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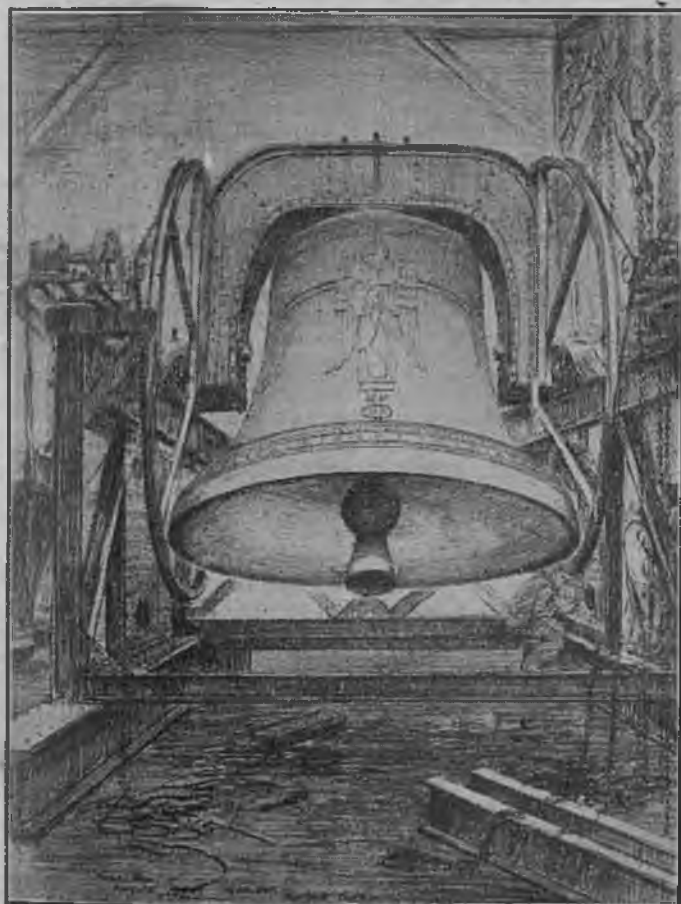
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'SCIENTIFIC' VERSUS 'STONY' RINGING

There is no place in England where 'stony' ringing is dying harder than in Devon, because there is no place where, such as it is, it is better done. We referred in a recent article to the Devon Guild's rival association which is encouraging the 'non-scientific' ringing in that county and which has many adherents in ringing circles and is backed by influential churchmen. This association promotes competitions for set-change ringing and rising and falling in peal, and while it is remarkable that ringers can be satisfied with the limitations which this style of ringing imposes, it is of no use to disguise the fact that these men take a real pride in their performances. With them good striking is the only thing that matters. It is true that it is more easily attained in ringing of this kind than it is in what these Devon men term 'scientific' ringing; for one thing because of the liability of error which presents itself in change ringing, but where good striking is the only thing that counts—and we wish that much more importance was attached to it than is the case among some ringers—arguments in favour of any other style of ringing, which tends to make perfection less likely of attainment, carry little conviction.

The report of the recent ringing tour in Devon threw a humorous sidelight upon what some Devonians think of the capabilities of the 'scientific' men, and the only way to win them over to change ringing is to prove by practical demonstration that such ringing can be as well struck as the 'stony' class. Moreover, the public in Devon are used to hearing good 'rising' and 'falling' in peal, and the company that cannot do this is without prestige in their eyes. The best 'scientific' that ever was heard would not completely fill the bill, unless it can be preceded by a good 'rise' and followed by an equally good 'fall.' To conquer the 'stony' ramparts in Devon the 'scientific' ringers have got to be able to meet their rivals on an equal footing with regard to their striking and to show them not only the increased interest which can be found in change ringing, but also that it can be performed equally as well as the 'stony' brand. It is pleasing, therefore, to learn of an Exeter band of ringers who have been out into the rival 'country' and won the approval of ringers in parishes where 'stony' prevails, by their excellent change ringing and raising and falling the bells in peal. It is only by practical demonstrations of this kind that it can be hoped to carry the opposition 'strongholds,' and we trust that more will be heard of this plan of campaign.

While referring to this topic, we should like again to emphasise the real importance of ringers generally prac-

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tising 'rising' and 'falling' in peal. It has obvious advantages over the haphazard and casual manner of pulling up and lowering bells which is only too often to be heard; and there are comparatively few towers where it is done with anything like real precision. This prelude and conclusion to a well struck touch can be made quite impressive, but it requires practice. There are, however, few places where any attention is given to this feature of ringing, and when it is done it far too often ends in a clanging and clashing which is worse than the ringing of single bells. 'Rising and falling' requires practice and ought to be a part of the instruction given to every young ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY MASSAM	Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	ALBERT WORMALD	6
HARRY WARD	3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	7
*GEORGE COPLEY	4	†J. A. BOWERS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILLIAM STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE	Treble	THOMAS WATSON	5
THOMAS CHAMBERS	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
MISS M. CLAYTON	3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	7
WILLIAM MILLER	4	WILLIAM HALL	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Fung as a farewell peal to Miss A. Duerden, a teacher in the above parish, who sailed on Friday, September 7th, for the mission field in China.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ...	Treble	†PERCY HARRISON	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE	6
*ALBAN DISNEY	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSIAH MORRIS	4	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in the method. † First in method 'inside.' Rung to oblige Inspector Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, who was visiting this, his native village.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	THOMAS WATSON	5
*WILLIAM BRIGGS	2	JAMES HARRISON	6
MISS M. CLAYTON	3	FREDERICK HINDLE	7
THOMAS CALDERBANK	4	WILLIAM E. WILSON	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	JAMES H. RAPER 6
THOMAS PITTHAM 3	THOMAS W. CHOWN 7
† ALFRED G. GRANT 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS W. CHOWN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

* WILLIAM C. WEST Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SIDNEY HILLIER 7
† THOMAS DAVISON 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
* JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JOHN P. FIDLER 6
* ERNEST BENNETT 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by EDWARD JENKINS. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. This composition, which is in forty-seven courses, has twenty-three 4-6-8's, six 5-6-8's, and eighteen 6-7-8's, is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
JOHN A. BREARLEY 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd.

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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A 'FREDERICK' PEAL BY MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL (Milton-next-Gravesend) Tre bl	
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON (Brockley) 2	
FREDERICK G. BRETT (Canterbury) 3	
REV. FREDERICK J. O. HELMORE (Canterbury) 4	
* FREDERICK R. WELLER (Canterbury) 5	
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL (Milton-next-Gravesend) 6	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. (Erith) 7	
FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD (Canterbury) Tenor	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman. The band tender their hearty congratulations to the veteran secretary of the Kent Association, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, on his excellent ringing.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

* ALLAN R. PINK Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
FRANK BLONDELL 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor.

The ringers of the treble has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	HENRY E. COX 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	GEORGE PRYKE 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	CHARLES W. PARKER 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
HARRY R. ROPER 4	GEORGE W. ABLETT Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

WALLASEY.—At St. Nicholas' Church (Harrison Memorial), on Wednesday, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Collingwood (first 720) 1, J. Greasley 2, F. Brotherton (first in the method) 3, E. Parry 4, T. A. Rogers (conductor) 5, W. E. Simpson 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	GEORGE FAULKNER 6
ALBERT WARD 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD KENT Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES MASON 6
ARTHUR PASHLEV 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
J. FRED MILNER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MANCETTER, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen extents each of Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JAMES H. RAFTER... .. 3
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal on these bells since their rehanging by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three 720's of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR CLEMENT Treble	CHARLES F. VASEY 4
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 5
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. † 60th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sheraton. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th are local men.

ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, twelve St. Dunstan's, ten Grandsire, six 240's spliced, by A. J. Pitman, all differently called.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	Cecil E. Carr 3
A NORMAN GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
HENRY BIRD... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, made five in 1907, the four back bells being dated 1624. This is the 112th tower in this diocese in which the conductor has rung peals. The Vicar kindly provided tea after the peal.

KENSINGTON.—On Monday, September 10th, in St. Mary Abbot's heffry, on handbells, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Challis F. Winney (conductor) 1-2, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 3-4, W. E. Judd 5-6, Joseph Herbert 7-8.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE 2	JAMES H. RAFTER 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAFTER.

Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of Charles G. Bates, chorister and ringing secretary at this church.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT L. BALL Treble	JOHN KING 4
*JAMES WARD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven methods, and first attempt. This is the first extent of London Surprise rung to a peal in the county.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD ASBURY Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 4
JOHN PARKER 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
JOHN MATTHEWS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RUSSELL WARD Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
*CHARLES TAYLOR 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
W. FORSTER Tenor	

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED T. GOUGH Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	†ROBERT H. JONES 5
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY C. ABLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. All the ringers are from Knighton. Ringers of the treble and 5th joined the Knighton band in October, 1927, as probationers.

'BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.'

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the publication of Mr. J. R. Nichols' book, 'Bells Through the Ages,' although the price will certainly put it out of reach of the average ringer's pocket, would be a splendid book to form the start of a branch or tower library where none exists, and a good addition to those already formed. Many branches and associations have funds lying idle, and this is one way in which those funds would do good, as ringers can borrow books they would not otherwise be able to read.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. BLACK.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

Witness: W. J. MAYHEW.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Kent Maximus on handbells by all the band, except the ringer of 7-8, also first in Ipswich.

AN 'ISLAND' EXCURSION.

Few can boast of having such an enjoyable annual outing as the Haslemere ringers, together with a lady ringer from outside, spent this year. September 1st was the much-longed-for day, and all hoped that fate would be kind and give them the sun which had shone so promisingly during the week. The place chosen was the Isle of Wight, and all who know the island agree that visits could be made there year after year with added interest. The tour had been planned so that the visitors could combine sight-seeing with ringing, and only two towers were booked. Nine members of the Haslemere band were lined up on Haslemere platform in readiness for the Portsmouth train, which came steaming into the station at 8.12 a.m. The visitor had already taken her seat at Guildford, having made an early start to catch the connection. Arriving at Portsmouth Harbour at 9.30, attention was centred on finding the remaining members, who had arranged to meet the band before crossing to the island. Then in full force the company proceeded to the boat, and after a pleasant trip across, some enjoying the sea air and sunshine on deck, whilst others felt happier below, Ryde was reached, where a charabanc waited to take the party for a ride, and, incidentally, drop them at Godshill, the first tower booked. The trip through Brading, then along the coast via Sandown and Shanklin, turning again inland, was a drive full of interest. Short halts were made by the driver, who described the places of note en route, and all enjoyed the pleasant woods and fields. Arriving at Godshill, the charabanc unloaded its freight, and a steady climb was made for the church, which is perched on the hilltop. All who have been there will remember the steep steps before reaching the church door. The bells were raised in peal in West Country fashion, which made the steeplekeeper remark, 'They did not often hear bells raised like that.' Touches of Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung, also a few rounds, so that all had a chance of a 'pull.'

The next item on the programme was the call for lunch, but before a start could be made three more were wanted to complete the party. They were found in a small refreshment shop, devouring ices, and objected very much to the suggestion that they could bring them with them. A most excellent lunch was partaken of at Niton, and all felt much refreshed, and ready for the walk to Blackgang Chine. A happy and jolly party it was that strolled across the downs, and various exclamations of delight and admiration were heard upon the beauties of the countryside.

It was here where some few months ago the peaceful village was greatly disturbed by an alarming landslide, and much interest was aroused in the company, also much anxiety, when some of the more inquisitive ones peered perilously over the side of the adjoining cliff. Once more the band boarded the charabanc, the motor having to make a detour to avoid the landslide, and a start was made for Freshwater.

Time and space do not permit the writer to give a lengthy description, but all who know the picturesque and enchanting scenery, quaint and beautiful old-fashioned houses and farms of the Tudor period, here and there attractive cottages, with their thatched roofs, and gardens one mass of colour, will join with her in the never-to-be-forgotten memories.

Freshwater bells were soon up and ready, the first touch being Oxford Minor by special request, then touches of Plain Bob, finishing with a few rounds for the pupil. The bells here were given by Lord Tennyson, and hung in a tiny tower, four over two, with a tiny rope circle on the ground floor.

A hurried departure was then made for Ryde, as the visitor realised that she would only just have time to board the train at Portsmouth which met the connection at Guildford, and very reluctantly she walked to the steamer at Ryde, leaving the others behind to enjoy more sea air. The band would like to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, also towerkeepers and kind members of the party who arranged everything so satisfactorily.

I. L. H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**REVIEW OF THE YEAR IN THE PRESTON BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's, Chorley, on Saturday, September 8th. During the day ringers attended from numerous branch towers, and among those present were the general ringing secretary and branch secretaries from the Blackburn and Wigan Branches.

The bells were kept going in various methods from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise, a considerable portion of the time being given to taking quite a few of the branch's younger members through their first touches.

In opening the business meeting, Mr. Sharples, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from the Blackburn and Wigan Branches.

Three new members from Browedge were elected.

Mr. Sharples gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings at the general committee meeting, which was held at St. Helens last July. He was heartily thanked for his report.

The secretary presented a report of the work in the branch. During the year, he said, ten business meetings and one ringing meeting, as well as the annual social, had been held. The average attendance had been much lower than in the last year or two, being rather over twenty this year, as against nearly thirty last year. One couldn't account for it, whether there is less interest amongst the members, or whether the state of trade generally had a bearing on it. Thirteen branch peals had been rung as follow: Minor in two methods, one, at Leyland St. James'; Minor in three methods, two, one each at Leyland St. James' and Brindle; Minor in five methods, three, all at Brindle; Kent Treble Bob Major, three, one each at Chorley St. Mary's, Bispham, and Whittle-le-Woods. The other peals were Double Norwich, rung at Chorley St. Mary's, Samlesbury, Hoghton and Penwortham. Three of the Minor peals at Brindle, and the Kent Treble Bob Major at Whittle-le-Woods, were local peals. One peal at Brindle was rung muffled as a last token of respect to the late secretary of the Blackburn Branch, Mr. Jack Watson. The peal of Double Norwich at Hoghton, and a date touch of Grandsire Triples at Chorley Parish Church, were rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley Parish Church. Twenty-eight members took part in the peals, seven of whom rang their 'first' in one or more methods, whilst two members conducted their first peals. The list was equal to any they have had in the past, both in numbers and methods. During the year, Browedge bells had been recast, augmented to the full octave, and put in a new frame with all the latest improvements by Messrs. Taylor and Co., whilst the bells at Higher Walton were being overhauled and augmented by the same firm. The bells at Ribchester were also to receive some attention from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, although some members were getting into arrears. They had made six new members, or old members rejoined.—On the motion of Mr. Blagg, seconded by Mr. E. R. Martin, the report was accepted.

The next business was the election of secretary. Mr. J. Brown moved, and Mr. J. T. Miller seconded, Mr. E. R. Martin supporting, that the retiring secretary be re-elected, and this was carried.—The secretary thanked the members briefly for their confidence.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the church authorities for the use of the bells, concluded the business.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BELLS UNSAFE TO RING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Shaw, Thatcham, and the local ringers. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters), who gave a very interesting address. Miss Waterhouse presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Royal Oak by Mr. and Mrs. Love, when 23 sat down, including the Rector, Miss Waterhouse, Misses Drake and Mr. F. N. A. Garry, O.B.E.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis. The Rev. Smith-Masters was elected an hon. member, one new ringing member from Yattendon tower was also elected.

Owing to Newbury bells being unsafe to ring, it was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Shaw on Saturday, November 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, Miss Waterhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Love, proposed by Mr. Curtis and seconded by Mr. W. Mathews. The tower was again visited, and some good touches rung in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

DORCHESTER ABBEY, OXON.—On Wednesday, September 5th, after meeting short for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Henley 3, C. W. Pipe 4, W. Hutton 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stilwell 7, J. H. Crop-ley 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXFORD GUILD MASTER'S ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERS.

Nearly a hundred ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Belbroughton on Saturday week, when the preacher at the service was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The event was favoured with glorious weather, and everything conducted to make an enjoyable and memorable gathering. The bells were rung both afternoon and evening, and at the service the Rector (the Rev. D. A. Townsend) was at the organ.

The address was of that practical type for which the Oxford Guild Master is famous in ringing circles. He took as his text St. Paul's second Epistle to Timothy, ii. 15: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.' He said this was a message from one minister to another; it was also very appropriate for bellringers, who were Christian ministers with a specific work to perform. First they must study, and give great diligence to their work. Ringing was not laborious as some people wrongly thought, for bells could be rung with very little exertion. Guilds were in existence to help to make good ringers. It was not a question of deep learning. In the olden times uneducated countrymen could ring changes in the highest methods, learning with such crude things as chalk and slate to work out the different combinations; but study was necessary and made a big call on the time, and often on the temper. Bellringing was a work approved of God. As His messengers, bellringers must do their best, for God's glory. The task made demands, but the work was entrancing. It implied an object in life. As Jesus was trained at Nazareth, a workman first and then a teacher, so the bellringer had to be trained first before he could impart his knowledge efficiently to others. They were not to be ashamed of the duty entrusted to them, although they must cherish that precious possession of shame for works unworthy of a ringer. There ought to be no slipshod ringing, no bad instructions, and certainly no acts of levity in the belfry.

After the service, tea was provided in the Church Hall by a band of ladies, including Mrs. Hopcroft, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Riste, and this was very greatly appreciated. The Rector apologised for the absence of the people's warden, Mr. Handley.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Rural Dean (Canon Newland), and the Rev. T. C. de la Haye (Rector of Bromsgrove), Messrs. A. J. Skelding (hon. secretary), J. D. Johnson (Ringing Master), T. Salter (Central Committee representative), Mason (Hagley), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and J. Hemming (Southern Branch).

Mr. Parsons offered a warm welcome to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and thanks for his address. It was the first time in his memory that an outside clergyman had addressed them. He hoped the Dean of Worcester would invite Mr. Jenkyn to the Cathedral service, for all ringers knew him well. His address and presence that day showed that he was just the man for the work. He welcomed Canon Newland and hoped he would often grace their meetings by his presence.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was elected Ringing Master. Mr. A. J. Skelding was re-elected branch secretary, with a warm tribute to his work for the association.—Mr. Skelding, in returning thanks, said he took no honour to himself; he did his work for the honour of the Church.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Thos. Townsend (Netherton), Hy. Perrins and John Potter (Wollaston), G. Fern (Bromsgrove), A. Hollis and S. Woodward (Belbroughton), and the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis (Bewdley).

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Oldbury, and a letter was received stating that if this were agreed to everything would be done to make the visit a success. Brierley Hill was also proposed, but Oldbury was fixed upon, and the date was left with the secretary and the Oldbury Vicar.

Mr. W. Short (Clent), who was appointed as Central Committee representative, proposed that the quarterly peal be rung at Belbroughton; the local band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Calcutt could be encouraged to qualify to ring in the peal. Belbroughton had now a very enthusiastic band of young ringers.—Mr. Calcutt said it was a great compliment to the Belbroughton ringers, and he was sure his men would strive to make themselves competent, especially if Mr. Short could spare time to teach them.—Mr. Matthews promised to help Mr. Short in this work.

Thanks were expressed to the ladies who provided tea. Ringing arrangements were in the hands of that stalwart, Mr. W. Short, who, although lame, is as alert as ever.

At Clent, after the meeting, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn took part in a course of London Surprise Major, and a touch of Stedman Triples. On Sunday, at Chaddesley Corbett, courses of Cambridge Surprise, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, and at Bromsgrove there was a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by W. Short (conductor) 1, J. Bass 2, A. E. Parsons 3, T. J. Salter 4, C. Skidmore 5, J. Hemming 6, H. C. Bird 7, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 8, R. Matthews 9, A. Hackett 10. Afterwards, some of the local band rang a course of Grandsire Caters for the evening service, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn preached the sermon.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT LUSTLEIGH.

Lustleigh, a pretty little South Devon village, situate on the borders of Dartmoor, was the venue for the summer meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, which took place on Saturday. There was a moderate attendance, but the Rector and the local men did what they could to make the visitors very welcome, and thus the meeting was all the more enjoyable. Three of the local band also rang the tenor behind to some touches, and they did very well for their first time.

Visitors were present from Brixham, Paignton, Cockington, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth and Devonport, and the bells, a handy ring of six, rehung a few years ago by the Croydon Foundry, were kept going during the afternoon to Grandsire Doubles. A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. Ryder), who, in the course of an eloquent address, extended a very hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. The Secretary (Mr. H. J. Hole) apologised for the absence of the chairman (Mr. F. J. Laxton), who had a serious loss recently. He also read a number of apologies for absence.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, November 10th, Churston and Brixham were chosen. Two new members were elected.

Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the organist for her assistance at the service, and to the local ringers for their presence. This was seconded, and the Rector suitably replied.

This concluded the business, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing. Although the attendance was not large, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT RHYL.

A very enjoyable day was spent at Rhyl on Saturday, September 1st, by members of the North Wales Association upon the occasion of the half-yearly meeting. The day was beautifully fine, and members were present from Bangor, Llandudno, Abergelle, Wrexham, Gresford and Hope. A service was held at St. Thomas' Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Edwards Davies), who gave an excellent address.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Jones (Wrexham) in the absence of the president, who sent his expression of regret.

Several alterations in the rules were put forward by the Master (Mr. A. J. Hughes).

Fourteen ringing members and five probationers were elected, also Mr. E. A. Brooks, Dursley, Gloucestershire, as a life member.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Mr. Jones for presiding, to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the ladies who kindly helped with the tea.

Good practice was put in after tea on tower and handbells under the guidance of the Ringing Master.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES GEORGE BATES.

On earth there is no finer crown, no laurel wreath of texture rare, than that which we ringers accord to a brother who has passed to that place where skill in methods, ability to handle a bell, the peculiar capacity to put bobs in their own appointed places, or to rise and fall in peal count as naught, when we ring the 'whole pull and stand.' It has been my melancholy duty—I say, perforce, duty, for duty must be done—to stand by the side of the grave of our fellow-ringer, Charles G. Bates, who passed away on Wednesday, August 29th, aged only 38, leaving a wife and four children, all of school age, to mourn their loss.

George, as the writer knew him, was always ready to do his bit to the best of his abilities, and many who have passed beyond with a louder fanfare could do no more. 'Better love hath no man . . . Let us, who are left, see to it that we merit the same encomium.'

As a ringer and a chorister, his short sojourn in this 'vale of tears' had been a path of duty done. The few peals he had rung—twenty-three in all—had been performed to the best of his ability; he gave always of his best.

Charles George Bates was born on July 12th, 1890, and was for many years a chorister and ringer at Exhall, Warwickshire. It is a melancholy coincidence that he should have attempted his last peal on his birthday, July 12th. It was lost in the sixth extent, and he there and then booked down in his diary St. Giles' Day, September 1st, for the next attempt. He was, however, taken ill with a nervous complaint shortly after, and died on August 29th. He was buried on St. Giles' Day, the day he had appointed for his peal.

He rang his first peal at Exhall on March 12th, 1927, and his twenty-third and last peal at Wolvey on June 23rd, 1928. Twenty of his peals were rung for the Warwickshire Guild, two for the Midland Counties Association, and his only peal of Triples for the St. Martin's Guild.

J. E. S.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY MEETING AT PENTRE.

It has been stated that the Rhondda Valley produces the very best steam coal in the world, and it is at the top of this valley that Pentre is situated, right in the midst of the Welsh Hills and Welsh coal. Here it was that a quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday last. The church is a very beautiful one, the finest of the valley, and the bells, too, are a very fine peal of eight by Taylor, with a 27 cwt. tenor. Early in the afternoon many put in an appearance. The bells were raised and kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. D. Spenser Jones) officiating, and having the assistance of his curate. The address, a very able and inspiring one, was much appreciated.

Immediately following the service, a sumptuous tea was served in the schoolroom, very kindly provided by the friends of the church.

The business meeting followed, and at the outset a last tribute of respect was paid to the late Mr. S. Dawe by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The usual routine business followed, and several new members enrolled.

The next meeting is to be held at Llangibby.

The muster was a very fine one. The very heartiest welcome was accorded Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of Cardiff, this being the first meeting he has been able to attend since his terrible accident two or three years ago. Although progressing favourably, it will be some time yet before he can take his accustomed place as conductor of Grandsire Caters. All wished him a speedy recovery.

The very best thanks were accorded to all, including the Vicar, ladies and local ringers, for their great kindness and hospitality.—This closed the meeting, amongst the visitors at which was Mr. Simmonds, of Oxford.

The unveiling then took place of a beautiful peal tablet, erected in the tower to the memory of the late Mr. James Cross, who died some time ago with such tragic suddenness. The unveiling and dedication were performed by the Vicar in the presence of a chamber full of ringers. The peal recorded is one of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Cross. He was one of the most enthusiastic of the local ringers, and his loss was keenly felt.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening, a variety of methods being practised from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The meeting was one of the very best in the history of the association, the most pleasant and a huge success.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHERN DISTRICT WELCOMED AT NEATH.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st, when about 30 members attended from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Swansea, Morriston, and the local band, and visitors from Bedwellty and Aberdare. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rector of Neath (Rev. G. Francis), who gave a very interesting address and a hearty welcome to the Guild to Neath. Tea followed in the church Room, given by Mrs. Couch, and was very much enjoyed by all present.

The business meeting was held after tea, the Rector taking the chair. Three new members were elected, and Swansea chosen for the next meeting.

Songs were sung by friends at Neath between the items on the agenda, and were appreciated by all.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, also to the lady organist for her service, both at the organ and piano, to the artists who gave much pleasure to the company with their songs, and to Mrs. Couch for the splendid tea given.—The Rector, in replying, said how very pleased they were all to welcome the Guild to Neath and to make everyone as happy as possible while there.

The bells, although not going any too well, were made good use of when the standard methods were rung, including Spiced Treble Bob.

PEAL RINGERS AS SERVICE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re your leading article and the fact that service ringing is falling off, if all incumbents decided that no peals should be attempted unless a quarter-peal was rung on the bells by the band to attempt the peal on the Sunday previous to the attempt, it would 'dig up' quite a lot of service ringers. There are a number of really good ringers who are quite able instructors, who never show up to help unless a peal is on the programme. If we must have peals, we must have peal ringers, and the best way to have them is to make them; and the only people who can make them are the peal ringers. I am afraid, therefore, that a little more energy will have to be expended by the good ringers if the supply of peal ringers is to be kept up. At present the demand exceeds the supply, so I must conclude that the producers are lagging behind.—Yours very respectfully,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Wednesday there is to be a broadcast talk on 'The English Art of Bellingmg' at 7 p.m. This talk was arranged between the Central Council and the B.B.C., and is to be given by the Rev. F. L. Edwards. There will be handbell illustrations.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, last week just missed scoring their first local peal—Grandsire Triples. They had splendid ringing for 3 hrs. 7 mins., and came to grief when only three bobs remained to be called. We wish them success when next they venture.

The quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Woodbridge has been postponed to September 29th.

A 'Frederick' peal by men of Kent and Kentish men was rung at Rainham on Saturday, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the veteran hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, being of the band.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose principal claim to fame is his peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, whose lineal descendant is the present St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was rung at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral, on September 16th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Drayton in the year 1896.

We should not think much in these days of a bell hanger who left a new peal of 10 bells so that the 9th required two men and the tenor three men to ring them. But such was the case when William D. Crofts called 5,130 Grandsire Caters on 'the new peal of ten bells at Grantham.' Ten of the band were from Nottingham, and the other three from Newark.

MANCETTER'S OLD RING.

FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CENTURY BELLS.

A peal rung on the five bells at Mancetter, Warwickshire, is a reminder that the whole ring is of great age. Nevertheless the tenor is a very fine old bell, in E flat, about 10½ cwt. (diameter 48½ inches).

The treble is by Thomas Hancox, of Walsall, 1633 (diameter 34½ inches, weight about 7½ cwt.).

The second is a very old bell, probably by Johannes de York, or from the foundry of William Noble or Thomas Innocent. It may date from about 1420 (diameter 36 inches, weight 8½ cwt.).

The third was cast in 1641 by Hugh Watts (diameter 39½ inches, weight 11 cwt.).

The fourth is the oldest bell. Its founder was John Hose, 1352-1366, whose cottage, near All Saints' Church, Leicester, is mentioned in 1352, and in the Merchant Guild entries of 1366 (diameter 44 inches, weight 15 cwt.).

The tenor is by George Oldfield, of Nottingham, 1647.

Although the present bells are a ring of veritable veterans, they could be augmented to make a grand ring of eight.

The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WATH BAND WIN COMPETITION.

The annual shield contest took place on Saturday at Penistone on a well-hung and beautiful peal of bells placed at the disposal of the association by the Vicar, Rev. F. B. Carlton. The event was favoured with fine weather, and nine bands entered. All made a gallant attempt to carry home the trophy. The judges were Messrs. J. and R. Brearley (Bolsterstone) and W. Idle (Dewsbury). It will be noted the winners had a hard fight. Shelley, who won the shield for the first two years, now fall into second place for next year, defeated, but possessed of the highest admiration for their honourable opponents. The figures are given below.

The welcome given by Penistone was most hearty. The fund for the purchase of the individual awards was largely collected by Mr. F. Tinker, who also had the greater share in making the local arrangements.

At the end of contest, a business meeting was held, when Darfield was selected for the October meeting.

Mrs. Hodgkinson, a well-known Penistone lady, handed the prizes to the winners, viz., the shield to be held for one year, and six cut-glass bowls and spoons to the Wath (No. 1) company, and six alarm clocks to the Sholley band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Hodgkinson, the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Carlton), the churchwardens, Mr. F. Tinker, and others who had contributed to the success of the proceedings. Results:—

1. Wath (No. 1 band)	71 faults.
2. Shelley	76 "
3. Sandal	86 "
4. Cawthorne	200 "
5. Darfield	224 "
6. Hoylandswaine	275 "
7. Felkirk	282 "
8. Darton	284 "
9. Wath (No. 2 band)	321 "

METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Owing to the not very prudent way in which the report of the committee for collecting Minor methods has been handled, attention has been centred on the actual names which have been chosen, rather than on the classification of the methods, which is, of course, the proper work of that committee. The Exercise at present does not, since the death of Canon Papillon, possess anyone who has any great knowledge of philology, and it is not quite fair to blame a committee chosen for its knowledge of the science of change ringing for its errors in philology. But the classification of the methods which they have collected is especially their job, and we certainly look to them to exercise ordinary carefulness in the matter.

The first thing that strikes the eye is that under a list headed Minor Methods, the last section is entitled 'Triples Methods'! It is no doubt a convenience to have these names included, but why call them both Minor and Triples at the same time? Even Mr. Pickwick with 'Triple Bob Majors' was not so foolish! Surely it was possible so to word the list as to make the proper classification clear. For instance, a footnote might have been added to the first section, saying 'numbers so-and-so are also Triples Methods.' If the list is intended to include all Triples methods, obviously the Stedman system is omitted. If not, the principle of selection should have been stated.

Moreover, this section should have been laid before the Council in order that errors or omissions could be pointed out, or some principle of classification decided on. It would then have been possible to have had corrected the surprising statement from these three experts of all people that Grandsire and Plain are not only different methods, but are not even in the same class! If the footnote I have suggested were inserted, it would be easy to say, 'Nos. 1 and 1a on odd bells are called Grandsire,' or some such explanation.

In this connection I pointed out at Hereford the meaninglessness of the name given to 1a, viz., 'Reverse Bob.' Apparently the authors of this report, when they ring Plain Bob, call out, 'Go, Bob.' Most ringers, at any rate those who know what they are talking about, call, 'Go, Plain.' Therefore this method should be called 'Reverse Plain.'

As a matter of fact, these two methods have really no name, for both Plain and Bob are descriptions, or names of classes and not of methods. But these three experts should be the last to use such a term as Reverse Bob. We have been told so emphatically by them that certain methods are 'Bob' methods, and that that name must on no account be left out, that it seems strange to be told that there is only one Reverse Bob method, and that one so unimportant as not to have a whole number to itself.

Is 'Double Bob' an error for 'Double Plain,' or is it the only Bob method which can be doubled?

I notice that while there are two Pleasure methods which are called Bobs, there are ten methods in the list which are not so distinguished. Why is this? If they belong to a different class, this section should be sub-divided. At present one has an uneasy feeling that there are probably mistakes, especially as one notices that lower down the word Bob is omitted after Grandsire.

Similar observations can be made on the next three sections. Two of the Treble Bob methods are called 'Pleasure' instead of Treble Bob. It would appear that Pleasure is a cross classification. If so, this should have been noted, equally also if it is not. Each of the Delight lists have two names in them which are not Delights. It should be explained why they are there. The Surprise list seems to be the only one that is consistent, and it therefore seems surprising (if I may so put it) that the word 'Surprise' needs to be repeated 46 times.

At Hereford I asked for the information which would explain these anomalies, and Mr. Law James said it was published twenty years ago. I replied that was the very reason I was asking for it. I read it when published, but in twenty years I may be forgiven for forgetting it. It is possible that I may not know where to look it up, or even that I do not care to go to that trouble. But in any case I am writing on behalf of those whose ringing career does not go back twenty years, and for those who come after us. They, at least, are entitled to a short definition of what a Plain method is, or a Bob, Treble Bob, Delight, or Surprise method. And if they are not to find it in the Collection of Methods, and in the lists given in such a collection, where are they to find it?

If it be objected that this would take up too much room, one may point out that it would not occupy so much space as the tautological repetition of class names, which they have given us. If they cannot define a 'Surprise' method in less than 46 words, they should get someone else to do so.

Let us hope that for their own reputation these three experts will revise these crude lists before publication, and arrange them in the proper scientific manner, which they know well how to do.

With regard to details, at Hereford I pointed out how ridiculous the name Bogedone is. To my surprise no one seemed to know anything about it, neither what it meant, nor how it was pronounced, nor even with how many syllables. (It could have two, three or four.) Mr. Trollope promised me to try to find out and see if it could be altered. Apparently he has not succeeded. Why this superstitious reverence to an unknown name? We do not want to make ourselves merely silly. I would conjecture that someone has been pulling the legs of the committee, and seeing how much they will swallow. Cuneastre is almost as bad.

A correspondent in 'The Ringing World' mentioned that I again objected to the name 'Immanuel.' This was a mistake. I have only objected to it once, at Hereford. In case some still regret its omission, may I point out that such a word should not be used as a mere title of anything not divine. It is true that names of the deity are used in other countries sometimes as Christian names, and in other ways more freely than in England, but most English people would resent the introduction of such a custom among us. If the method had been called Immanuel Church Surprise, it would not have been so bad, but the committee have done well to leave the word out altogether.

Will not the discoverer of Kent Surprise find some other name for his bantling? Nowadays such a name implies that it is a variation, or connected in some way with Kent Treble Bob. I take it he wants it to stand on its own feet. If so, let it have its own name, and do not let it try to sail under false colours.

TWO MORE PLAIN MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your readers will remember that when the Central Council published the present 'Collection of Minor Methods' several Treble Bob methods were omitted, as was discovered later by Mr. E. H. Lewis. I do not know whether it is known that two plain methods were overlooked, but I do not remember that this has ever been pointed out in your columns. Now that the Minor Collection is to be reprinted, I give below the figures for these methods. I am aware that some fault could be found with them, but every objection that applies to them applies equally, I think, to several methods which already appear in the 'Collection.' At any rate, in the extents where the tenor is called W.R.W., 5 and 6 do not come together the wrong way behind, so that in this respect at least they are better than some methods which have been included in the 'Collection.' But the real reason why they should be inserted is that this book professes to contain 'all legitimate Minor methods, except such as have 5th's place without the treble in 6th's,' but, of course, it does not do so, without these two.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

60, Coleman Road,
Belvedere, Kent.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
246513	246513
245631	245631
425361	425361
423516	423516
243156	243156
421365	421365
412635	412635
146253	146253
164523	142635

[If these methods have been rung, the names, with dates of first ringing, should at once be made known.—En. 'R.W.']

DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are delighted to see from this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the five regular Double Surprise methods are to be included in the new book of Minor Methods. I desire to thank you personally for your kindness in bringing the matter before the Central Council meeting at Hereford, without which they would probably have been lost in oblivion. The Norton band and myself are very grateful to you.—Yours delightedly,

J. E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note in your current issue the 'List of names' it is proposed to print in the next issue of the 'Minor Collection.' Might I respectfully suggest to the committee that they substitute the name 'Hattersley' for Pennine, No. 24 Treble Bob method. Also I see no mention of the Double Surprise Minor methods such as Kingsley and Brownedge. Why not include the best of them under a separate heading as examples?—Yours,

SAMIWELL.

[Nos. 42 to 46 inclusive of the Surprise Methods are of the Double variety.—En. 'R.W.']

RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns appeal to subscribers to the Directory to notify any omission. All subscribers by this time should have received their copy. There are copies available to non-subscribers, 1s. each.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

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St. Michael's, Bristol.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING.

All the ringers whose names were mentioned in these notes a fortnight ago as having taken part in the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's last peal were prominent members of the Norwich Association. Frederick Day was a bell hanger of Eyc. He and his father, George Day, did a lot of good work in the Eastern Counties. Their hanging was in the old style in wooden frames with plain bearings, and it was hand work without the aid of the accurate and expensive plant that modern bell hangers use. Fred Day was a master craftsman, and worked himself, and, as I have said, his work was good. One of his principal jobs was the rehanging of Mancroft twelve in the eighties of last century, and, as everyone knows who has rung on these bells, they went excellently. He was not, however, very successful in the re-clappering of the bells. The frame was the original one put in when the bells were first installed in 1775. It was made by a man named Williams, and Fred Day told me that no tower in England contained a better designed or better constructed frame than that. Unfortunately, through the decay of the older beams which supported it, it has recently had to be replaced by an iron frame.

The Rev. J. H. Pilkington was the Rector of Framlingham. At an unusually late time of life he took an interest in ringing, and speedily became a proficient ringer and conductor in the methods then practised and a composer of more than average ability. In Bob Major he produced some peals which were distinctly original in plan and qualities, not an easy thing to do in a method which had been so much exploited.

William Ireland was for many years one of the leading ringers at Diss, where there has been for many years a good band. He was a handbell ringer when such were comparatively few. He took part in one or two notable peals, including the first of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung in hand by the association. This was in 1889, and was conducted by Mr. John Souter. Mr. Crickmer and Mr. John Souter are still alive and active, and there is no need to say anything about their outstanding abilities as ringers.

In 1891 Mr. Bulwer was elected honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, and held those offices until his death. The success or failure of such a body as the Central Council depends in no small measure on the work, mostly unrecorded and unknown, that is done by its secretary, and Mr. Bulwer was a man especially fitted for the job.

On the theoretic side of change ringing, Mr. Bulwer did work which was extremely valuable and lasting in its effect, but by the nature of the case it was work which was largely the preparation for further advance, rather than the attainment of final results. The exception to this was the investigation into peals of Stedman Triples which he and Sir Arthur Heywood made with help from Mr. W. H. Thompson and others. The results of these investigations are printed in Mr. Davies' 'Stedman,' and it is safe to say that it leaves little to be said about the structure and composition of 'Twin Bob' peals in that method. These chapters are not easy reading, and they are decidedly calculated to impress one with the fact that there are problems in change ringing worthy of the best intellects.

Towards the end of the last century the Exercise produced several men who began to write books and articles on ringing. It had been a long time since a really good book had appeared on the subject. Some of the earlier books are quite well written, especially Stedman's 'Tintinnologia,' and, in a different way, the 'Clavis.' Shipway's work, too, is as a handbook an excellent production, but the later books, Hubbard, Sottanastall and Bannister, are inferior. Then Jasper Snowden began to publish his series, first as articles in 'Church Bells' and the 'Bell News,' and after as books. Then Mr. Davies, Mr. Heywood and others began to publish articles to try and explain the scientific side of ringing.

One difficulty they found, as all of us who have tried to write such articles are sure to find, and that is that the technical terms in use are often too vague and not sufficiently understood by the reader. When you use a term you can never be quite sure that your reader understands exactly what you mean. In the preface to 'Duffield,' Sir Arthur Heywood pleaded strongly for a reform in ringing terminology, and when the Central Council was founded this was one of the first jobs tackled.

The work was done practically entirely by Mr. Bulwer, and the result is the 'Glossary,' a book which every ringer should possess. It consists of two parts—one part excellent, the other useful in its time but now quite superseded and out of date. The first part contains an explanation of every technical term in use, either in the belfry or in dealing with the theory of ringing. To compile it meant a vast amount of labour and research. Naturally these terms have been added to in the years that have elapsed since the 'Glossary' was published, for every one who writes about new facts and new truths must find the old terms inadequate, and must coin new ones for new uses, but the wise man will always do this as little as possible and never introduce a new term without giving a very careful and full definition of it.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSAL TO AUGMENT BOSHAM BELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham on Saturday, September 1st. The weather being fine and sunny a large company of ringers and their friends spent a very enjoyable time in this out-of-the-way and picturesque corner of Sussex.

The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon, and the ringers attended a shortened evensong, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Geo. Street, officiated, and Mr. J. T. Wright presided at the organ. The Vicar, in the course of a short address, extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and a collection of just over 15s. was devoted to the association's benevolent fund.

The ringers assembled at the Anchor Inn for a substantial meat tea, under the presidency of the Vicar, with Mr. G. Brown in the vice-chair. The company included Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking), and Miss Nancie Denyer and Mr. B. Clark (Aldershot). The following towers were also represented: Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lewes, Shoreham, Slinfold, Pulborough, West Tarring and the local band.

The only formal business which followed the tea was the decision to hold the next quarterly meeting at Shoreham.

Mr. Blake raised the question of the re-election of the Bosham band of ringers and the re-affiliation of the tower, which he requested the Vicar to bring forward at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

At the instance of the hon. sec. (Mr. A. W. Groves), a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for presiding, also to him and friends for providing the excellent repast. Mr. Blake, in supporting the vote, said the Vicar had spoken of the pleasure derived from hearing the bells, and he should like to emphasise what a vast improvement it would make to have two trebles added to the existing six bells. If they were able to back him up, they might get Mr. Street to take the matter up.

Mr. G. Williams emphasised the value of having eight bells, and Mr. K. Hart impressed the point that many people came from long distances to see Bosham Church and tower, because of their historical value, and he felt sure it would not be difficult to get the peal increased to the full octave.

The Vicar, in responding, said it had been a great day for the church and village, and it had been a pleasure to have had a share in entertaining the ringers. He would do his best, after the advice of such expert bellringers, to see what he could do with regard to making the addition to the bells.

Following the tea there was a resumption of ringing, and, Chichester Cathedral bells being available, the ringers were not slow to avail themselves of the opportunity of a pull in the ancient campanile.

Bosham has an old and mixed ring of six, the fourth being an Elizabethan bell, dated 1572, the founder, whose initials were 'R.B.' being unknown. The third dates from 1665, the fifth from 1688. This latter is inscribed, 'John Snow, Minister; Thomas White, William Hammon, C.W. Clement Tosear made me in the yeare of 1688.' Of the rest, two were made by Richard Phelps, in 1709 and 1713 respectively; and the tenor by Lester Pack and Chapman in 1787.

THE CATCHPOLE AND MOTTS MEMORIAL.

We beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the fund towards the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

Any further donations will be thankfully received by either—

C. J. SEDGLEY, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or

G. E. SYMONDS, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

It is hoped to close this fund at the end of September.

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In the years to come the 'Glossary' will have to be enlarged and brought up to date. When this is done the second part must be scrapped. It is one of the early attempts to classify and explain the nature of methods. It was written at a time when men had only just begun to take an interest in the subject. Knowledge has accumulated since, and the whole of this part of the 'Glossary' is seen to be superficial and has been superseded.

BREAKING 'STONY' GROUND.

'SCIENTIFIC' RINGERS WIN APPROVAL IN DEVON PARISHES.

The St. Thomas', Exeter, ringers, made a tour of over 90 miles on Saturday through the heart of Devon, where call change ringing is remarkably well done. In two motor-cars the party first called at North Tawton, and succeeded in raising, ringing and falling the bells in a way which was favourably commented upon by the local ringers. Winkleigh, a grand octave with 20 cwt. tenor, was the next ring, and again the home men who had gathered to hear the performance were very pleased. Tea was enjoyed, and the party set out for High Bickington. The light bells, with 9 cwt. tenor, by Taylor, were handled beautifully by the ringers, and a hearty invitation to come again was the outcome of some very good striking. A long journey across country brought the party to Chittlehampton, 'the finest tower in Devon,' with bells to match, recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough (tenor 15 cwt.). The visitors rang the bells up in peal to the satisfaction of the listeners, and followed with touches of Grandsire and Stedman, and a good fall, which brought the day's ringing to a happy ending. Considering that the walls of the ringing chambers were covered by certificates, shields and cups won by the local men in ringing competitions, it was a great satisfaction to the visitors to hear that their striking was approved, and the desire expressed to hear more of 'scientific' ringing, the opportunity of which seldom happens in these outlying towers.

It is hoped that more ringers will be interested in the Devon Guild as a result of this tour.

AN OLD TRINITY YOUTH.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. FREEMAN.

Mr. W. H. Freeman, well known in East and S.E. London, died on Wednesday, August 29th, in the Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone. For some time past he had been in poor health. Recently getting worse, he went into hospital, where he was found to be suffering from cancer. Very little could be done for him, and the end came quickly. He was buried in Walthamstow Cemetery on Monday, September 3rd. The St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Guild, was represented by Messrs. R. Maynard, W. Manning, and W. Morley, besides whom Messrs. J. Waghorn, H. Alford and other ringers were present. In the evening, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased member. The following of his colleagues took part: H. Alford, W. Manning, C. T. Coles (conductor), C. T. W. Coles, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, E. Holman, R. Maynard, sen., F. C. Maynard and W. Morley.

Mr. W. H. Freeman was 73 years of age. In his early days he was well known in South-East London, and rang many peals at Lewisham, Greenwich and in the neighbourhood. For the last 39 years he had been a member of the St. Mary's Guild, Walthamstow, and rang in a large number of peals, mostly on the tenor, at that church. At one time he aspired to calling, and conducted one or two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was a member of the College Youths, Essex, Kent, and Middlesex Associations, and was also a member of the old Trinity Youths.

Besides being a ringer, he had been a good cricketer, and was a member of the Essex County Club. His nephews, J. and A. P. Freeman, play for Essex and Kent respectively, the latter having also played for England, and this year performed so well that he has been selected as one of the team to visit Australia this coming winter.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT OXTED.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association took place at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st, members attending from Buckland, Reigate, Redhill, Horley, Burstow, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham and the local band, with the usual visitor from Swindon. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and continued until 5.15, when a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Gibbins).

Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was partaken of at the Church Room, and was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rector presided. One honorary member and seven new ringing members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and so generously providing tea, also to all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Ringling was kept up until nine o'clock in the standard methods

MUFFLED BELLS

At St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, on Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins.: G. F. Chappeil 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 3, T. Noble 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes 6. Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to and appreciation of the Rev. G. Milner, who was Vicar of the parish from 1886 to 1893, and who was largely instrumental in adding five bells in 1892, and so making it a peal of six. His death took place on August 27th.

RECIPROCAL PROOF.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

We have seen in last week's article that in Grandsire Singles the four rows false against the plain course consist of two 'even' and two 'odd' rows, i.e., 1342, 1423, and 1432, 1324.

In Single or Double Grandsire Doubles the rows are all 'even' until a Single is called, and then all 'odd' until another Single again reverses the order; consequently the false rows against the respective plain courses are all 'even,' and in the Single method there are three false 'even' rows against each lead, and a total of six false 'even' rows against plain course.

SINGLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Plain Lead.		Proving Rows.	False Rows.	Proof of Method.
(1) 12345	x	(0) 13542	= 13542	12345
(2) 21354	x	(9) 24531	= 15432	13542
(3) 23145	x	(8) 35421	= 15432	15432
(4) 32415	x	(7) 45312	= 15432	15243
(5) 34251	x	(6) 54213	= 15432	12534
(6) 43521	x	(5) 53124	= 15432	15432
(7) 45312	x	(4) 42135	= 15432	14352
(8) 54132	x	(3) 31245	= 15432	14235
(9) 51423	x	(2) 21354	= 15432	12453
(0) 15243	x	(1) 12345	= 15243	14352
12534				13542
				13254

The six false rows against the plain course are as follow:—

True.	False.
12345	13542
12534	13254
12453	14352
	14235
	15432
	15243

The following lead-heads, which would complete the twelve even rows with the treble fixed, i.e., 13425, 14523, 15324, can only be bobbed in, consequently there are only two true plain courses of Single Grandsire Doubles, one even and one odd, i.e., 12345 and 12435.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

In Double Grandsire Doubles there are two interior places in each lead which are not duplicated, consequently there are five false rows against each lead, and a total of nine false even rows against the plain course.

Plain Lead.		Proving Rows.	False Rows.
(1) 12345	x	(0) 13425	= 13425
(2) 21354	x	(9) 24315	= 15324
(3) 23145	x	(8) 35214	= 15324
(4) 32415	x	(7) 45123	= 15324
(5) 34251	x	(6) 54213	= 15432
(6) 43521	x	(5) 53124	= 15432
(7) 34512	x	(4) 42135	= 14352
(8) 43152	x	(3) 31245	= 14352
(9) 41325	x	(2) 21354	= 14352
(0) 14235	x	(1) 12345	= 14235
12453			
12345		12453	12534
13425		14523	15324
15324		13425	14523
15432		13542	14352
14352		15432	13542
14235		15243	13254

The nine false rows against the plain course are as follow:—

True.	False.
12345	13425
12453	13542
12534	13254
	14352
	14235
	14523
	15324
	15432
	15243

It will be seen that in Double Grandsire Doubles the twelve even rows, with the treble fixed, are all absorbed, consequently there are only two true plain courses, and this is the extent of the method.

In the article last week, the second paragraph should have read: 'For finding the false rows of asymmetrical Plain Methods,' etc. (not symmetrical).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On September 9th, for the Jubilee Celebration Service of the V.W.H. Masonic Lodge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, G. A. Webley 2, F. Wheeler 3, C. Pearce 4, C. J. Pearce (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, E. Hughes 6, H. Wheeler 7, J. Boesley 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Winsor 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, D. T. Hills 4, S. Shellack 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, A. Haylor 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: C. J. Choct 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, T. Langdon 3, R. Green 4, C. F. Winney 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8.

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. — K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Uphill bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30. Bells of Parish Church available immediately before and after service. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 19th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. Sparrow, Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is now 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, August 24th, the Vicar of Llanbradach (the Rev. Edwin Edwards) passed away, and was interred near Brecon on August 27th. On Sunday, August 26th, the bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Doubles. On Sunday, September 9th, before a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: L. Stevens 1, J. Gwilynn 2, F. Stevens (conductor) 3, W. Gwilynn 4, H. Cassel 5, H. Skinner 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Williams 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. St. Mark's (8) will be available if required. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemycok on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton le Cley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all immediately after the ringing competition for Crawford Silver Cup, which will commence at 3 p.m. As only a small number of bands have entered and 360 changes of any method is the limit the competition will, perhaps, not last long. Good bus service available all day from Worksop and Mansfield.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorks, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

PULHAM MARKET BELLS (3, 6 and 8 recast) and Pulham St. Mary will be open for ringing on Saturday, Sept. 15th next.—Fred R. Borrett.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 and business to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Dis. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 7.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will members make an effort to attend.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head, in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Willoughby on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The ring of 6, which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge POSTPONED to Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 24th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ogbourne St. George to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Chobham to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance is specially desired. Tea will be arranged for those who let me know of their intention to be present. Next district meeting Sept. 29th at Weybridge.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel. In order that adequate arrangements may be made will all those intending to be present notify E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, by Monday, Sept. 17th, at the latest.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 18th inst. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. 1928 subscriptions will oblige. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post Sept. 18th. Chair to be taken at 5.45 p.m. prompt, by the Association President. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and the rings of 8 at Headingley, Far Headingley, Armley and Hunslet will be available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Sept. 22nd. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, not later than Sept. 19th.—A. Knights, Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in church 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before Sept. 19th. A good attendance is requested.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec.

BEWDLEY BELLS.—The bells of Bewdley Parish Church have been re-hung and will be opened on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. The Rector and local ringers will be pleased to see any ringers. Will those who intend to be there notify Mr. J. Broad, 13, Load Street, Bewdley, before Wednesday, Sept. 19th?

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6), also Selborne (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Service at Blackmoor Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting after at Parish Room. Will those coming to tea please let me know by the 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 19th?—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Come and try Messrs. Taylor's fine new peal! — Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Leatherhead Districts.—A joint meeting of these districts will be held at Shere (8) and Albury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available at both towers from 3 p.m. Service at Shere at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Those intending to be present must send word by Tuesday, the 25th.—N. V. Harding, Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford; F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eccleston Sept. 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All other arrangements as usual.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Great Tey, Essex.—The reopening of the above bells, which are being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson (treble and tenor recast), will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The reopening touch will be rung by the local band, and ringing will take place after the service. If enough members from Colchester district notify me, a bus will be arranged for. Please write before Wednesday, Sept. 19th, to R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

ST. JOHN'S, LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—The six bells at this church, having been rehung, will be rededicated at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The opening will be on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., to which all ringing friends are invited, also to the tea, which will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. to those who notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Sept. 25th, of their intention of being present.—Wm. Miller, The Cottage, Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E.11.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church. Bells (8) available from 6.30. Service at 8 (address by Rev. E. Roberts), followed by business meeting in Vestry.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped a good number will be present. It is imperative that those requiring tea should advise Mr. Fred Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, before the 25th inst. Will local secretaries send all receipt books and all towers the testimonial lists to the hon. treasurer on or before this date? Also members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Those requiring tea please notify before Sept. 25th either Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, or the general secretary. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

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