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MISSIONARIES' MASSED ATTACK.

In this column we have constantly preached the need for 'missionary' work on the part of associations, and as a proof of what may be done by organised effort one has only to read the report of what happened last Saturday at Purleigh, in Essex. Here is an isolated village, miles from a railway station or bus route, with bells but no ringers. The Master of the Essex Association, with characteristic enthusiasm and thoroughness, organised a meeting at the tower, having first enlisted the sympathy of the incumbent. Despite the bad weather and the difficulties of reaching the village, the members rallied splendidly to the appeal, and the Vicar, on his part, secured the presence of some likely local youths. The upshot was that enough new material was obtained to form a band, and sufficient help was forthcoming to train the young hands. Such a satisfactory outcome of this particular bit of missionary work ought not to be lost upon other societies. The 'massed attack' which was delivered upon Purleigh demonstrated to the local youth the enthusiasm which is to be found among ringers, and was the best evidence that could have been produced that there really is 'something in ringing.'

As a rule, 'missionary' work is left to the few, and where this happens, and just one or two men endeavour to penetrate the 'wilds,' they are sometimes looked upon, and not unnaturally, either as people with a 'kink' or as the survivors of a dying cause. Let the associations take the matter in hand, however, and attack in battalions instead of units, and the case is altogether different. The tactics of the Essex Association, if tried elsewhere, would doubtless bring equal success. It is not every association, of course, that could rely upon carrying a position by such numbers, but it is probable that much more might be done, with proper organisation. Too much is left, at present, to chance, and better results might be obtained with more definite and careful preparation. These things throw an extra amount of work upon the officers, but there are few who would begrudge the labour if the members would rally to their call.

In these days, when it is so difficult to bring young men into the Exercise, the success achieved at Purleigh is most gratifying, but the first step is not the only difficult one. The problem of retaining the new recruit is as great, if not greater, and if Mr. Howard can evolve an equally successful solution for this he will earn the eternal thanks of all those who are concerned about maintaining a supply of ringers to man the bells of our churches. Nevertheless, it is something to 'catch' your beginner, and in this matter much depends upon the

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clergy. At Purleigh the incumbent prepared the ground by inducing young men of suitable type to attend the meeting, and the appeal of the Master of the association and the obvious interest of the remainder of the members did the rest. We hope we may learn of many more such 'attacks' all over the country on towers at present 'out in the wilderness,' and we trust they will prove equally successful.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM NASH 6
BERNARD H. SWINSON... .. 2	FREDERICK SPICER 7
JOHN MALYAN 3	THOMAS J. HULL... .. 8
FRANCIS KIRK 4	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 9
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5	BEN JARMAN Tenor

Composed by C. D. CROFTS. Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung as a compliment and with good wishes to Mr. J. W. Dickson, son of one of the churchwardens, on the occasion of his wedding. The last peal of Treble Ten rung in this tower was in 1867, conducted by the late Mr. Hy. Haley. First peal of Treble Ten by all except the treble and 9th men.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 6
THOMAS WILSON 2	*WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7
*THOMAS WALLWORK... .. 3	*JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
*EDWIN JENNINGS 4	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 9
*JAMES H. BANKS 5	FREDERICK HINDLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. The ringers of 3rd and 5th hail from Helmshore, 4th from Kendal, 7th from Ambleside, 8th from Southport, 9th from Bolton. The remainder are local.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	*JOSEPH C. DEAN... .. 7
*MISS KITTY MOORE 3	JOHN R. MAIN 8
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	GEORGE BASFORD 9
†W. JACK DOVE 5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters inside. ‡First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES A. WINNER ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 8
FRANK BELSEY 4	WILLIAM HAIGH 9
HENRY T. WILSON 5	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT TANTON Treble	FRED LEESON 5
ALBERT CASTLE 2	†JESSE REEVES 6
*JOHN SKEER 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GORDON WEBB 4	ALEC WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of Albert Tanton's completion of 50 years as sexton at the above church. *First peal with a bob bell, and elected a member of the association. †First peal and first attempt, his previous longest length having been 336.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE REV. F. A. OSWELL ... Treble	JACKSON JOHN 5
TIMOTHY YEOMANS 2	GEORGE JENKINS 6
THOMAS W. GRIFFITHS ... 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM JENKINS 4	HENRY JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

First peal by the entire band except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells for twenty-two years. The ringer on the 7th was elected a life member of the Guild before starting. The rest are members of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 6
S. WARREN STURGIS 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring the above peal, which was specially arranged for Mr. Sturgis.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	*BASIL D. BUTTRESS 5
CHARLES PATTEN 2	PERCY WEBB 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	REGINALD LATHEBY Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Mr. P. Webb hails from Ickleton, Cambs, and it is 22 years since he rang a peal of Double Norwich. This was a farewell peal for C. Patten, who is leaving Fulbourne for Blackheath.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. BINGER ... Treble	MAURICE SMITH 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	KEITH HART 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	JOHN CAPP 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT. This composition contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place in 25 courses without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths. T. J. Salter's 350th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	FRED PRICE 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late James Benjamin Parkes, many years verger at the above church, who died August 13th, 1927, and was interred on Monday, August 15th.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

*ARTHUR HARMER ... Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	FRANK PONTING 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
*HARRY PHELPS 4	WILLIAM BANYARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal of Triples.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	FRANK CORKE 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	HARRY KILBY 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band offer their best thanks to Messrs. W. Shepherd and C. G. Berry, hon. secretary to the local band, for arranging for peal, and to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells for their kind hospitality after the peal, which was greatly appreciated.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
*F. DONALD BOREHAM 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by Miss P. M. MOSS.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	ERNEST E. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

G. Wilson's 100th Surprise peal, out of a total of 147, in 12 methods.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE PAICE Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5
FREDERICK L. LEEKS 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
FREDERICK F. MORTLAKE 3	LAWRENCE POULSON 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by A. J. TROLLOPE. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

A. Keeble hails from Monks Eleigh; T. Chinery from Long Melford; the rest are local men.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	*PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERARD J. WALSON 2	GEORGE MORRARD 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
STUART SANDFORD 4	HERBERT A. HOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

E. J. Walson was elected a member of the Kent County Association before starting. *First peal in the method.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	RUEBEN HALL 5
PERCY HACKETT 2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6
WALTER FENDALL 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	*WILLIAM MASON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, M.A., who was recently inducted Vicar of the above church; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. J. Hughes and Mr. J. Goodman, jun. After the peal Mr. Hughes kindly entertained the ringers to tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	GEORGE WRIGHT, SEN. 4
GEORGE WRIGHT, JUN. 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 5
GEORGE HURD 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	EDWARD HOWES 4
*PHILIP N. BARTON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
HERBERT V. DIGBY 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal. It was his first peal of Minor. *First peal 'inside.'

DOVERIDGE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three six-scores of Plain Bob, and 39 of Grandsire, consisting of seven 240's of Pitman's arrangement, five 240's of Morris' arrangement and 15 ordinary six-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt. (approximately).

*FRANK OLIVER Treble	*CHARLES SMITH 3
*R. GEORGE LEWIS 2	RONALD H. DOVE 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal on these bells, which are dated 1796, 1660, 1746, 1709 and 1633 respectively, and which were rung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1925.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of London Surprise, one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	ROLAND PARK 5
W. NORMAN PARK 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Adam Deas, of Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is his first peal of Minor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of April Day, 720 of Plain Bob, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire (three 240's by L. W. G. Morris and nine 240's by A. J. Pitman). Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GREEN Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
CHARLES JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
JOHN F. FOX 3	*REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells in four methods, and first in four methods by all the band. Arranged for the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson, who is on holiday at Kimbolton, who was also elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five 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.)

† HERBERT COLLINS Treble	† FREDERICK TALBOT 4
WILLIAM BAILEY 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	WILLIAM BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

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

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Elli.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SADDERS ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE LARGE 5
ALFRED A. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

Specially arranged as a birthday peal to W. Williams, who was 22 on this day, and for Mr. G. Large, who was on a visit from Cardiff. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal. Mr. G. Large was elected a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED BOB ROYAL AND GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. GEORGE EARLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor size 16 lb B.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnessed by GEORGE EARLE.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM BOLLAND.

The death occurred on August 8th, in his 80th year, of William Bolland, of Pudsey, the elder brother of the late Mr. G. B. Bolland, of Tong, and an old and respected member of the Yorkshire Association. He was one of the band who rang many peals on six bells in years gone by, and he took part in the peal in 14 methods on June 8th, 1909. Deceased rang his first peal on March 5th, 1879, and his last one, to celebrate his brother's 71st birthday, on February 3rd, 1923. He had 63 peals to his credit.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE.

An error crept into the figures of this method, published in our issue of the 12th. The 13th row should have been 38246715, which those who examined the method doubtless observed.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at East Meon on Saturday last, when, despite the ceaseless rain, members were present from Bramshott, Haslemere, North Stoneham, East Meon, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas') and Swanmore. Among the visitors were the St. Peter's, Brighton, ringers, who were on their outing, Messrs. A. W. Groves (Worthing) and T. A. Bamford (Raunds, Northants). A very enjoyable service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Beckwith).

At the business meeting which followed the Vicar was elected an honorary member, and said how delighted he was to welcome the Guild to East Meon, and also how much more pleased he was to become an honorary member of such an organisation.

Mr. G. Williams urged the Vicar, now that he was a member of the Guild, to ask his ringers also to become members.—The Vicar replied that he was convinced that the Parochial Church Council would be pleased to help the ringers financially towards this object.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Portsmouth, on November 12th next, when it is hoped to have the presence of the Bishop of Portsmouth.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams), on behalf of the meeting, welcomed the St. Peter's, Brighton, company, who were present with them, and the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman), replying for the visitors, thanked the Master for his welcome, and assured the members that they would do their best to return the compliment whenever they visited St. Peter's.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of East Meon and Petersfield and the Rector of West Meon for the use of the respective bells. During the day several methods were rung from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GAMSTON.

Gamston is a neat village occupying a pleasant situation on the east bank of the River Idle, three miles south of Retford. The parish contains 1,978 acres, and the Duke of Newcastle is the sole owner and lord of the manor. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, was thoroughly restored in 1855. The tower until 1924 contained a very ancient ring of five bells of fairly good tone. The new treble was then added to make a ring of six. They were hung in new framework, and room left for two more to complete the octave, the old bells retained, and everything in the tower was thoroughly overhauled. The ringing chamber was lowered 12ft., and everything in it put into 'apple pie' order by the munificence of Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House.

The work of rehanging, etc., and adding the new bell was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and to Mr. Herbert Smith and a few others must be given the credit for the speedy manner in which the work was completed. It was here the members of the association turned up in fairly good numbers on Saturday to try their skill on the bells, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The methods rung during the day were: Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight, Killamarsh, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise, every touch being brought round. The members, to the number of 30, including two ladies from Sutton-on-Trent, came from the following places: Anston, Barlborough, Ordsall, West Retford, Warsop, Worksop, Gainsborough, Branston, Treeton, Sutton-on-Trent and the local company. A splendid meat tea was provided by Host and Hostess Ashforth, the parents of two of the local ringers, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them for their excellent catering, and the ladies for serving at the tables.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, who arrived during the tea interval, presided over the business meeting, and took part in touches of Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Three new members were duly elected, including two from Gamston.

The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th, when a good attendance is hoped for.—Votes of thanks to the chairman for his attendance and presiding over the meeting, and to Mr. Herbert Smith for granting use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. Ringing was further indulged in until 9 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a meeting was held at Moreton Corbet, where there is a fine peal of six bells by Taylor and Co. The weather was very unfavourable, but in spite of this there were 19 members present from Market Drayton, Ruyton-Eleven-Towns, Stanton, Coalbrookdale, Hodnet, Wellington and Moreton Corbet, and some well-struck touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The Rector (the Rev. E. C. Pigot) kindly entertained the members to tea, and placed his bowling green at their disposal, which was much appreciated. Ringing continued till 9 p.m., when the members left for home, everyone agreeing it had been a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE MEETING.

The 50th annual meeting will be held in Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th, 1928. The arrangements, under the founder and present Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, are as follows (D.V.):—

St. Mary Redcliffe	12 Bells.
S. Nicholas	10 "
St. Stephen	10 "
St. Thomas	8 "
St. Maryleport	8 "
Holy Temple	8 "
(The leaning tower of Bristol, 7ft. out of upright)	
St. Philip	8 "
St. Peter	8 "
St. John	6 "
St. Michael	6 "
St. Luke	6 "
St. James	10 "
St. Matthew	8 "
St. Andrew	8 "
Emmanuel	8 "
Henbury	6 "
Westbury-on-Trym	6 "
Horfield	5 "
Filton	5 "
St. Werburgh	6 "

All available at convenient times, and mostly all available from 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Ringers' service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon.

Luncheon at 1 p.m. in St. Mary Redcliffe Schoolroom.

General business meeting in Grand Hall, Bristol University at 3.30 p.m.

Tea and garden party in the splendid Royal Fort Gardens.

The last two items are as yet subject to permission of the authorities.

Things to be seen at Bristol are:—Its famous Downs; its world-wide known natural River Gorge; its Suspension Bridge; Portway, the £8,000,000 road five miles long; the University, with its sky-scraper tower, containing the 10-ton bell, 'Great George'; the Zoological Gardens (open all day Sundays).

Particulars of how to see all these sights in the short time will be given by the hon. secretary.

Peals may be arranged for visitors and life members on Saturday, May 26th, 1928. Cheap tours by charabanc are available to Weston-super-Mare, 2s. 6d., several times daily; the beautiful Cheddar Gorge and Caves, including Burrington Coombe and its famous Rock of Ages Cliff (upon which the hymn was founded and written), 3s. 6d. Both the above tours give excellent opportunities for viewing some of the beautiful Somerset churches and their towers, with their famous tracery battlements.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

On Saturday, August 20th, a most enjoyable meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Ibstock, there being present some 20 members from the following towers: Whitwick, Loughborough, Hugglescote and the local ringers. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening the beautiful peal of six bells were well utilised in Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. Tea was most kindly given by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.), after which the business meeting followed, the Rector acting as chairman.

Mr. J. W. Hopkins, the tower secretary, gave a most hearty welcome to the members upon their visit to Ibstock, a day which he had long looked forward to. He also spoke of the extending interest which was displayed through the columns of the 'Ringing World' in helping to keep ringers in touch with one another, and urged as many as possible to support the paper.

Mr. William Henry Ball, of Ibstock, was elected a member of the association, and, after discussion, the next meeting was fixed at Whitwick.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kind hospitality; also to the ladies who had added so much to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, for morning service at the Cathedral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 minutes: T. Doick 1, W. E. Ticehurst 2, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, A. Tugwell 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. E. Ticehurst and H. J. Tucker.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

TO PORTSMOUTH AND THE ISLAND.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, had a two days' excursion for their annual outing, and chose August 6th and 7th. At the early hour of 6.30 on the first day ten bold heroes, writes a correspondent, braved the elements and managed to board the train at Waterloo. 'Go Portsmouth,' said the guard (je ne pense pas), so we 'goed.' The secretary had a yarn about some headquarters at this perhaps our youngest city, but it was apparently going to be rough on him if he hadn't. After several years we rushed into Portsmouth with only one casualty—a well-known man having lost his luggage. The secretary produced the said headquarters, and the famished party showed how to finish off the course ends in record time. Breakfast over, Newport, I.O.W., was the order, which place was reached by boat and bus with the loss of three men only. The spirit of the past having arrived, the bells were soon raised and going to Stedman, several courses being rung in good style. The bells here are not very easy to hear, therefore ropesight has to be employed to a larger degree than ordinarily. Several other touches in standard methods were rung till the time limit was reached. Having replenished the 'inner man,' we 'booted it' to Carisbrooke, where stands an ancient church, largely Norman. The tame archaeologist was busy here, whilst ardent spirits raised these fine bells, and they were heard to advantage in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. The mountaineer wanted to climb to the top of the castle, but happily a bus arrived. It's easier after tea at Newport, and a conveyance was found for Ryde (rather a rough one and a bit overcrowded). Mr. Hatcher met the party, and soon this heavyish eight were going to standard methods. The usual discussion arose 'to tune or not to tune,' but it was decided we wouldn't tune these. Swimmers having fallen in (not the water), the party divided, each section enjoying itself in its own sweet way. Boats sail, you know, so 9.20 saw the last of the batch aboard for 'Pompey,' and for bed. After the 'knocker-up' on Sunday had roused a lot of people who didn't belong to our party, and breakfast over, a movement took place towards Alverstoke, the secretary promising a bus from Gosport. On being challenged to produce it he failed utterly, so offered, in expiation, to take the party on foot, which he did. A sweet light by Taylor was our reward, however, and some smart quick turns were got through, four methods being rung and the bells lowered in peal in half an hour. Our kind secretary gave us till dinner time. 'But,' said he, 'don't loiter, and you can have an afternoon off, but there are yet St. Thomas a Becket, Portsmouth, to conquer, so let me have you at 5.30.' Strangely, all sleepers arrived, and these lovely bells, eight by Taylor 25½ cwt., were 'making merrie musicke' for almost an hour. All good things come to an end, so the train had to be sought and caught, landing us at Waterloo at 10 p.m. It is worth noting that at every tower all the standard methods were rung, and nearly every touch was different, the calling being shared by Messrs. Elson, Cassel and Herbert. Regret was expressed that three men were unable to make the journey. 'Had to work,' they said (we didn't). Thanks are due to the local gentlemen who gave their time to welcome us, and also to various incumbents for the use of the bells.

DEBENHAM MEN'S DAY OUT.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Debenham ringers had a pleasant day's excursion. The first call was at Lavenham, where they found that the local men had already gone on a similar errand. Arrangements had, however, been made by Mr. A. Symonds, so the tower was open, and several touches were rung. The next halt was at Long Melford, where Mr. Bixby met the visitors. Cambridge and Stedman Triples being brought round on the easy running but somewhat noisy ring of eight. Then on to Clare, where Mr. D. Gridley was in waiting. Some good touches were obtained on this grand old peal, after which tracks were made for the Bell Hotel, where a first-class dinner was disposed of. Shortly after, a move was made to Halstead, Mr. Root meeting the party here. Double Norwich, Superlative and Bob Major were the methods rung, and, rounding up the would-be sightseers, the party got going again to the neighbouring village of Earls Colne. The long draught made matters a bit awkward at first, but everyone managed to have a pull, and then left for Colchester, where Mr. J. Fleuty joined the party. Tea had been arranged here for 5.30, and the visitors had been specially advised by the caterer not to be late. They proceeded to keep their part of the bargain, but, sad to say, he had not kept his, for on arrival they were informed he was asleep, and it seemed as if no one else knew of the party's coming. However, someone got a move on, and, after half an hour's delay, tea was forthcoming. The ringers were due at St. Peter's at 6.30, and were not far behind after all. Messrs. Pye, Stannard, Claydon and Saunders received the visitors, and a good course of Cambridge was tapped off on this fine ring. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were also rung, and then the party proceeded to Ardleigh. Here they saw no one, but the necessary permission having been previously obtained they walked in and helped themselves to Cambridge and Grandsire. The homeward run was by way of Ipswich, and Debenham was reached about 11.30. The thanks of the visitors are due to the various tower keepers for having things in readiness.

EVESHAM RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.**LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY THE MECCA.**

Shades of Cheddar Gorge, and memories of a broken down 'Lizzie,' with a subsequent night under the hedge, did not deter a venturesome party from Evesham and district from tempting fate to repeat the experience. But these are things of the past, and on this occasion fate, the clerk of the weather and everyone concerned were kind, and the result was a most enjoyable day. For the excursion on Saturday, August 6th, the centre of interest was Loughborough, and the foundry. The task of collecting up the party from the outlying towers was completed to schedule, and at 7 a.m. the excursionists left Evesham by charabanc, the rearguard doing its best with 'The blue bells of Scotland' and 'Home, sweet home,' in spite of veiled threats and protests from 'better halves,' who, of course, were with the party and still required beauty sleep.

The visitors were met and welcomed at the foundry by Messrs. Oldham and Wilson, who conducted them through the works, their interesting explanations being much appreciated. Probably the things of greatest interest were 'Great Peter' of York Minster, and the four new quarter bells and the hour bell for Shanghai Customs House. The party were greatly impressed with the general standard of excellence of all they saw and heard.

Following lunch, a move was made to the foundry campanile, and here was found rather a different proposition to '31½ in D flat.' The treble man would insist on wanting to be first instead of third, while the third man was equally sure that the fourth was leading and not he. Eventually rounds were heard, and 'Go Stedman' was called, but a touch of Stedman Caters was not to be that day. However, touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung with varying accuracy, and just as the visitors were feeling themselves masters of this interesting and musical ring it was time to depart for All Saints'. Mr. J. P. Fidler then took charge as guide to the party, and here indeed was a peal, the noble grandeur of which could not but be appreciated. Once again Stedman Caters proved elusive, failing after three courses' good ringing, but, among others, a course of Pershore Bob Major was brought round—'some of our country's stuff,' as the 'old 'un' remarked.

Next to Queen's Park, to listen to the carillon and then tea, following which Mr. J. Hemming made a few sympathetic remarks with regard to the recent death of Mr. Pryce Taylor. Votes of thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co. and to Messrs. Oldham, Wilson and Fidler, for the welcome that had been extended to the party, were carried with acclamation.

Returning to the foundry, where the 'bus' was parked, waistcoat pockets and the ladies' handbags were searched—just to make sure 'Great Peter' was not being taken away. On the roll being called, two gentlemen were found to be missing, and the circumstances looked suspicious, but their mysterious parcels revealed nothing more exciting than crest china! And so, accompanied by Mr. Fidler, back to Leicester, where Mr. J. Morris awaited the party at St. Margaret's. Here, as far as ringing was concerned, was the tit-bit of the day. Many of the band making their first acquaintance with twelve bells, the opportunity was too good to miss, and a first-class touch of 638 Grandsire Cinques was brought round by: Harold Streets 1, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 2, F. Nurden 3, H. Jordan 4, J. P. Fidler 5, J. Hall 6, F. Gordon 7, J. Hemming 8, P. J. Johnson 9, H. Middleton 10, G. J. Hemming 11, E. Withers 12. Did it bring up memories of the 'five ones' to him of ye old school?

Time was now limited, and taking leave of Messrs. Morris and Fidler, the journey home was resumed by way of Monk's Kirby—the last call—where the party received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver. The stay here was all too short in which to thoroughly enjoy this fine-toned peal of eight, but they were made to tell their own tale to the tune of Pershore Bob, while to enable everyone to have a ring courses in the standard methods were crowded in, the Vicar and five of his band joining in Treble and Plain Bob.

It now appeared that memories of that hayrick were not to be denied—or was it the home-made wines?—but the long run home was completed without mishap, Evesham being reached at 11 p.m. Even then, there was much to be discussed—probably another year's outing—in a certain quarter, and ye conductor and 'ye best of spouses'—with apologies to 'ye many colour-coated-one the elder'—being the last to leave the bus, did not land home till the wee small hours.

The best thanks of the party are due to all who combined to make the outing such an enjoyable and successful affair.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church for evening service on Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,383 changes), in 48mins.: H. M. Page 1, A. W. Coles 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. S. Smith 4, F. Skevington 5, D. Stevens 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8, W. Shepherd 9, G. Block 10. The above quarter was arranged from Washbrook's peal, with alternative course-ends. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. Smith, who is 74, and a local ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Greig) has promised to become president of the proposed Guildford Diocesan Guild. It is intended to divide the new Diocesan area into four districts, in each of which an organising meeting will be held in October, so that the Guild may start on January 1st next.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, is spending a holiday on the Continent.

It is seldom that one finds 18 ringers in a belfry to ring for Sunday morning service, but this occurred at Windsor Parish Church on Sunday, when visitors from Farnham Royal, Slough, Old Windsor and Coalbrookdale, with the local band, rang touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The first peal on the bells of St. George's, Southwark, was conducted by Annable on August 27th, 1750. The method was called 'Bob Major St. George,' doubtless in honour of the event, but whether it differed from Plain Bob we are unable to say.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time on August 28th, 1718, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where a board still exists commemorating the performance.

Fifteen years ago next Wednesday the 19,738 Stedman Caters on handbells was rung at Guildford in 9hrs. 32mins.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association on Saturday will be held at Barkway, and not Arkway (if anyone knows where that is), as appeared last week in the notice. Oh, those printers!

The next broadcast of bells from St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 4th. Many more listeners will doubtless be able to hear this ringing than in the past now that the B.B.C. have introduced the scheme for alternative programmes through the new Daventry Experimental Station, which relays from Birmingham.

There is likely to be a big gathering at the York Commemoration Dinner on September 17th, and early application should be made for tickets.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest Canon Elsee's letter in your paper of July 29th and your leading article on the subject.

Some time ago I received a letter from Miss Monica Heywood, sister of the late Sir Arthur, saying that they were building a church at Claremont, Lancashire, on what was her late brother's estate, and now belonged to his nephew.

Various gifts had been made to Sir Arthur's memory, including the altar, pulpit, font, etc., and Miss Heywood suggested that the Midland Counties Change Ringers' Association, of which Sir Arthur was for many years president, might be willing to contribute a bell to his memory.

I brought the matter before the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby on Easter Monday last.

It was considered rather out of order for a change ringers' association to contribute to a single bell, but it was suggested that subscriptions might be invited from hon. members, and also from towers in the area. It was also thought advisable to find out if the Central Council were doing anything in the matter, and I wrote the secretary of the Central Council, but have not received any reply from him.

Now Canon Elsee writes to 'The Ringing World' to suggest that a memorial tablet should be erected in Duffield Church to commemorate the last peal in which Sir Arthur took part.

I am afraid it will be impossible to carry out both schemes by our members, and the Duffield memorial would, I think, appeal very strongly to the members of the M.C.A.

As far as we are concerned, I think it will be better to defer our decision until our next quarterly meeting, which will take place, I expect, on Saturday, October 1st.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. CHAMBERS.

President of the M.C.A.

20th, August, 1927.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO SHROPSHIRE RINGING MASTER.

HER MAJESTY THE GUEST OF MAJOR AND MRS. CORBETT. Her Majesty the Queen, during her visit to Shropshire last week, honoured Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, the popular and esteemed Master of the Shropshire Association, and Mrs. Corbett, with a visit to their historic home, Longnor Hall, and took tea with them.

The mansion contains some fine antiques, in which the Queen displayed the greatest interest, particularly in the very fine staircase and some Chinese panelling in the walls dating from 1740.

The school children and villagers assembled outside the Hall and greeted Her Majesty with cheers, which the Queen smilingly acknowledged.

On one of her excursions the Queen passed over the celebrated iron bridge across the Severn at Coalbrookdale, to the sound of the Parish Church bells.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fourth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

TOUCHES AND EXTENTS BY THE LEAD-ENDS.

We have seen that in the plain course of Minor, the bells run 'round' after five leads have been produced, and that these 'courses' are joined together into touches and peals, by bobs and singles.

A call has the effect of starting the bells off into another course, but from a different head-row. Courses have heads, in the same manner as leads; the head of the plain course is 123456. A call alters one of the lead-ends, and makes it the head of the new course. The 'truth' of the touch or peal depends entirely upon the manner in which these calls are introduced; that is to say, at which lead-ends they are introduced. This is the composer's job—ours is to follow his guidance.

The calls are usually introduced when a certain bell is due to appear in a certain place in the call row; notice the 'due-to-appear,' and also 'in-the-call-row'—not in the plain row.

This 'certain bell' is known as the 'observation bell,' and any bell may be used as such, but usually the tenor is chosen. The 'certain places' where she is due to appear at a call are fixed by the composer, and these places in the row are known by names.—Position (or 'platform') 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. at any lead end.

Is known by the name of LEAD. IN. OUT. FOURTHS. WRONG. RIGHT Or by the short term of I. O. 4th's. W. R.

OUT is sometimes known as 'Before'; FOURTHS as 'Bob-Bell'; RIGHT as 'Home' or (H). The origin of the names has some bearing upon the position of the tenor at rounds. For instance, the tenor at rounds is in sixth's place (her proper place), and thus is 'at home' or 'right,' and to get there she is, presumably, dodging in the right manner—under at handstroke and over at back stroke. To get into fifth's place at a lead-end, she would have to dodge the reverse way—or 'wrong.' So that in higher numbers these names are modified to a certain extent. In Major, for instance, they are as follow:—

Positions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Name	(as in Minor)	FIFTH'S	MIDDLE	WRONG	RIGHT		
Short term	(ditto)	5th's	M.	W.	R.		

In view of the fact that, while it is usual for the tenor to be used as the observation bell, yet any other bell may be used as such, this significance of the observation's place at rounds becomes a little involved, and I prefer to ignore it; so that, whatever the number of the observation bell, the names of the positions will be standard. For instance, to call Bell No. 5 'wrong' in Minor, to my mind, is when she (the '5') is in fifth's place, at a lead-end—the position given in the table as 'wrong,' although, actually, the No. 5 bell is 'right' in this position at a lead-end.

Let us understand, then, that the names are standard to the positions quoted, no matter what be the number of the observation bell, and also that each name applies to its peculiar position, whether the lead-end be plain, bobbed or singled. So then, a row such as this: 1-6-4-5-2-3, might very well be a bobbed row when the tenor is IN; No. 4 at OUT; No. 5 in FOURTH'S; No. 2 at WRONG; or No. 3 at RIGHT, according to which bell has been chosen as the observation, by the composer.

We are told that we can obtain 720 true rows of Bob Minor if we 'call the tenor'—W.R.W.—W.R.W.—W.R.W.—(s) R—repeated.

Bobs are understood, unless (s) is added to signify a single, and it means that call-rows must be substituted for plain lead-ends, when the tenor bell (the '6') will be put into these positions by the call rows—not by the plain rows, but by the call-rows. It is our job, to find when she will be put into these positions.

First, we must understand what is meant by the composer's instructions. He says in effect:—Bob rows at wrong, right and wrong (three times). We must follow this very literally; that is to say, a bob must be called the first time she would appear 'wrong,' also at the next time 'right,' and at the next time 'wrong'; after this she will appear to be due for a 'right,' but we are told to follow the last 'wrong' with another 'wrong,' so that we must miss this call at 'right,' letting a plain row be there. Follow this through literally, and we reach the last W (the ninth call), and after this we have a single at the following 'right.' When this is done, exactly repeat the whole.

Next we have to find when the tenor is due to appear in these positions. We have said elsewhere that the first lead is always the example, and that we can know the 'platform' at a preceding lead-end by the 'number-of-the-train' in our first lead-end. Therefore, turn the first lead-end into a bobbed lead, and then into a singled lead, putting the three rows down for reference thus:—

Plain lead-end	135264
Bobbed " "	123564
Singled " "	132564

At the bobbed row the bell in the W position is the '6th,' and No. 6 train tells us she came from platform 6 the previous lead-end (123456). So call your bobs for 'W' at the lead-end after the one where the '6' appears in the row thus:—100006.

The bell at R position in the bob-row is the '4,' and No. 4 train says from platform 4; therefore, call your bob for 'R' at the lead-end after the one where the '6' appears in the row thus:—100600.

Follow this line of reasoning, and you will know where to call your singles.

Use the black and red cards for your transposition, exactly as was done with the plain-course lead-ends, with this difference; that the call-rows are substituted for the plain-row when required, and only when required. In other words, use your plain-row (135264) in black underneath, until the tenor appears in the sixth's place (100006) in red at the top row, covering 123456. Then, instead of using the plain row underneath for transposition, use the bob row (123564), going back to the plain row immediately, until another call is due.

Notice that the tenor is in sixth's place (100006) at 123456, and, therefore, the first 'W' follows immediately, that is, at the first lead-end. Then carry on plain, until 100600 turns up (at 145623). Bob at 'R' next lead gives 145236; tenor now in 100006, so that bob at 'W' follows immediately.

The bob rows should be marked in front '—', and the singles '(s)'. When the tenors come 'home together' it is a part-end—being the end of one part of the peal; that is, when both No. 5 and No. 6 bells are in their proper places in the same lead-end; this happens at 1342-56.

The lead-ends of the first part are given, which carries us through the first three calls (W.R.W.). Notice the next 'R' at 134256 is not a call row; if it were bobbed, the bells would run round.

PART 1.

123456 (Tenor in sixth's—bob at W next lead)

— 123564

136245

164352

— 145623 (Tenor in fourth's—bob at R next lead)

— 145236 (Tenor in sixth's—W next lead)

— 145362

156423

162534

123645 (Tenor in fourth's but miss the next R)

134256 (Tenors at home, the part end)

Two more similar parts would bring up 123456 as the part-end, but we are told—single at R here, so instead of 123456, our part-end will be singled, giving 124356. Repeat this in full, and we have the lead-ends of our 720.

The extent is in two 'halves' of three parts each, ten leads to each part—sixty leads in all, each with 12 rows, totalling 720 rows. Methods which have a 'treble-bob hunting treble' have twice as many rows per lead; therefore only half the number of leads are necessary, so that the first half of your Bob Minor peal, without the single, becomes the peal of Treble Bob, 30 leads in all.

The tenor is called W.R.W., etc., for any legitimate Minor method, provided it has second's place at the lead-ends. Methods which have sixth's place at lead-ends are dealt with in a similar manner, except that the positions for the calls are altered to I.O.I., etc., instead of W.R.W., with the single (for the plain-hunting methods) put in at a lead which will not disturb the 'tenors'; that is, where No. 5 and No. 6 bells appear in the two positions, that are not altered by the substitution of a single-row for the plain-row. At whatever lead-end you substitute this single in the first half of the peal, so must you put your single in the corresponding lead-end of the second half. Suppose it be the ninth lead-end of the one, then it must be at the ninth lead-end of the other. You will notice that the single in your Plain Bob does not disturb bells 5 and 6.

The order of the altered calling is exactly the same as the W.R.W., being I.O.I.—I.O.I.—I.O.I.—(with the single in somewhere) and exactly repeated; and for Treble Bob methods the half-peal becomes the whole, as before.

While different bells may be used as the 'observation' in these positions, it is dangerous to vary the positions themselves, unless we are competent to judge the truth of the rows; but the positions may be varied. Instead of the W.R.W. positions, I.I. 4th's may be used (three times) with a single at R, and repeat the whole, for second's place methods. Also, instead of the tenor being called I.O.I. for the sixth-place methods, the No. 5 bell may be called O.I.O. (three times) with the single as the I.O.I.; and repeat the whole. The remarks regarding Treble Bob methods apply in most cases, that is, halving the peal; and also, other bells may be called in these latter positions, which the student may work out for himself.

It is possible to produce 720 rows of Minor, in methods where the treble has a 'treble-bob hunt,' without the aid of rows containing only a 'single change.' Therefore singles are never used. With 'plain hunting' methods it is not possible, and for the moment we must accept this as a fact; therefore, we have to 'double' our Treble Bob lead-ends by introducing at least one single in each 'half,' the effect of which will be seen.

THE IRISH TOUR.

[By W.H.F.]

(Continued from page 518.)

After the peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, one hour was allowed for luncheon—3 to 4 p.m.—at The George, and Christ Church was calling us onward. Here we were some time gaining access to the belfry, and afterwards leaving the church, for precautions have to be taken, I understand, and there is always some faithful churchman on watch duty at all times.

Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast the original 8 bells, a treble and tenor being added later by the Dublin bellfounder, Murphy, who has made a good splice. They are a deep toned, rumbling sounded peal, tenor in note B, heavier in weight, but very much resembling the bells at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and All Saints', Maidstone. At the start of our peal of Stedman Caters a missing 'bob' led the conductress to call 'stand,' a case of Parker's reverse, but the lady avenged herself by ably calling the peal, and she is the first lady, I believe, to score a peal in Ireland. The 9th here is the only bell with ball bearings. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and tenor are not going well, and our tenor man was heartily glad there was not another course to go when rounds came up. Combined tea and supper at 9.30 found us all well disposed for bed—to rest, to nurse the blisters, and perchance to sleep with the booming of Rudhall's bells echoing in one's tympanum, and with thankfulness for that health and strength which enabled the members to have done so much in the previous 24 hours.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing for the respective hours of prayer at three churches in succession, St. Patrick's, Christ Church, and the R.C. Church of SS. Augustine and John. The ring of ten bells at the latter church are a very poor peal cast by Murphy, of Dublin, tenor 25 cwt. in E flat. They were handsomely presented to the church by John Byrne, in 1785. A public subscription in 1902 provided for two trebles cast by Messrs. Carr. They are sadly out of order for proper change ringing. We were well received by the local company; indeed at each tower in Dublin great interest was taken in our visit and the ringing, and everything was done to help us, but I failed to see many young lads amongst the various bands that welcomed us to Ireland.

The belfry staircase is unique, owing to the architect having made no provision for getting up to the several floors of the tower, which, I may mention, is rectangular, and built up over the west end of the nave. There is a fine large west window, and so no suitable position for an intermediate floor. It is constructed with ironwork in a circular spiral pattern in one height for about 40ft., giving one a giddy feeling when leaving the belfry if one looks down. During Mr. William Pye's tour of 1904 (when they rang 11 peals) one of his team had to be blindfolded and led down backwards, and since that year three others have been led to their long last rest—Messrs. C. Jackson, E. Pye and I. G. Shade.

BRAY AND ARKLOW.

An afternoon's flying visit to the seaside at Bray was much enjoyed. There is a beautiful beach and promenade, with bold headlands on either side of the bay, with the Wicklow hills in the background. Sunday licensing regulations in Ireland are the same as in Wales, but on week-days opening hours are from two to five p.m. only. This did not add to one's impression of the 'Sabbath Day' as it should be. We saw a monster marquee in one meadow which housed a travelling circus, and Sunday afternoon and evening performances were announced; whilst from another field crowds of men were leaving a football match. Nowadays multiple attractions for the young on Sundays deter suitable lads from going to the belfry; the modern 'freedom of youth' is no help in 'manning' the tower for duty on 52 days of the year.

Referring to the peal columns, I have little to add to the two items booked on Bank Holiday. Mr. J. E. Bibby scored his first Cinques at St. Patrick's, and he and his father, with a Maximus, having passed the teething stage, have each quietly thrown away their 'bibby.' Of the conductor one cannot say much: he is the sort of 'gentleman' that does not require any of your 'blarney.' It is about 20 years ago since he attempted to call this composition at 'Pat's.' That attempt was of one hour's duration, with local talent that, alas, is now scattered far and wide. We expedited the morning attempt so as to take lunch at and say 'good-bye' to the Georges before catching the 3.45 train to Bray, where one night was put in after the 'Cambridge.' Bray has always been a stronghold of the Irish Association, and has a change ringing team for Grand sire and Plain Bob. We had an excellent reception at Christ Church from the local men, Mr. Wm. Smith (44 years foreman) and Mr. Fough. The Vicar (Canon G. D. Scott), as a change ringer, took much interest in our attempt, and we found fresh fruit from his garden and new cakes from a bakery more enjoyable in the porch than at the best of cook-shops. The song about the 'Vicar of Bray, sir,' relates to Bray-on-Thames, where there is also a ringing Vicar, and a tenor bell of nearly 30 cwt. The 'twins' would be complete were two bells added to the Berkshire tower and its Vicar given a Canonry. It was nearly 10 p.m. before we had time to look for sleeping accommodation. The Royal and the Mona Hotels shared the honours of resting our weary limbs, and the boots had strict orders to call us in time, in the morning, to catch the 7 a.m. train to Arklow.

Tuesday was a day of delightful coast scenery, travelling into the Garden of Ireland. The railway line hugs the sea coast as far as Wicklow, passing through cuttings and tunnels in the rocky headlands that jut out into the sea. At times our coach seemed to overhang the shore. The landward side is studded with hills; one, named the 'Sugar Loaf,' giving resemblance to the Brecon hills at Abergavenny. From Wicklow this journey goes inland through the vale of the river Avoca, amongst scenes referred to by Moore (1779-1852), the Irish poet, whose verse I have made use of. The old tree under which he used to pen his lines is still standing, though patched and preserved from time's ravages.

Wert thou all that I wish thee, great, glorious and free,
First flow'r of the earth, and first gem of the sea,
I might hail thee with prouder, with happier brow,
But, oh! could I love thee more deeply than now?

A ROYAL RECEPTION.

We breakfasted on the train whilst viewing the scenes from the saloon windows of the Southern Railway Company, who not only did us well, but did Hammond for a brand new felt trilby hat which disappeared en route.

Two attempts at St. Saviour's Church, Arklow, had been kindly arranged, and to expedite their accomplishment breakfast at the Railway Hotel had been prepared for us by the forethought and kindness of the clergy and ringers. Mr. A. Hadley, formerly of Cradley, who succeeded James Washbrook here, met us on arrival, and had prepared the belfry for us. The Rev. Canon C. H. Strong and his curate, Rev. J. W. Harrison, gave us words of welcome in the tower, and thanks were duly returned by Mr. Bennett for our hearty reception at Arklow. Double Norwich Major was safely brought home, making a 'century' of peals together by Messrs. W. Bibby and E. Jenkins, and here a real piece of 'method building' took place—its author unknown. The breakfast was transposed into a hot lunch, and the second peal attempt into an afternoon's lazy spell of sociability. Why bolt one's food, rush to the tower, and scramble for the train for just 'one more' peal, when everybody had already achieved a peal upon these bells? Verily I believe every man was glad that such a peaceful homing course was adopted. We enjoyed a promenade of the town and seashore, witnessing a practice launch of the lifeboat. We gazed on the derelict buildings of the old Kynock ammunition factory, which added so much unemployment of the town when it closed its doors. There was difficulty in finding the letter boxes, which are all painted an emerald green. We recalled the wonderful feats of the late J. W. Washbrook and his three sons in St. Saviour's tower, with the help of that well-known Devon family of Shepherds—a case of a pair of fathers having three sons each who rang the whole octave to peals galore when the near-by, but now ruined, Glenart Castle was in its flourishing days. The church was viewed, with its uncommon panelled ceiling of oak. This handsome structure was looking as new and fresh as when erected in 1899. Its first Vicar, Canon Hollowes, lies opposite the tower, in unhallowed ground, as this churchyard was never consecrated, and no other interment has been permitted.

In the belfry is the challenge shield of the Irish Association for Sunday service ringing instituted in 1913, won by the Arklow men in 1925 and 1926, and by Waterford the two previous years. On the walls are the usual type of peal boards which record that Washbrook rang 34 to the first two-handed tower bell peal on Sept. 19th, 1901, in 3hrs. 15mins., followed by Stedman in 1902 and Major in 1904. Since those days the Exercise has found three other ringers who have achieved similar fame. The first peal on the bells, cast by Taylor and Co., was conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor (Double Norwich Major) on Aug. 13th, 1899, for the Midland Counties Association, being the first in the method in Ireland. It has been my pleasure to ring peals with three generations of this famous family of bellfounders, and one cannot help feeling a pang of regret that the youngest should be called from us so soon.

It may interest Mr. Warren Sturgis and Mayor Walker, from New York, now in London, to know that the ringing record conducted by Washbrook in 1901 was performed with muffled bells for Mr. McKinley, the late President of the U.S.A. There was a ringer's newspaper running at that time, known generally as the good old 'Bell News,' whose editor, the late Harvey Reeves, refused to believe that one man could handle two tower bells through a 5,000. He even went so far as to offer to send an expert man to witness a similar feat in Arklow tower, with the result that he had the pleasure of paying all expenses and tendering an apology for his editorial.

A Dublin train leaves Arklow at 5.50 p.m., and this conveyance saw the breaking up of our Irish tour, for some went home in readiness for the Cheshire overflow, and others to look over Guinness' Brewery, where with some reluctance they 'slowly' passed through the 'sample' room. It was most fortunate the Excise officials did not examine baggage on the return trip, or heavy surcharges would have had to be paid by those who had the 'Max' and Cinques stowed away. The faithful 'couple' made light of their swollen fingers after the high 'Jinks' enjoyed by them, whilst 'Riding auld Ireland's tenors.'

W. H. F.

RINGER'S WEDDING.



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Mr. J. A. Cole, a well-known Winchester Diocesan Guild ringer, was married at Godalming, Surrey, last week, to Miss D. F. Burt, of Guildford.

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Godalming, Surrey, on Wednesday of last week, of Mr. John Albert Cole, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, of Station House, Godalming, and Miss Dorothy Florence Burt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burt, of 50, The Oval, Guildford, and formerly of Godalming.

Mr. 'Bert' Cole is a ringer at Godalming Parish Church, where he first learnt to pull a bell, and a member of the Holy Trinity Company, Guildford. He recently rang his 100th peal—the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Warnham—and few ringers have as fine a peal record as he has, made in so short a time.

During the wedding service, which was conducted by the Rev. G. P. Cooper, two hymns were sung—'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O Perfect Love.' Mr. A. Pamment was at the organ, and, at the close, played a wedding march.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin beauté, with white lace sleeves, a veil of silk tulle, and wreath of

orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white roses and heather. Miss Rita Cole (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Alice Fountaine (cousin of the bride) were in attendance as bridesmaids, wearing dresses of old rose crepe-de-chine and black picture hats. They carried bouquets of sweet peas, and wore gold slave bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Maurice Norman was best man, and Mr. S. A. Burt (brother of the bride) groomsmen. In honour of the occasion, the bells were rung as the bridal party left the church.

After the reception, held at the Broadwater Restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. Cole left for Torquay, where they are spending the honeymoon, the bride travelling in a two-piece fawn costume, with hat to match. They were recipients of over 150 presents, including a dinner service from the bride's fellow employees, a clock from the bridegroom's colleagues in the divisional engineer's office of the Southern Railway, Clapham Junction, and gifts from the bellringers at Godalming Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole's future home will be at Teddington.

WORSLEY RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, took place on Saturday, July 30th, when a party of 14 visited Loughborough. Leaving Worsley at 7.25 a.m., they breakfasted at the Lakeside Cafe, Rudyard, at nine o'clock, and arrived at the Bell Foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at 11.45. They were met by Mr. R. Stubbs and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representatives, while Mr. Wardley, of Lincoln Cathedral, also joined the party, who were conducted through the various departments, where they saw bells in various stages of construction. They had the pleasure of viewing the foundry carillon and of ringing on the Foundry peal, after much laughter at the antics of the 'heavyweights.' A short touch of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were, however, rung, as well as a touch of Grandsire on a nice-toned peal of handbells. After luncheon at the Empire Picture Cafe, the visitors returned to the Foundry where they were again met by Mr. J. P. Fidler who rang with them in various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, and afterwards took the party to the beautiful ring of ten at the Parish Church, where again they enjoyed some nice touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Much admiration was expressed at the beautiful tone of these bells, and all agreed they had heard nothing like them. Leaving the Parish Church, the party next visited the beautiful war memorial carillon, and soon after tea set out on the return journey to Worsley, where they arrived in the early hours of the morning, all agreeing that it had been the finest day's outing they had had. They desire to thank the Rector and wardens of Loughborough for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. P. Fidler for staying with the party to show them round the various places.

KNIGHTON AND LUDLOW RINGERS' JOINT TOUR.

The ringers of St. Edward's Church, Knighton, had their annual tour on Bank Holiday. At the first tower visited (Much Wenlock) they were joined by the Ludlow ringers. A few touches were brought round on the beautiful ring of six bells, and all the ringers specially commented on their magnificent tone. After a stay of an hour, and visiting the old Abbey, the party went on to Coalbrookdale and were most heartily welcomed by the Vicar and ringers of Holy Trinity Church. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal were attempted. The belfry was the most elaborate the band had ever seen, and was a great credit to the ringers and the church. Lunch was partaken of at the Coalbrookdale Inn. After a few more touches on the bells, and thanking the ringers for the cordial reception they gave, the party went on to Bridgnorth, and were met by the St. Mary's band. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. After thanking the band for their welcome, the party enjoyed an excellent tea at the Commercial Hotel, and then proceeded to Burwarton, and there were most cordially received by the Vicar. Croquet and bowls were much enjoyed on the lawn, and a few touches of Grandsire Caters on handbells were rung and very much enjoyed, as were the excellent cigars handed round by the Vicar.

After a few touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, the party went on to Ludlow, bringing the day to a good finish with a few touches of Grandsire Triples. Bidding farewell to the Ludlow company, the Knighton band returned home at 10 o'clock. All very much enjoyed their tour.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL 'MISSIONARY' MEETING AT PURLEIGH.

At the invitation of the Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald, a meeting was held on Saturday last at Purleigh. Despite the pouring rain, forty-three members were present from sixteen parishes. A short service was held in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rector (Canon Macdonald). The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard. Tea was provided by the Rector in the Rectory, and the meeting was held in the Eveleigh Room. Mr. G. Green, District Master, presided, the Rector was elected an honorary member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Writtle in October.

The Master expressed the appreciation of those present to the Rector for his hearty welcome, and for his kindness in providing the tea.—Dr. Spencer Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the organist and all who had contributed to the welfare of the visiting ringers.

The Rector, in responding, said the large numbers present on such a wet day was proof of the enthusiasm of ringers as church workers. He was anxious to form a band of service ringers at his church.

In response to an appeal by the Master, several from neighbouring towers offered to give their services during the coming autumn as instructors, and sufficient young men in the room expressed their wish to become ringers and take up change ringing, so that in the near future Purleigh would have once again a band of regular service ringers.

The bells, a ring of five, treble by Lester and Pack, 1765, the other four by Miles Gray, 1765, are in fair ringing order, hanging in a massive decorated tower, built of stone and cut flint, and occupying a prominent position overlooking the estuary of the Blackwater. It was here that the Rev. Laurence Washington, great-great-grandfather of General Washington, was Rector. He was appointed in 1632, and ejected by Cromwell for his loyalty in the rebellion of 1642. The parish is somewhat isolated being 4½ miles north-east of the line of the bus service from Chelmsford to Maldon. All those present had to travel either by cycle or car in a drenching rain, but they were well satisfied with the fact that the efforts of a missionary meeting gave promise of a revival of ringing in the parish of Purleigh.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

DEVIZES BELLRINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the bellringers from the three Devizes towers were entertained at tea in St. John's Parish Room by Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee-West. On March 2nd of this year Mr. and Mrs. West reached the 60th anniversary of their wedding day. On July 12th Mr. West arrived at his 84th birthday, and in July Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks (Mr. and Mrs. West's daughter and son-in-law) celebrated their 'silver wedding' day. It was to commemorate these happenings that this happy gathering was arranged. There were present Mr. and Mrs. West and members of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks, the Rector of Devizes and Mrs. Clarke, the Rev. H. A. James, and practically all the ringers from St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. James', Southbroom, and nearly 40 sat down to an excellent tea.

After tea short speeches were made by Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham, W. Bolwell, F. Green and S. Hillier, congratulating Mr. and Mrs. West on having reached their Diamond Wedding day, all testifying in different ways to the very excellent work done in the past by Mr. and Mrs. West, and their lively interest in all things belonging to bells and bellringers in Devizes and neighbourhood.

Mr. West thanked all for their kind remarks concerning Mrs. West and himself, and assured them it was a pleasure to meet so many old friends. Mrs. West also spoke a few words, expressing great pleasure at the hearty response to their invitation, and returning thanks for the many good wishes.—The Rector also offered his congratulations, and addressed those present in his usual breezy manner.

Handbell ringing followed, in which both Mr. and Mrs. West took part. Before and after tea the ringers gathered in St. John's tower for combined exercise. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. This is believed to be the first time all these methods have been rung in Devizes by an entirely local band at one meeting.

50 YEARS AS SEXTON.

A remarkable parochial record has been made in Lyminge, Kent, by Mr. Albert Tanton, who has completed 50 years as sexton in the very ancient church of SS. Mary and Eadburga. Mr. Tanton's duties have been continuous and without a break since June 2nd, 1877. During his long term of office he has served under four Rectors, namely, Rev. Canon Jenkins, Rev. R. B. Eves, Rev. A. F. Rutty and Rev. E. S. W. Watson.

Having been a very keen hallringer all his life, his fellow bellringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on Saturday, August 13th, in which Mr. Tanton rang the treble, and he is to be congratulated on the way in which he handled his bell. He is now in his 74th year.

The parishioners of Lyminge wish to congratulate Mr. Tanton on his completion of 50 years as sexton, also to tender their thanks for the efficient manner he has carried out his duties in the above church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, H. G. Lewis 2, E. Gladman 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. J. Edwards 5, W. A. Lewis 6, A. Mannering (conductor) 7, F. Humphreys 8.

HATFIELD.—On Sunday, August 21st, in 48mins. at the church of St. Etheldreda, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,288 changes): A. Shepherd 1, R. E. Richardson 2, J. T. Kentish 3, J. Shepherd 4, J. G. Dunham 5, L. Shepherd 6, A. Lawrence 7, P. Sergt. A. Lawrence 8.

TENBY.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evensong at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45mins.: R. Palmer 1, T. Yeomans 2, Rev. F. A. Oswell 3, W. Jenkins 4, Geo. Jenkins 5, T. W. Griffiths 6, D. Cecil-Williams (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. First quarter-peal for R. Palmer, a young beginner.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT HOUNSLOW.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very pleasant business meeting last Saturday at Hounslow. The tower was opened at four o'clock, and ringing was started with Grandsire, followed by Stedman, Double Norwich, etc. Over twenty members sat down to the tea, after which the business meeting was held in the belfry.

During the meeting the Vicar kindly paid a visit and welcomed the association to the tower. He spoke of the valuable work that all bellringers did for the Church.

The Master (Mr. H. Mance), in reply, thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the association, for his kind remarks, and also for placing the bells at the ringers' disposal for the afternoon.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in, the methods including Cambridge and London.

After eight o'clock, when the bells had been stopped, a social hour was enjoyed, when handbells were set going, and one or two gave the company a few songs and tunes on the handbells. A last-minute sprint for the last train ended an enjoyable day.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF ST. LAWRENCE (THANET).

A LOSS TO RINGERS.

Many ringing visitors to St. Lawrence (Thanet) will learn with deep regret of the passing of the Vicar, Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., Hon. C.F. A friend of all ringers, ever ready to grant permission to use the bells, either for peals or ringing outings, he was always visiting the tower on practice night and having a cheery word with the band. It was during these visits and seeing so many visitors, that the idea of making St. Lawrence a ten-bell tower occurred to him. Once he set his mind to the task, it was soon an accomplished fact. The following year, in July, he set to work, and the two trebles were added and opened on Armistice Day, 1924, and by January were paid for, which showed the energy and the keen interest he took in ringers. Only a fortnight ago we recorded how he took the local band to Belgium for an outing on August 1st and 2nd, which had been his ambition for several years, and which was thus realised only a few days before his death. Those who were with him on that occasion will ever remember those two pleasant days, the joy it gave him, and also his words, 'My dream of many years has come true: that my ringers should visit the carillon of Bruges and the war cemeteries of Belgium.'

The deceased served on the Flanders front from 1915 to 1918 as chaplain, and in 1915 he had the painful ordeal of burying his only son in Reninghelst churchyard.

The local band deeply deplore his death, and feel keenly the loss of a 'real Vicar' and friend.

NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, September 3rd. 6 bells available, 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at the latest.—R. E. P. Gorringe (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 1st, 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs, on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Barkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatsheaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Frequent buses from Godalming.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Hughenden (8 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. High Wycombe (12 bells) 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English, near Romsey, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—J. E. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. Practice meeting at Stanmore on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Bells from 7 p.m. Middlesex and Herts ringers especially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, in St. Mary's School for all those sending in their names to Mr. H. H. Shaw, 12, Henry Street, Rawtenstall, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. Tea at Great Mead at 5 to all who inform me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Clifton-Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who notify me by August 31st.—Walter Sear, Hon. Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea will be provided free in the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Maypole Inn (1s. per head) for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, Aug. 31st. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lypstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lypstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, September 3rd, at Norton (8 bells). Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Sheffield, by Tuesday, August 30th. Important.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. It is important that all who want tea should notify me not later than Monday, August 29th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, September 3rd. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, not later than Tuesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, September 3rd. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. E. Stacey, Lower Sprotborough, Doncaster, before September 1st?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672)—Unveiling of peal board at King's Norton-by-Gaulby, Leicester, on Saturday, September 3rd. Charabanc leaves Trinity Square, Nottingham, 1 p.m.; fare, 7s. inclusive. Applications for seats not later than Wednesday, August 31st.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 1s., 4.30, all ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. J. E. Hedges, Brightwalton, near Wantage, Berks, by Wednesday, August 31st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, 12th and 26th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 6th, at eight. Committee meeting on Monday, 19th, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual contest will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, September 10th. Tea will be provided for those who apply before September 6th to Mr. A. R. Harrison, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract. The last date of entry is August 27th. A hearty invitation is offered by the South Kirby band to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly advise the undersigned at latest by Tuesday, September 6th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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