were. And it is almost certain that the peal that contained them must be false. The work of the hunts is interfered with, and that is nearly sure to be fatal; and there are parts of Q-sets which cannot well have been completed elsewhere in the peal.

I am rather sorry that both peals must be put down as false. The Norwich men had done so much that it is a pity they failed in this. After all, success would have been almost a miracle, and when we remember that they had rung the first true peal in any method, the first true peal of Grandsire Triples, the first ten thousand and the first thirteen thousand, we can fully acknowledge that they made an honourable place for themselves in the history of ringing, even if they just missed ringing the first true peal of Stedman Triples as well.

We were talking a week or two ago about the possibility of writing a full history of change ringing. I wrote this sketch of the Norwich ringers as an experiment in what could be done if one had but the material to work on. There is no fact that I have used which has not, I think, been published before. All I have done is to bring it together, supply the local colour, weigh the circumstantial evidence, and make a narrative of it. There must be more material for a sketch of Annable and the early London ringers, or of the Birmingham men, but where can one put one's hand on it?

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Sept. 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, A. R. Leader 8, was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Hawkins, who was interred in Bulwell Cemetery on the previous day.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, at Boxley, Kent, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. F. M. Roper, who was interred on that date in the Parish Churchyard, and who, for a great many years, was a most devoted and untiring worker in the church and parish, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by A. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, G. Voules 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller 5, E. Voules 6.

At Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, on Monday evening, October 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Doubles, being 240 Canterbury Doubles, 240 Plain Bob Doubles and 240 Grandsire Doubles: R. Turrell 1, J. Brunt 2, A. Woodden 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Charles W. Berridge, of the Mill House, Broughton Astley, who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day. The deceased gentleman had taken a lifelong interest in the church, and for nearly 40 years most assiduously carried out the duties of churchwarden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL PROPAGANDA MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern District was held on October 17th at Black Notley, near Braintree. This meeting was held in order to give encouragement to a band of young ringers, who are struggling to grasp the details of change ringing, under the leadership of Mr. Pratt, who had worked very hard to keep the bells going for the Sunday services for the past two years without a break.

The church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, is isolated from the small village, standing away in the midst of the fields. Parts of the church were built in the first half of the 12th century. Perhaps the parish is best known as the birthplace of John Ray, M.A., F.R.S., the entry of whose baptism may still be deciphered in the parish register, June 29th, 1628. He was the son of a poor blacksmith, but grew up to be the foremost naturalist of his age, and became mathematical lecturer and humanity reader to the University of Cambridge. Ray was a great friend of Sloane, the renowned London physician, to whom we are indebted for the British Museum.

The usual ringers' office was said by the Rector, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson.

After the service, the ringers and a few friends sat down to tea, presided over by the Rector, in the Parish Room, 21 being present, representing Black Notley, Braintree, Maldon, Rayne and Great Bardfield. At the subsequent business meeting, with the District Master (Mr. L. Wiffen) in the chair, four of the Notley band were elected as change ringing members and two as probationers. One member from Rayne was also elected.—Major B. Allen, of Notley Lodge, was elected an hon. member.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. Howard, and seconded by the district secretary, and unanimously accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and holding the service; to the organist and choir, Major Allen, and Mrs. Johnson, a lady parishioner, who had taken considerable interest in the meeting.

After some touches on the handbells, the ringers adjourned to the tower for ringing, the methods being Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.

The meeting, arranged for propagandist purposes, created a great amount of interest. Every effort was made to help the beginners in the art. Two little lads from Rayne, of 14 years or under, cycled over three miles to the meeting, and rang the treble, having to stand on a box to reach the rope at the back stroke.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL OF TRIPLES IN NATAL DURBAN BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

The band at Durban, Natal, which includes ladies, is already making good progress with the introduction into the company of two or three ringers from England, and on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, they rang the first quarter-peal of Triples in Natal. This was at St. Mary's Church, Greyville, and consisted of Collinson's 1,260 Grandsire, rung in 50 minutes: Miss Olive Clements 1, Miss Daisy Clarkson 2, Fred G. May 3, Tom Nash 4, Rev. Canon Ridout 5, John Prickett (conductor) 6, T. Ewart Prickett 7, C. Clarkson 8.

The quarter-peal was arranged for the Rev. Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was spending a holiday in Durban. It was also the 20th birthday of Miss Daisy Clarkson, and the 30th anniversary of the wedding of the conductor. By this performance the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th 7th and tenor, scored their first quarter-peal of Triples.

We look forward to an early peal success by the Durban ringers.

A WELL-EARNED PEAL.

The peal at Wouldham, Kent, recorded elsewhere, was truly well earned, as before the attempt could be made the band had to spend nearly two hours among the bells to get them ringable. It must have been months since the bells were raised; birds' nests were well in evidence and had to be removed; ropes spliced and generally repaired; bells oiled; and two of the band, with the C.S.M. as foreman, turned themselves into blacksmiths pro tem, to fix up defective hammers to allow the bells to swing. Anyway, 'all's well that ends well,' as, after some hard ringing, the first peal was rung on the bells, four of which were cast by Hatch in 1624, and two were added by Mears in 1899. It is believed that many unsuccessful attempts have been made to ring a peal on these bells, and it is pleasing to record the first, after such devotion before the attempt, and such a glorious display of blisters—and dirt—afterwards; even the invalid of the band was glad he did not stay at home.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Ringwood, Hants, on Wednesday, Oct. 21st, on the occasion of the wedding of Lady Amy Agar and the Hon. Michael Biddulph, 910 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Green 3, R. Jenkins 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is every prospect of the annual dinner of the College Youths on Saturday week equalling the success of former years. There has been a big demand for tickets, and those intending to be present are reminded that the closing date for applications is Thursday next.

This is a festival week at Norbury, Cheshire, in connection with the restoration of the bells and church. The dedication of the bells and the consecration of the new chancel took place on Saturday, and on each day this week special services have been held, and special preachers have taken part. The latter have included the Archdeacons of Macclesfield and Chester, the Dean of Chester, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. To-morrow, which will be an open ringing day, the preacher will be the Master of the Chester Guild, the Rev. C. A. Clements.

The broadcast of the bells at Croyland Abbey on Sunday was made quite a feature of the B.B.C. programme that evening. The bells were plainly heard in every part of the country, and we could have wished that for such an occasion the striking had been better. The main interest in the bells is the fact that it was at Croyland that the first ring was hung in England.

Capt. F. S. Yorke, R.A., through whose investigations the original engraving of the College Youths certificate was traced to the great Bartolozzi, has been promoted to Major, and is off to Bagdad. He took farewell of his colleagues of the College Youths at their meeting last week, and expects to be absent from England for three years.

The first peal rung on handbells was scored on Oct. 30th, 1811, by a band of Sheffield ringers. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major, and exactly a hundred years later, the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, whose grandfather took part in the early performance, organised a commemoration peal in the same method, which was timed by the same clock that ticked off the minutes a century before.

The two hundredth anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, occurs on Thursday next. One may almost assume, we think, that this was the first peal on the bells. At this period there was a change ringing band maintained at this church for some years, for some of the ringers in the first peal took part in another in 1734.

In view of the bicentenary, the record of this peal, from the Osborne MSS., in the British Museum, is worth quoting: 'St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, Nov. 5th, 1725, was rung by the Cambridge Youths a complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and a half: Henry Milliner 1, Thomas Seare 2, Hewes Carter 3, John Tuck 4, John Mite 5, Wm. Anderson 6, Robert Barber 7, Thomas Cornwell 8.'

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on Nov. 5th, 1821, at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

Curiously enough, it was on Nov. 5th also that what was claimed as the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. This was at St. Peter's, Sheffield (now the Cathedral), in 1787, when, according to the record, 'was rung on eight bells at this church a peal of 5,048 changes of that intricate method called Cambridge Surprise in 4 hours and 18 minutes . . . The above is the first peal of this method ever rung in the country.' The composition is lost, but it may be taken for granted it was false. But that does not detract from the fine performance of the eight Sheffield men. The weight of the tenor is given as 33 cwt.

The record of this peal does not give the name either of the composer or conductor, but the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley once saw a manuscript relating to it, which shows the conductor to have been George Wilde, who rang the second. That in itself was a remarkable performance for those days.

The bells upon which this peal was rung was a ring by Daniel Hedderly, of Nottingham, cast in 1745. The augmentation to ten, and then to twelve came later.

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were opened on Nov. 1st, 1878.

'The first peal ever rung on any bells by any society, the members being all of one name,' was performed at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796, by eleven members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who rang a peal of Grandsire Caters. They all bore the Christian name of William, and the peal was called by William Shipway.

The name of the ringer of the tenor bell in the peal of Erin Triples at Nuneaton should have read 'John Thompson,' not John Morton. Will the Warwickshire Guild secretary please note?

In one of his concluding articles on method splicing, Mr. J. P. Fidler suggested that one of our mathematicians could perhaps tell us in how many ways a peal may be made up from the 35 methods, with which he had been dealing.

Mr. E. H. Lewis supplies the information, and the variety obtained will doubtless stagger some people, and, at any rate, give the enthusiasts something to get on with.

From 35 methods, seven can be selected in 8,811,440 ways. If the order of ringing the extents be also taken into account, this number must be multiplied by 5,040, and becomes 44,409,657,600. To get any further variety (if required) different callings must be introduced, but without it, at eight peals per day, it would keep a band going for rather more than 15 million years!

THE SUPPRESSION OF CHURCH BELL RINGING! A SUGGESTED ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

From time to time church bell ringing is threatened with extinction by sundry folk who have taken a dislike to the sound of bells, but devotees of the art may now consider that their 'number is up.' Mr. J. D. Lewis, of Stanwell Road, Penarth, secretary pro tem. of 'the newly-formed society for the suppression of public nuisances,' is announcing to the world at large that bell ringing is the first subject to be tackled by his society, and 'prominent Members of Parliament are already being approached with a view to bringing forward a measure entitled "The Bell Ringing (Restriction) Bill," which has for its object the suppression of so-called change ringing except on national occasions, and then at reasonable hours. One bell only to be allowed for worship, and this to be tolled for five minutes only before a service.' Mr. Lewis also tells us that 'funds are now being gathered for a Press and public campaign, but nothing should yet be sent until the society have secured a London office, which will be very shortly.'

So now we know what to expect.

In putting forward his case, Mr. Lewis, of course, indulges in the kind of tirade which one expects from those who imagine they have a grievance against a section of their fellow-men, and in his enthusiasm for a new-found outlet for his energy he assumes, what so many engaged in similar hopeless causes have assumed, that he has only to put his view before the public to carry everything before him. He will probably find that he and his society have a long way to go before they can convince the British public that their church bells (and note particularly it is only those upon which change ringing is done that are the real object of the attack) should be suppressed.

Like other men with a bee in their bonnet, Mr. Lewis is not particular as to his facts. He speaks of the 'banging and clanging of London bells, which disturb the sleep of hundreds of thousands who go to bed on Saturday night hoping for a real rest which they are unable to obtain all the week,' and adds that 'a hopeless minority make a hideous din of the Sabbath.' These statements he makes, apparently, on the authority of a London daily paper, but, in the interests of truth, Mr. Lewis might take the precaution, before going into print, of confirming the 'facts' upon which he would rely.

Those who know anything about ringing in London are aware that bells rung in the city on a Saturday night do not reach the ears of one thousand residents, much less of hundreds of thousands, for they cannot be heard above the din of the traffic more than a hundred yards away from a tower, and in the whole square mile of the city there are only 28,000 people who sleep there at night. Moreover, in the city, ringing does not take place every Saturday night, and ringing, in the vast area which is generally included in London and the suburbs, takes place on Saturdays even less occasionally, in proportion to the size of the district. And again, ringing in London ceases at ten o'clock or earlier, and whoever heard of Londoners making a practice of going to bed before 10 p.m.? Why, they are only just beginning to wake up! Perhaps in distant Penarth the inhabitants go to bed earlier, but Mr. Lewis does not even allege that Penarth bells have disturbed his sleep on a Saturday night.

And then the 'hideous din of the Sabbath.' What does Mr. Lewis know of this? We would suggest he should make a little personal investigation, and that his inquiries should not be limited to those who suffer from 'nerves.' Exaggeration is easy in an attempt to bolster up an empty cause, and Mr. Lewis falls into this common error. We only refer to these two things because they are the only two definite 'reasons' for the suppression of ringing which Mr. Lewis has apparently yet been able to advance.

We notice that funds are being gathered for the campaign, and we notice also that Mr. Lewis does not sign as 'honorary' secretary. Maybe he is going to throw himself into this campaign for purging the country of the first, and presumably, therefore, the greatest, of public nuisances, in a voluntary capacity. If he is, we hope he has plenty of leisure, for he will need it by the time he has convinced the country that its church bells are a public nuisance. We are afraid, if he carries this campaign to a successful issue, he will have to leave the 'other public nuisances which are to be tackled in a similar manner' to look after themselves, and it is as well, perhaps, that at the moment he does not enumerate them. At the same time, we are glad of the information that a busybody is going to try to interfere with the existing state of things. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

We shall await with interest Mr. Lewis's promised 'full report of the formation of this society, together with the long list of influential and well-known people who are on the governing committee, or who have promised financial and moral support to the organisation.'

W. R. SMALL'S MEMORIAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £1 11s. 6d.; Miss Smith, 2s. All donations should be addressed to Mr. J. B. Evans, at 52, Park Lane East, Tip-ton, Staffs, and will be acknowledged through this paper.

SPliced-METHOD RINGING.

MR. FIDLER'S ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED AS A BOOKLET.

The series of articles by Mr. John P. Fidler, giving practical hints on ringing and splicing Minor methods, which has appeared in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' has been of great interest to Six-Bell ringers, and form the first real explanation of this fascinating subject which has been put into print.

The manner in which the subject has been treated has thrown an entirely new light on the practical side of splicing, and originated with the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who was first to develop the plan. Mr. Fidler's exposition of this scheme of ringing numerous methods in true extents has been ably written, and is a valuable contribution to the literature of practical ringing.

The splicing of methods will doubtless become a popular way of ringing Minor in the future, the more so as its attractions become known. It may not always be possible, however, for ringers to keep by them the copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing the articles—there is always the danger of their being lost or destroyed, or not being at hand when wanted.

It is, therefore, proposed, both with the idea of encouraging spliced-method ringing and for the convenience of ringers, to reprint Mr. Fidler's articles, in booklet form, with the addition of a general introduction to the subject, by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, and the figures of some further extents—in which six and eight methods are employed—by Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Parker.

In this way the publication will form a complete book of instruction upon Minor Method splicing, which will make it a standard work upon the subject, and one which should find a place on every ringer's bookshelf.

A further announcement with regard to the publication will be made in our next issue.

SOMETHING TO GET ON WITH.

The peal rung on the bells at Martley (which are over 250 years old) makes the 100th peal which W. Ranford and C. Camm have rung together. It was also the sixth peal that R. G. Knowles has rung on this old ring, each time ringing a different bell, and having a different conductor.

By ringing in the peal of Double Norwich at Lye on Saturday last, Mr. Chas. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, has now joined the rather small band of men who have rung a peal on the lightest and the heaviest rings in the country.

As will be seen from a notice elsewhere in this issue, a ringing meeting in connection with the reopening of Manchester Cathedral bells is to be held on November 14th.

RINGERS' CHEAPER TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

RAILWAY CLEARING HOUSE REFUSAL.

The secretary of the London County Association (Mr. A. H. Keighley), who laid the case of his association before the Railway Clearing House, in connection with the endeavour to get cheaper travelling facilities for ringers, has received the following reply:—

Railway Clearing House,
Sept. 29th, 1925.

Dear Sir.—Your letter of the 15th instant, asking for similar travelling facilities to those granted to anglers and others to be also conceded to bell ringers, has been submitted to the Railway Companies in conference, and I have to inform you that they regret they cannot see their way to accede to your request.—Yours truly,

(Signed) P. H. PRICE.

The Secretary,

London County Association of Change Ringers.

A letter from the Great Western Railway Company has been forwarded to the secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to similar effect.

WHY THE PEAL WAS LOST.

A party of Wiltshire ringers attempted a peal at one of the neighbouring villages on Saturday, October 17th. The jovial 'captain of ringers' met them and took them to the tower, where, after he had departed, the door was secured by means of a large wooden stake propped up from the floor. Two hours after, in the midst of some splendid ringing, the door rattled, and a hand appeared thrusting the stake to one side. The door was then thrust open, and a heaving countenance, fringed with whiskers, looked in and remarked, 'You've 'ad a main peal, ain't ye?' This was too much for the ringers, who burst into uncontrollable laughter, and the peal had to be stopped, with fifty minutes to go.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 8th, at St. Julian's Church, for harvest festival, 240 Cambridge Surprise; and on Oct. 12th 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Lyeett (first of Surprise) 1, C. Lee 2, W. Short 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE VENUE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Favoured by ideal weather, a most successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, October 17th. The tower was open at two o'clock, and though the village is somewhat difficult of access, the nearest railway station being a mile and a half from the church, members continued to arrive till the satisfactory total of 45 was reached. The bells are an excellent peal of six, tenor 14 cwt., by Meays and Stainbank, and the meeting was held on the anniversary of their opening in 1924; consequently this was the first visit paid to the tower by the majority of those present, and a halt was made in the ringing to allow those desirous of doing so to inspect the bells. These are hung on ball bearings in an iron and steel frame, pits being provided for two trebles to complete the octave. It is hoped that these will be added in the near future, and thus provide a useful peal of eight in this part of the county.

The Rev. G. Irvine (Vicar of Turner's Hill) conducted a short choral service at 4.30, in the course of which he gave a helpful and interesting address. The collection, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 16s.

A move was then made to the Schoolroom, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the kindness of the Parochial Church Council, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

This was succeeded by the business meeting, at which the following new members were elected: Messrs. C. Nice, N. Elliott, J. Morley, H. Parry, F. Heathfield and K. Snelling, all of the Crawley branch, and Mr. John A. Warren, of Balcombe.

A discussion then took place as to the advisability of holding the annual general meeting of the association every year at Brighton.—Mr. Markwell, of Henfield, who introduced the subject, stated that this matter was debated at the last meeting of the Western Division, at Warnham, with the result that a unanimous opinion in favour of Brighton for every annual general meeting was expressed.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Division (Mr. A. D. Stone), in reply to Mr. Markwell, pointed out that it was not within the competence of a divisional meeting to decide this question, the place of the annual general meeting being decided by vote at the previous annual general meeting, and that Brighton had been selected for the next of these gatherings, in May, 1926. A desire that the feeling of the meeting should be ascertained by a vote resulted in a unanimous expression of opinion that the annual general meeting should be held each year in Brighton.

At the close of the meeting, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the bright and helpful service and address, coupling with this the organist and choir. The kind hosts, the Parochial Church Council, and the ladies who so kindly looked after the visitors at tea, all of whom had combined to give the company such a warm and hearty welcome.—This being carried by acclamation, the proceedings terminated.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, all having spent a most agreeable time. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Balcombe, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Crawley, Henfield, Lindfield, Lower Beeding and Turner's Hill, and among those present were also independent, non-resident and honorary members.

The affiliation to the association of the Turner's Hill branch is due to the broadminded policy of approaching round ringers with an invitation to join, in the hope that they will eventually become change-ringers. An instructor has been appointed, and a certain amount of progress has already been made.

The next meeting of the division will be held at Burgess Hill, in January, 1926, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Beddard).

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the ringers of Barton-on-Humber, with their wives, and three ringers from Bigby, had their outing by charabanc to Loughborough and Leicester. At Loughborough they visited the bell foundry, and were met by one of Messrs. Taylor's representatives, who kindly took them round the works, and explained the operations carried out in the various departments. In the tuning shop several of the York Minster bells were being tuned. After having a pull on the foundry ring, the party adjourned to the Empire Cafe, where a splendid lunch was served. Afterwards they visited Ayleston, where they were met by Messrs. Ernest Morris and Harold Poole, Miss Phyllis Hare, and some of the local band. After one or two short touches on this nice toned peal a start was made for Leicester, where Mr. Fred Dexter was waiting to greet the party, and also accompanied them to tea at the Co-operative Cafe. After tea, half an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Saviour's Church before starting for home, Barton being reached at 11 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of this branch was held at Witney on Saturday, October 17th, when a good number of members attended. Ringing was started in the afternoon prior to the service, which was held in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. The preacher was the Rev. G. Tristram, Rector of Ducklington.

After service, the members sat down to tea at the Central Cafe, and this was followed by the business meeting. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the president (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, Kidlington), were present.

The president was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.—Mr. John Monk then reported, in his jovial manner, that the balance in hand was quite up to the standard.

The President said he was retiring from the living of Kidlington, but would still be very pleased to hold his office in the branch and help in every way he could (applause). He then had to make a very regretful announcement to the members, namely, the resignation of their popular hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. John Monk), owing to failing eyesight.

Mr. Monk explained that he felt at times that he could not carry on any longer, and considered it his duty to hand over the duties to some younger member. He proposed Mr. W. Evetts, junr., of Tackley, and trusted the members would give their new secretary all the support they had given him during the eight years he had held office.—This proposal was seconded, put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.—Mr. Evetts suitably acknowledged his appointment.

Tackley was voted as the place for the spring meeting, owing to the recent addition of a new treble bell and the restoration of the old ring of five.—A hearty vote of thanks to the preacher brought the business to a close.

The members then returned to the church tower for ringing, in which several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by various bands. The untiring energy of the Master in helping the younger and less experienced members was much appreciated.

SPADE WORK IN BANBURY DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Deddington on Saturday, Oct. 17th, and was a very successful beginning. The bells were rung for an hour before service, which commenced at 4 p.m., the service being conducted by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, the president of the branch, while the address was given by the Rev. Canon Jones, R.D., Vicar of Banbury, who traced the history of church bells from the earliest times down to the present day. He also impressed upon his hearers that they were church officers, and asked them to show by their attendance at the services that they appreciated the fact.

After service, a company of twenty sat down to tea at the Unicorn Hotel.

The president occupied the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. Canon Jones, the Rev. W. E. McFarlane (Vicar of Great Tew), and the Rev. M. Frost (Vicar of Deddington). Ringers were present from Banbury, Bodicot, Great Tew and Adderbury, while the local band mustered in full strength.

Nine new members were elected.

The Secretary reported that he had received a fairly generous response to his appeal for honorary members, and he trusted that all ringers in the district would become members.

Croperdy was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The usual votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to Canon Jones for his address, and to the Rev. M. Frost for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

As Banbury is the only tower with a change ringing band at present, it will be seen that much spade work will have to be done in the district, and at future meetings a little outside assistance would be greatly appreciated.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, several six-scores of Stedman, and Grandsire being rung, and three or four beginners being helped through their first attempt.

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Triples were rung. At Devizes, ringing was impossible, owing to a funeral, but a splendid hot lunch was awaiting the party at Perry and Son's Restaurant.

In the afternoon, Melksham was visited, and on a lovely ring of eight bells touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. At Chippenham, the visitors were met by three of the local ringers, who, after a touch of Grandsire Triples had been rung, joined in several courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Woods (late of Ampney St. Peter), gave the party a splendid welcome. At tea, the visitors were joined by the local ringers, and the stay at Chippenham was very much enjoyed. Wootton Bassett was the last call, and here the party were met by Mr. Wilson, and this splendid peal was soon going to some well-struck Grandsire Triples. This is a favourite tower with the Fairford ringers, and the 'go' of these bells is all that can be wished for. Home was reached about 11.15 p.m., after a long but happy day.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

AMONG CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOWERS.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Laveham ringers held their fourth annual outing. The whole party assembled punctually at 8 a.m., but, alas! there was no charabanc! However, after a half an hour's wait it put in an appearance, and with the mascot (D.A.S.), and 'Tich,' seated beside the driver, the party were soon speeding to Newmarket. On entering this place a fine view was obtained of the 'Gee Gees' just returning from their early morning exercise. A halt was made at All Saints' Church, where Messrs. R. Sharpe and W. Moody met the party. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, but the bells here sorely need the attention of a bell hanger. St. Mary's was next visited, and the beautiful six there were set going to Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Mr. Sharpe taking part. A run was then made for Fulbourn. This village was found, after many inquiries on the way, and paying toll at a 'level crossing'; this to a railway orphanage. At this church, touches of Bob Major, Kent and Superlative were rung. Lunch was heartily enjoyed at the Six Bells Inn, after which the handbells were brought into use. —A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds for his great part in the day's splendid arrangements. Saying farewell to Mr. E. Webb, tracks were made for Cambridge, which place, some of the party vowed, was entered by the 'back door.' Mr. W. B. Kempton and his son welcomed the ringers, in the absence of the Vicar of St. Andrew's-the-Great, and touches in various methods were rung. Hurried steps, in a downpour of rain, were then taken to Great St. Mary's, to be greeted by Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. and G. Taylor, also Mr. A. Sharman, who, with the Dunstable ringers, was on a visit to the town. Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal were rung, Messrs. A. Sharman and J. Taylor taking part. Finally a course of Bob Minor was rung, to oblige Mr. Rowlinson, of Chatteris, on what is known as the 'ragged six' — 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, one of the local men remarking that he had 'never heard that blooming six till now!' An interesting time was then spent, under the guidance of Mr. J. Taylor, walking around various colleges. Haverhill was reached an hour late, two of the 'bob-callers' having caused the driver to 'shift course.' A service at 7.30 cut the ringing here down to a course each of Bob Minor and Oxford, Mr. Making, Haverhill, taking part. Owing to the late arrival at Clare, the only changes performed were those at the 'bar.' Half-way on the last lap, 'Mary Ellen' turned down, and refused to climb until some of the party alighted and pushed. Then to the singing of Tich and Co., and the groanings of a thirsty engine, home was reached at 10.30. Mr. W. Jarvis, of Wisbech, joined the party for the day. The ringers wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also the tower-keepers and other friends who so kindly helped to make the outing a successful one.

NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing, and in spite of a pouring wet day, all enjoyed themselves. The route had been planned by Mr. G. Williams, with his usual precision, and best thanks are due to him for making all arrangements.

A start was made at 8.30 by charabanc, and the first halt was at Ringwood, where the party were met by Messrs. Cheater and Collins, the indefatigable members of the local band. Double Norwich, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung on the fine ring of eight. The restart was delayed somewhat by the leading lights of the party being missing, and it was found that they had paid a visit to the monkey house. Wimborne Minster was the next objective, where Mr. Frank Earl soon had the fine ring of ten ready, and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge, Major and Stedman were enjoyed, a very welcome visitor being Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, a former Master of the Salisbury Guild.

After a splendid lunch, the party proceeded to St. John's, Bournemouth, where Mr. H. Bennett and his son were awaiting them, and London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire were much enjoyed on this very musical ring of eight. A move was then made to Christchurch, where, after tea, a visit was paid to the Priory Church, and the party found Mr. G. Preston, the local secretary, had everything ready, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung, but London proved too much for the strong men. Lynton was the last tower on the list, and here the party were met by Messrs. Arnold and Clark, and Cambridge, Kent and Grandsire rung. Home was reached about 9.30, after a very enjoyable day, in spite of the weather, which was so bad that one member had to resort to his bottle of smelling salts. This opportunity is taken to thank all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

FAIRFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Glos., was held on Saturday, Sept. 12th. At Broad Hinton, touches of Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Dunstan, Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung, the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. White) taking the treble to 120 Grandsire Doubles. At Bishop's Canning, touches of Grandsire

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WHAT IS IN A NAME?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with delight the letter of Mr. Trollope, in your issue of July 31st, on Nomenclature, and agree with the whole of it. I think it is a great pity that (to quote Mr. Trollope) such an 'able and well-written document' should be wasted on such a piffling subject. Why such a combination of ability as that which is possessed by the members of this committee was not turned to work which is more needed, and of greater use to the Exercise, I can't see. That history of the Exercise wants writing up, and the register of all compositions is of vital import, for instance. I have no wonder that the 'Press laughs at our babbling, but perhaps my intellect is weaker than that of the committee, and my perception stultified that I should think their pet foibles are really of value to no one except their personal vanities. Their report and findings will be wasted because ringers will still ring peals under the names they have always used, and associations will put them in their reports, and the Editor will still publish them—they dare not do otherwise, as we ring to please ourselves, and we please ourselves in our own pet way.

Why can't the committee get to business and publish a book on how to splice, and ring all these methods, no matter what their names may be? That would be of real use to the Exercise. But no. The next move will be to appoint a sub-committee to petition all borough councils to change the names of all the Trinity Streets and Trinity Squares, and even the famous Trinity House of Lighthouse control fame might have to be rechristened; for if 'Trinity' is not a suitable name for a church bell method, then it certainly is not the name to apply to a dirty slum street. Or we might appoint a sub-sub-committee to prepare a report on whether a name is common or abstract; and whether methods are masculine, feminine or neuter; and whether masculine Delights could be spliced with neuter Treble Bobs, and whether feminine florals possess red or white corporeal shunts. All this would be quite as useful as the present subject the committee are 'spending' their time on.

Mr. Drake's letter in the issue of August 7th is a truly valiant effort to justify his share in an invidious position. Mr. Trollope may have a bad case; I should say from my knowledge of him that he is rather patting himself on the back that he has not been dragged into this 'hash up' of names, and I am rather pleased that that is so. Mr. Drake must allow me to point out to him that, if the Council's doings in the past were capable of being abused, it is no excuse for present and future committees to merit abuse; rather should they profit by the shortcomings of Mr. Trollope—if he had any. Mr. Drake seems to infer so in his letter. However that may be, I should say that if Mr. Drake is correct in his surmise, Mr. Trollope is to be congratulated on seeing the error of his ways, and I hope the remainder of the erring ones will follow the very excellent example of Mr. Trollope, and cut themselves adrift from these erring ways and nomenclature debacles: and help Mr. Trollope to compile 'Notes by the Way,' such as he has published in your recent issues. These are solid truth: they are what I have always thought and preached for years and years, but my syntax is so terrible that I was unable to put it before the Exercise in the form that we see it to-day, and my bat is off to 'J. A. T.' for his able exposition of what the Council's duties really are. If we want to ring a peal of Grandsire Major, why do we do so? Q.E.D. because it pleases the eight men who ring it, and the Council or Guild that says we must not do so is 'barking up the wrong tree.' And the paper that refused to publish it: the Guild that barred it from their report, and the Council that did not include it in the analysis, would be acting against their own interests. It might be an 'irregular' method, but if it was a well rung and true peal it would be at least a pleasure to those who rang it, and if I was in the band I should recommend all dissenting committees to 'sit up and take nourishment' from the very excellent and very instructive 'Notes by the Way' of Mr. Trollope. The 'green fly' sure is in the flower garden this year. Is Mr. Trollope official sprayer? I hope so. Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Manchuria.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Avis, on Friday, October 16th, an attempt for a peal of Minor at Milton-next-Gravesend, was abandoned, owing to the late arrival of two of the band, but 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a touch of Cambridge were rung, the ringers taking part being J. Avis, G. Ambrose, G. Morrad, G. Jones, E. Beer, Q.-M.-S. J. Bennett, H. Holden, A. Hill. The ringers then proceeded to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Avis, whose hospitality was much appreciated. Around the festive board the towers represented were Gravesend, Milton, Chatham and Erith, with friends from Faversham and Gravesend, also the hon. secretary of the Lewisham district, Mr. A. Hill. The toast of the evening was given, with sincere wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Avis would continue to have good health, and see many more years of wedded life. Handbells and songs were afterwards the order. At midnight a very enjoyable evening came to a close. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Avis for their kind hospitality; also the Rector of Milton (the Rev. G. W. Mennie) for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, C. R. Walker 2, C. Turner 3, H. Jones 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, R. H. Stevens 7, C. Hardiman 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. J. Farrant (first-quarter) 1, T. Gale 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Warner 5, F. Priddle 6, F. Sweet 7, A. Alexander 8. Rung on the occasion of a church parade of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: H. Ridout 1, G. Day 2, T. Foid 3, F. Whitfield 4, H. Morgan 5, J. W. Jones 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, A. E. Morgan 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: C. Brown 1, Miss R. Hawksworth 2, J. H. Lucas 3, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 4, R. Fardon 5, R. Holloway 6, F. Corke 7, H. Wincote 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Paul, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Cook 1, A. Keeble 2, H. Dyas 3, G. C. Iles 4, A. Cutmor 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Cutmor 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Wood 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Gray 1, F. Bird 2, B. Dore 3, A. E. Creasey 4, H. J. Gray (conductor) 5, A. Wright 6, J. Ladley 7, A. E. Akers 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. M. Bryant 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, J. C. Deel 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. W. H. Sergison 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, St. Mary's, for evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, 270 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Ginever 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, E. R. Partridge 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. First 720 'inside' in the method for ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes): W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, J. Woffenden 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, F. Thickett 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deep regard to the late Mr. William Yelland, who was for 51 years parish clerk at this church, and who passed away the previous Tuesday, in his 89th year.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, October 18th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Hazell 1, C. W. Woolley 2, E. Wakeling (first in the method) 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, J. Pole 2, R. Barrow (conductor) 3, Rev. R. P. Farrow 4, A. Disney 5, K. R. Elliott 6, H. Reeve 7, J. A. Bishop 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. G. Townsend 1, A. Lawrence 2, S. Palmer 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, H. W. Bishop 8, L. A. Wilson 9, E. Bishop 10.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for evening service, 1,248 Double Norwich Major: S. Warne 1, J. Fleuty 2, G. Dixon (Sudbury) 3, R. Fleuty 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. French 7, W. Scillitoe 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, with F. Claydon as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th for evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 42 mins., being four 120's of Bob Doubles and six and a half of Grandsire: A. H. Lewis 1, Wilf Young 2, Will Young 3, J. Fear 4, R. T. Clark (conductor) 5.

NEWPORT MON.—At the Church of All Saints, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Ridout 1, H. Morgan 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Ford 4, J. W. Jones 5, G. Day 6, J. Hammond 7, A. F. Morgan (conductor) 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, for harvest festival, 672 Grandsire Triples: Reg. Dobbins 1, A. Sluman 2, R. Baird 3, C. Willis 4, Wal Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with J. T. Williams, Morrisston, standing in.

BREASTON, DERBY.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for the harvest festival, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor: O. Thomas 1, J. Andrews 2, G. Wilkinson 3, W. H. King 4, H. Hales 5, W. R. Drage (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at the Parish Church, the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,280 changes Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 42 mins.: H. W. Curtis (conductor) 1, A. Smith 2, W. H. Adkins 3, E. Crocker 4, E. W. Smith 5, F. Owen 6. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th are from Newbury; 2nd and 3rd from Thatcham; and 6th from Shaw.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): *W. Gates 1, *G. White 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, F. Dedman 4, J. Arnold 5, A. Butcher 6, *F. Buttram 7, F. Vickers (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) * R. Oliver 1, W. Gates 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, F. Buttram 4, F. Dedman 5, F. Vickers (conductor) 6, *T. Dixon 7, *H. Smith 8. * First quarter of Triples. Rung for harvest festival services.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: V. Tipton 1, H. Smale 2, W. Morris 3, L. Cordell 4, G. Dent (conductor) 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.—For evening service, 800 in the same method: F. Whitby 1, G. Dent (conductor) 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Morris 4, V. Tipton 5, H. Smale 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, 1,003 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Edgar Sharratt, junr., 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. White 3, J. Newall 4, G. Wilkinson 5, J. Rider 6, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 7, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, for harvest festival, 928 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, R. Fisher 3, W. Knopp (longest length) 4, G. Hayward 5, J. Elliott 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott. Also for evening service, 1,261 in the same method, standing as before. First quarter-peal by the 4th ringer.

TOTTENHAM.—On Oct. 4th, for morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Racker 1, H. Barnett (conductor) 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, S. Crabb 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, S. Crabb 3, Miss P. Upsher 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, arranged by the late Mr. Edgar Bennett, by the local company: D. Wright 1, T. Banister 2, T. Bloxham 3, C. Austin 4, W. Bulpitt 5, G. Burt 6, E. Denham 7, C. Dean (conductor) 8, W. Groves 9, C. Kitching 8.

CHATHAM.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, on the occasion of harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Norris 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Springate 3, V. Jarrett 4, E. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, J. Bennett (R.M.L.I.) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

BRINDLE, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Spiced Oxford and Kent; afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob by F. Blackledge, H. Blackledge (conductor), T. Stott, J. R. Stott, W. Sharples and W. Fowler.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTER.—For harvest festival, at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at morning service, 720 Bob Minor: afternoon service, 360 Grandsire Minor: evening service, quarter-peal, comprising 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. The following took part: Miss F. Baxter, Miss W. Baxter, Messrs. E. Baguley, J. Booth, A. Buckley, H. Cook, W. Cook, A. Cook, S. Papworth, A. Sansome, F. J. Sutton, P. Sutton. Conductors, J. Booth and F. J. Sutton.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Thomas 1, W. Earl 3, A. Gower 4, A. Kay 5, — Castle 6, E. Ruck (conductor) 7, F. Finn (cover) 8.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, some good touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on this fine old peal of bells (tenor 20 cwt. in E). The ringers taking part were as follow: J. Hall, H. Hall, T. Reeve, W. Emery, G. A. Wightman, J. Gardener, H. Mouser, J. Larter, E. Grindle and E. Pearce.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: R. Green 1, L. Gray 2, W. Norton 3, C. Choct 4, A. Darnell 5, — Pipe 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—This is a special meeting, and all members are requested to attend. — James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 'The Club,' and business after. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Teignmouth. Bells (8) St. Michael's and (8) St. James' available 3 p.m. Short service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 5.30, at The Grange, meeting to follow. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Oct. 31st, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A short service will be held in church at 5; tea, at 1s. each, will be prepared opposite. All members and non-members and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Benjams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service in St. Nicholas Church at 1 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon W. Bothamley. Committee meeting at 12 noon and dinner at 2 p.m. at the Royal County Hotel. The bells of St. Nicholas (6) and St. Oswald's (6) are open all day. Included in the business is the proposed alteration of Rules 6, 9 and 10.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Wokingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 4 p.m. The bells at St. Paul's, Wokingham, will be available for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 3rd (nominations of officers); Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 12th and 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th (6 to 7 p.m.); *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th (election of officers); St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th (8 p.m.); all the others 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.—Members and friends of this association are invited to attend the dedication and unveiling of peal boards at the following churches:—St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Thursday, Nov. 5th, at 7 p.m., and St. Magnus, London Bridge, on Friday, Nov. 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards in each case.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 9th and 23rd, at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth (next to Palace), Tuesday, the 3rd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Victoria, Monday, the 16th, at 7.30. Members are urged to help to make these additional meetings a success.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Free. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea and meeting 4.30 p.m.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free (by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. F. H. V. Paton) to all who notify me not later than Nov. 3rd.—W. H. Harris, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak at 4.30 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Dodford on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Church service at 4.30, to be followed by tea.—W. Moore, Branch Sec., Bramston Road, Daventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—In place of the meeting at Tunstall, which has been unavoidably cancelled, a meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Annual committee meeting 6.30 p.m. All desirous of attending please notify me by Nov. 3rd certain.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The Abbey bells from 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Nov. 3rd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch will hold their autumn meeting at Kingham on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting afterwards.—Jack Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 7th (bells 8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Taylor) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than Nov. 10th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Opening of Manchester Cathedral Peal.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea will be provided at Winn's Cafe, Corn Exchange, Corporation Street, at 4.30 prompt for all who notify Mr. W. C. Bridgford, 2, Mayes Street, Shudehill, Manchester, not later than Wednesday morning, Nov. 11th. Ringing from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea please notify Mrs. J. Harrison, Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, near Preston, not later than Saturday, Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The name and address of the new hon. secretary and treasurer of this branch is W. Evetts, Esq., jun., Tackley Park, near Oxford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Preliminary announcement. — The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Further particulars later.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. CREWE BRANCH VISIT SANDBACH.

The Crewe and District Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a most enjoyable meeting at Sandbach on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Despite the inclement weather which prevailed there was an excellent muster of 33 members, representing Crewe, Nantwich, Ighfield, Wistaston, Lawton, Davenham, and also the local tower. During the afternoon and evening, the members rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A substantial tea was provided, and at the meeting which followed, the Branch Secretary (Mr. R. D. Langford) informed the members of the alteration in the date of the opening of the Norbury bells, which had now been fixed for October 31st, instead of Nov. 21st. The Acton meeting would be held on Nov. 14th.

Mr. W. Holding (Crewe) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Armitstead) for so kindly providing tea, and also for the use of the excellent bells. He spoke of the pleasure it gave to the members to visit Sandbach, and said it was over twenty years since the annual meeting was held there. He hoped it would not be long before Sandbach would again be selected (hear, hear).

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe) seconded, and said he was glad to find so many members present, despite the bad weather.

The motion was carried unanimously, and, the Vicar responding, said he was delighted to welcome them. Their thanks were due to the ladies, who had so kindly arranged the tea.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Chad's, 448 Double Norwich Major and 287 Grandsire Caters.—On Oct. 14th, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. M. Lilley 4, R. Pole (first touch) 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6; and on October 18th, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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