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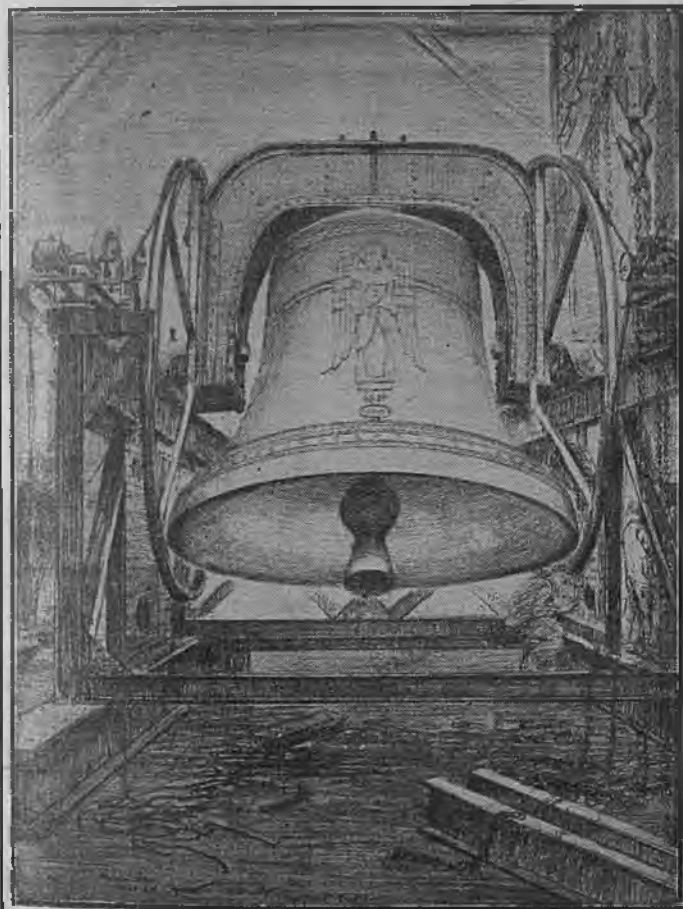
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RINGERS' ATTENDANCE AT SERVICE.

From time to time we hear of ringers 'locked out' or 'on strike,' and it always comes as something of a shock, not only to members of the Exercise, but to the public of the place concerned when either of these two things happen. Such an occurrence is always to be regretted. More often than not there are faults on both sides, and sometimes an exhibition of petulance and a lack of toleration add to the difficulties of the situation. At the moment the little Devon village of Exminster is much concerned because its bells have been stopped. The Vicar, according to report, has ordered the ringers to cease their ringing because some of their number, it is alleged, 'have been dilatory in their attendances at worship.' The ringers say there are other reasons, and mention is made of the fact that because the incumbent commenced the service last harvest festival before the choir had entered the church, three choirmen who were also ringers left the choir but continued their ringing. The Vicar, it is said, has declined to talk the matter over with the ringers and there the deadlock remains—with the bells, upon which £500 was spent about five years ago, hanging unring in the tower.

It is not for us to allocate blame in this most recent 'lock-out,' but the incident does give point to the futility of making hard and fast rules as to ringers' attendance at church. Every ringer who approaches his duties in the right spirit will always make it a practice to attend service unless there is reasonable cause for not doing so. Seldom is there a sermon preached at a ringers' gathering when emphasis is not laid upon the duty of the ringer to respond to the call which he has given from the belfry, but is not the part which the ringer plays, as a preliminary to the service, an act of worship in itself? If the ringing is done in the right spirit it constitutes as much a part of the service as that which takes place afterwards in the church; and while we do not say that ringers should not share in the prayer and praise which follow, when the congregation have assembled, those who imagine that the ringers have not fully done their part unless they stay to service overlook the fact that the half hour's ringing, reverently and well done, can in itself be a not unimportant part in that service.

Preaching a fortnight ago at the service in connection with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual meeting, the Master of the Oxford Guild, whose experience is as wide as anyone's in this matter, expressed the opinion that hard and fast rules as to ringers attending service are a mistake, and those who really know will agree with him. Where such rules exist they are more honoured in the breach than in the observance, and when one finds an autocratic in-

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cumbent who takes an extreme view and insists upon attendance at service his attitude nearly always ends in trouble. Either there is an open breach, or the band gradually breaks up and, anyway, the bells become silent. What is much more effective than rules is the visit of the incumbent to the ringing chamber at frequent intervals. A real interest in the ringers' work is the surest means of getting and maintaining the ringers' interest in the church and in the services for which they ring.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	ERNEST BRETT 8
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 10
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
*JOHN A. WAUGH 6	Cecil W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Barry, the local steeplekeeper.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 7
WILLIAM SPICE 3	*KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*ALBERT RELEF 9
CHARLES H. SONE 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	FRANK PONTING 6
LESLIE BARRY 2	THOMAS WITTS 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	P.-I. G. HASTINGS 8
TRAVERS PRITCHARD 4	J. F. BALLINGER 9
GEORGE ORCHARD 5	*REGINALD HEARNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	TOM WILDE 7
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung on the 29th anniversary of the first peal rung in the method.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
MISS ROSE BELL 3	* WALTER STAFF 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
ERNEST BENNETT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	TOM WILDE 7
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung on the 30th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the treble and the wife of the ringer of the tenor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* ALBERT STOKES Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
JAMES BILEY 2	CHARLES RAISON 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by N. V. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Baxter.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
CHARLES H. WATTS 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by the late G. HAYWARD. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Hall, who was inducted to the living of Shifnal on Sunday, March 9th. The ringers extend their best thanks to the Vicar for his compliments and kind hospitality at the close of the peal. The ringer of the sixth was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
* REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. P. Bailey.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK SMITH 5
ALAN R. MACDONALD 2	HUGH HILLS 6
THOMAS LANGDON 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
SIDNEY PENFOLD 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HULL Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	T. WILLIAM LAST 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	* LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble	ERNEST PARKER 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	LEONARD TANNER 6
JAMES R. JONES 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	RAYMOND ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

REGINALD ARNOLD Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
PERCY GREEN 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
ARTHUR HEAD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
HENRY WAIN 4	HARRY SHARPINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JACK CHARNOCK Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
* HERMON NELSON 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (284). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

* JOHN NASH Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	GEORGE STAFF 6
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
* WALTER STAFF 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edith Lumb, of Cross Stone, Todmorden.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES Treble	EDWARD ETHERIDGE 5
ERNEST AUSTIN HEAD ... 2	JAMES RICHES 6
ALBERT RICHES 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ROBERT RAYNER 4	ROBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Riches, who died at the age of 79 years and was buried that afternoon. He was for many years a ringer of the above church. Messrs. Albert, William, Walter, Robert and James Riches are brothers and nephew of John Riches.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

* EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	EDGAR W. LUFF 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
GEORGE HAWKINS 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS 4	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the bells and by the Llandaff Association in the county of Monmouth. E. H. Stradling was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

* JOHN COOK Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Surprise. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the two Warnham men for standing in at short notice.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD F. WILSON ... Treble	CHARLES POULTNEY 5
OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	ALBERT NASH 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY (No. 9). Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. F. Wilson (April 7th).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* BERTIE CORNELL ... Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5
† WILFRED ANDREWS 2	LAURENCE POULSON 6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 7
MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 4	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on tower bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNES AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D flat.

RICHARD DENNISON ... Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TEBAY 6
FRANK WILSON 3	* IVOR J. HEAP 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	* STANLEY EDMONDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. The tenor ringer was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to P.C. W. Robinson, of Manchester; Mrs. E. Jennings, of Kendal; and Miss M. Jennings, of Buxton, Derbyshire. Also in honour of the wedding of Miss S. A. Atkinson, of Kendal, and Mr. A. Forrester, of Christchurch, New Zealand, which took place a few weeks ago at Christchurch. Miss Atkinson is the youngest daughter of Mr. W. Atkinson, the senior ringer at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Bob Minor, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HARRY PARKER ... Treble	JOHN WORTH 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	WILFRED S. STEVENSON ... 5
ERNEST BENNETT 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

H. Parker has now rung each bell in the tower through a peal.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Dunstan's, 720 Old Doubles, 720 St. Simon's, 720 Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. RILEY ... Treble	A. SMITHSON 3
E. MALLENDER 2	H. BAILEY 4
F. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Bailey.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parise Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Ahwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cungeastre; (3) Lincoln and Coldstream; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick; (7) York and Durham.

PARKER'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	JOHN MOULE 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
*WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Arranged by GEORGE L. JOYCE. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. First peal of 23 methods by all, and rung at first attempt. It contains the largest number of Surprise methods yet rung in one peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Woodbine, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY Treble	*WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 4
*ERNEST N. TIDY 2	EDWARD E. TIDY 5
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 3	*JAMES W. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN BENNION, SEN. Treble	HARRY COUSONS 4
GEORGE R. JONES 2	WILLIAM WEETMAN 5
ARTHUR NEWALL 3	JOHN BENNION, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEETMAN.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILFRED A. SHARPE ... Treble	†THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
*ALLEN MORGAN 2	WALTER H. RAXTER 5
†HAROLD F. MARTIN 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Owen.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
*FRANK TYSOE 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
*ERNEST FREEMAN 3	*HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED.

At Chertsey, Surrey, on Thursday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 minutes, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hessey, father and mother of the conductor, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Stevens and Mr. G. Warinton: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, H. R. Stevens 2, G. Warinton 3, Miss N. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 5, S. Armstrong 6, J. Crocker 7, P. J. Percy 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. RILEY Treble	H. DRAYCOTT 4
A. SMITHSON 2	E. MALLENDER 5
H. BAILEY 3	F. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Scott on his 84th birthday, and also on H. Draycott's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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ST. ALBAN'S RINGING GUILD.

On Thursday, March 6, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different compositions of 720, containing 87 bobs and 22 singles.

*SISTER ANGELA 1	*SISTER VIVIAN 3
*SISTER MADELINE 2	*SISTER MARY 4

CANON G. H. RIDOUT 5-6

Conducted by CANON G. H. RIDOUT.

Umpire: SISTER JOSEPHINE, who ticked off every lead-end.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the Transvaal. First peal 'in hand' in South Africa. Rung to commemorate the dedication of St. Alban's Church, Johannesburg, on 10th March, 1929.

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On Monday, March 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8
ADAM DEAS 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Caters on handbells by all except W. H. Barber. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. L. Roulledge, Ringing Master of the above Guild.

GLOUCESTER'S PLIGHT.

THE VALUE OF HANDBELL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very saddening to read Mr. Condict's account of ringing affairs in Gloucester in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' Service ringing is, or should be, the main purpose of all bell-ringing, other things, such as peals and practice meetings, being secondary, but leading up to good service ringing.

In Gloucester, however, the authorities do not seem to favour service ringing very much and practices not at all, if I understand Mr. Condict's letter aright; so that keeping a band together must be an impossible task, unless they are merely to talk about ringing. May I suggest to Mr. Condict, and, indeed, to any other conductor who is similarly situated or short-handed in the tower, that the enthusiastic members should seriously take up handbell ringing. Handbell ringing, although it can never answer the purposes of tower bells, has one or two decided advantages. First, it requires less men; therefore, the enthusiastic ones, who, maybe, rarely hear their full peal in the tower, can gratify their desire to ring on higher numbers. Second, the enthusiastic ones can forge ahead in their own way, without waiting around for the laggards—in several senses.

One more point, handbell ringing has the merit of being good ringing mostly, for it is next to impossible to keep bad striking going at all.

These advantages, and the fact that the ordinary standard methods provide unlimited scope for practice, together with the most decided advantage of all, that four or five can meet almost when and where they like to practise, where seven might wait for the eighth in a tower, must conclude my plea for more evidence of handbell practice.

Finally, let me point out that in this week's issue there are published 26 peals on tower bells and one only 'in hand.'—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

SPLICING PLAIN MAJOR.

PEALS IN 15 AND 21 METHODS.

ANOTHER ARTICLE BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

At the end of my last article on this subject I spoke of elaborating the calling of the 15-method peal a little bit in order to reduce the number of short courses necessitated by the 'Bobs at Home.' We shall find that we can, in this way, make our 60 courses give us 6,048 instead of under 5,000 changes.

As in the last peal, we have got to select four sets of course-ends which do not show repetition with each other when transposed by any of the eight false course-ends mentioned before, namely:—

34256	35426	63254	42635
42356	52436	43652	35264

The four sets I have used in this composition are as follows:—

A. (In-course.)	B. (In-course.)	C. (Out-of-course.)	D. (Out-of-course.)
23456	26354	23465	25364
42356	46253	42365	45263
34256	36452	34265	35462
42635	24536	42536	24635
34625	43526	34526	43625
23645	32546	23546	32645
36264		36254	
25463		26453	
45362		46352	
62534		52634	
64523		54623	
63542		53642	
56234		55234	
56423		65423	
56342		65342	
25634		26534	
45623		46523	
35642		36542	
26543		25643	
46532		45632	
36524		35624	
23564		23654	
42563		42653	
34562		34652	

It is interesting to compare these four sets with the symmetrical four which we used for the last peal, and to note the various alterations and their connection with the altered calling.

As in the last case, C and D are the same as A and B with 5 and 6 reversed. The first 15 of A and C are the same as in the last case, and the 6 which are now the only members of B and D appeared in the same places before. We have removed 9 from each of B and D, and added 9 different ones to each of A and C.

This gives us four sets which satisfy the conditions and enable us to join them together into one round block, as in the peal below.

I will give a brief outline of the structure of the peal, so that anyone who is interested and has the time and inclination to do so may pull it to pieces and see how it is built up, and—hence—the reasons for the selection and arrangement of the course-ends in A, B, C, D.

The main basis of the composition is a five-course block similar to the one we used before, and for which we are indebted to the Rev. E. Banks James. It is this:—

H. R.	23456
x	42635
x	64523
—	56423
x	45362
x	34256

This, repeated five times, with a Single for the Bob at Right in the 3rd and 6th's parts to turn 5-6, will give us the first 15 course-ends of A and C. The others are then spliced in at various points, thus: Before each of the 6 calls at 'Right' we put in 3 bobs at 'Wrong'; this gives us 6 of the remaining course-ends of each of A and C. The other 6 (3 of A and 3 of C) are spliced in, one in each part, between singles at 'Middle,' after the first of the 3 bobs at Wrong. We are now left with the 12 course-ends which come under B and D; 6 of them are spliced in, one at a time, between 2 singles at 'In,' between the first and 2nd bobs at 'Home' in each part. The other 6 are put in in two chunks of 3; thus, between the 2nd and 3rd bobs at 'Wrong' in 1st and 4th parts, 2 Singles at 'Right' are called, and between these 2 we call 3 bobs at 'Middle.' We have now accounted for all the 60 course-ends, and can proceed to write out the figures and course-ends of the peal; we can then choose which of the four original groups of methods to use for each of A, B, C, D, and then, by observing the natural course-end at any point, and also whether the calling necessitates a 2nd's-place or an 8th's-place method, we can decide which method to ring at any point, there being in general a choice of two (as explained in detail for the last peal).

The following are the figures of the peal:—

A SPLICED PEAL OF MAJOR IN 15 METHODS.
6,048 CHANGES.

I. H. W. M. R.	23456
x	42635 Double Norwich.
S	32645 Double Norwich—I—Maidstone.
S x	64523 Maidstone—I—Double Norwich.
— S	36542 Double Oxford—M—Double Bob.
— S	26543 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford.
— S	45263 Double Oxford.
—	25364 Edmonton—M—Chesterfield.
—	35462 Chesterfield—M—Edmonton.
— S	42563 Edmonton.
—	56423 Double Oxford.
x	45362 Pershore.
x	34256 Pershore.
x	23645 Pershore.
S	43625 Double Norwich—I—Lavenham.
S x	62534 Lavenham—I—Double Norwich.
[— S	46523 [Double Oxford—M—Double Bob.
— S	36524 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford.
—	23564 Double Oxford.]
—	56234 Double Oxford.
x	25463 Pershore.
x	42356 Pershore.
x	34625 Pershore.
S	24635 Double Norwich—I—Lavenham.
S x	63542 Lavenham—I—Double Norwich.
[— S	26534 [Double Oxford—M—Double Bob.
— S	46532 Double Bob—M—Double Oxford.
—	34562 Double Oxford.]
—	65342 Double Oxford.
x	36254 Reverse Bob.
x	23465 Reverse Bob.
x	42536 Reverse Bob.
S	32546 Reverse Bob—I—Highbury.
S x	54623 Highbury—I—Reverse Bob.
— S	35642 Plain Bob—M—Hereward.
— S	25643 Hereward—M—Plain Bob.
— S	46253 Plain Bob.
—	26354 Winchester—M—Marlborough.
—	36452 Marlborough—M—Winchester.
— S	42653 Winchester.
—	65423 Plain Bob.
x	46352 Reverse Bob.
x	34265 Reverse Bob.
x	23546 Reverse Bob.
S	43526 Reverse Bob—I—Shipway's Court.
S x	52634 Shipway's Court—I—Reverse Bob.
— S	45623 Plain Bob—M—Hereward.
— S	35624 Hereward—M—Plain Bob.
—	23654 Plain Bob.
—	65234 Plain Bob.
x	26453 Reverse Bob.
x	42365 Reverse Bob.
x	34526 Reverse Bob.
S	24536 Reverse Bob—I—Shipway's Court.
S x	53642 Shipway's Court—I—Reverse Bob.
[— S	25634 [Plain Bob—M—Hereward.
— S	45632 Hereward—M—Plain Bob.
—	34652 Plain Bob.]
—	56342 Plain Bob.
x	35264 Double Norwich.
x	23456 Double Norwich.

By leaving out the three 3-course blocks as shown in square brackets, the peal is reduced to 5,040.

In the cases where the method is changed in the middle of a course I have indicated between the two methods the point where the change-over is made (thus: I for In and M for Middle). It must be understood that in these cases the course-ends do not necessarily come up at equal intervals of seven leads. Perhaps an example will make this point clearer. Take the 2nd course of the peal, for instance: Double Norwich is rung till the 'In' position, which comes up at the first lead-end; a Single is called here and Maidstone is rung. The course-end 32645 will actually come up at the next lead-end, so that the course only contain 2 leads; but the next course will contain 10 leads to make up for it. This is a little muddling at first, but it is really quite simple. The easiest way to look at it is to take the 2nd and 3rd courses together; it is then simply a course of Double Norwich with a bob at 5 (i.e., at 'Home'), with a whole course of Maidstone spliced in between Singles at the In position (wherever it may happen to occur). And so on in a similar way in the other cases. The three pairs of courses where Double Oxford and Double Bob are rung are a little more complicated, owing to the fact that in Double Oxford the Wrong position comes after the

Middle position. The result is that the 5th course-end actually comes up before the 4th, but again, provided the calling is carried out without worrying about where the course-ends come up, there is no difficulty. The instructions for the 4th, 5th and 6th courses are simply as the calling says, i.e., Ring Double Oxford till the Wrong position and call a bob; the 5th course-end will actually come up at the next lead, but don't worry about this; go on till the Middle position, call a Single and ring Double Bob; ring this for a whole course (during which the 4th course-end will come up somewhere—it does not matter where), and call another Single at Middle, and then ring Double Oxford again. We next have to call the bob at Wrong in the 6th course, and this position will come up without the intervention of a course-end (the course-end 26543 having already been rung). [The whole business is not nearly as complicated as it sounds; it is exactly similar to the making of Singles in peals of Stedman Triples.]

As regards the omission of the three chunks to reduce the peal to 5,040, there is no difficulty, and I think the placing of the brackets shows just what is meant. For instance, after the 15th course, instead of the next four courses we simply ring one course, the calling being 'Bob at Right' and the method Double Oxford. Similarly for the other cases.

Now that we have got a length of more than 5,000 we can introduce 6 'Little' methods if we want to, thus bringing our number of methods up to 21.

The calling will be exactly the same as the 15-method peal we have just been dealing with, the only difference in the two peals being the methods rung in certain courses. We will, therefore, save space by refraining from writing out the 21-method peal in full, contenting ourselves by merely indicating the courses in which the new methods are rung, thus:—

A SPLICED PEAL OF PLAIN MAJOR IN 21 METHODS. 5,000 CHANGES.

The calling the same as the 15-method peal, and methods the same with the following exceptions:—

- Ring Crayford Little Court for Reverse Bob in course 31.
- Ring Wellington Little Court for Reverse Bob in courses 41, 42, 43.
- Ring Little Bob for Plain Bob from course 57 ('Wrong' position) to course 58 ('Wrong' position).
- Ring Gainsborough Little Bob for Plain Bob from course 48 ('Wrong' position) to course 49 ('Wrong' position).
- Ring Victoria Little Court for Shipway's Court from course 44 ('In' position) to course 45 ('In' position).
- Ring Little Oxford Bob for Winchester Bob from course 38 ('Middle' position) to course 39 ('Middle' position).

This gives 5,672, and the peal is reduced to 5,000 by omitting the first two of the 3-course blocks shown in square brackets; the 3rd block, which was also omitted in reducing the 15-method peal to 5,040, must not be omitted in this case.

May I point out, in conclusion, for the sake of those who may be interested in the practical ringing of these spliced peals, that the methods are all to be found in the 'Central Council Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods,' and will be quickly mastered by any band that can ring Double Norwich and Double Oxford, which are in construction, if not in symmetry, the most complicated of them all.

I must apologise if my explanation of these peals has made them seem more complicated than they actually are, but it is no new discovery that anything campanological is difficult to explain in a clear and yet concise manner. I hope I have at least been clear. I trust that any conductor who has followed the argument through will be able to make alterations in the arrangement of the methods to suit himself or the ambition of his band without jeopardising the 'truth' of the compositions, but if anyone has any difficulty in following my explanation I shall be only too glad to attempt to make myself clearer if they will write to me.

[The two previous articles in this series appeared in 'The Ringing World' on August 30th and December 27th last.]

DEATH OF A STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. George Bloor, of Stoke-on-Trent, who passed away after a short illness on Thursday, April 3rd. He was out on the Tuesday before his death, which came as a great shock to all his friends. Deceased had been a member of the Stoke tower for 27 years, during a number of which he acted as towerkeeper. He was looking forward to the time when the bells would be reopened on Palm Sunday after rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Hartshill Cemetery, after a service in St. Barnabas' Church, at which the Rector of Stoke (the Rev. D. H. Crick) officiated. Deceased's brother ringers from Stoke attended, and four of them (Messrs. J. Limister, W. Ball, D. Steel and C. H. Page) acted as bearers. There were a great many floral tributes, including one from the Stoke ringers in the shape of a bell. Mr. Bloor was very regular in his attendance at service and practice ringing, but was not keen on peals, having rung about 12 in all. The deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and relatives in their great sorrow.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

ILLNESS OF CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

The report on Canon Coleridge's condition on Wednesday was that he was 'going on nicely and was very comfortable.'

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would emphasise the notice elsewhere in this issue, reminding correspondents that next week 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier, owing to Good Friday. Will secretaries and peal conductors kindly dispatch their reports to reach us on Monday—instead of leaving them until the following week. May we ask those who may be inclined to take the latter course to 'hustle' instead. It will greatly help us.

The Rev. Canon H. R. Jennings, of Madron Vicarage, Cornwall, has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Truro Diocesan Guild, owing to pressure of work. His successor is the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

Another attempt on the twelve-bell record length is to be made by the Painswick Youths at Painswick on Easter Monday. The start will be at 8 a.m.

Forty-two years ago to-day a peal of 13,265 Grandsire Caters was rung at Appleton, in a year when no fewer than three ten-bell records were made in the tower.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 18,027 Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough in 1909, in 12 hours 18 minutes—the first time that one set of men had rung 'round the clock.'

A new Kent 'Treble Bob Royal' record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 13th, 1914, when a peal of 14,000 was rung in 9 hours 24 minutes. Three years earlier, viz., on April 17th, 1911, the record of 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung in the same tower.

Probably the longest peal attempt which has been lost was that at Heptonstall on April 14th, 1928, when in an effort to ring 22,086 Double Norwich Major the ringing came to grief after 19 hours 31 minutes' ringing—a considerably longer 'lost peal' than that at Romford on March 26th, 1894, when a rope broke after 8 hours 16 minutes, and the bells were within 400 changes of the end.

What was probably the first 5,040 of Minor was rung on April 16th, 1737. This was at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, and consisted of 'seven complete Surprise six-bell peals, viz., 720 of Oxford Tripple Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Bristol Surprise, Worcester Surprise and York Surprise, containing 5,040 changes in 3 hours 15 minutes. By a Society of Compilers.'

The 'performers' of this peal were James Tichbourne, James Stuart, James Forsee, Edward Newton, Thomas Smallshaw and William Barrett (who called the bobs). The treble and second men were Eastern Scholars; third, fourth and fifth London Youths, and tenor a College Youth.

'Many happy returns of the day' to the popular hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. W. T. Cockerill will celebrate his 71st birthday on Sunday.

'A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.'

We have received letters from Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, and Mr. H. E. Wills, of Croydon, giving their experiences at Newark, which were quite the opposite to that related by Mr. F. E. Collins last week. These letters will be published in our next issue.

WITHERNSEA BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY RAISE THE FUNDS.

Withernsea, a seaside resort on the East Coast of Yorkshire, has a pretty little Parish Church dedicated to St. Nicholas. The church was built in 1484, but in 1609 it was seriously damaged and unroofed by a storm, and was then allowed to fall into decay. For some 250 years the building was a ruin, but was restored in 1858.

In 1894 funds were raised by the ladies of Withernsea for a peal of five bells. They were cast by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. and is inscribed:—

'A.D. 1894. FUNDS FOR THESE BELLS RAISED BY LADIES OF WITHERNSEA. LAUS DEO.'

In 1928 the bell frame was strengthened, and the bells resting on ball bearings.

During the year 1929 the Withernsea branch of the Girls' Friendly Society were busy organising concerts, sales of work, etc., for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the addition of a treble bell to complete the ring of six. A faculty has been obtained, and the order for the new bell is now in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. It is hoped the bell will be placed in the tower this month, and that the dedication will take place early in May. The new bell will be inscribed:—

'THE WITHERNSEA G.F.S. GAVE ME, MAY, 1930. LAUS DEO.'

Amongst an enthusiastic band of ringers are several ladies, members of the Girls' Friendly Society, who have worked so hard to provide the necessary funds for the new bell.



WITHERNSEA CHURCH, RESTORED IN 1858, where the bells are to be increased to six.

GOOD FRIDAY WEEK.

SEND YOUR COMMUNICATIONS EARLY.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual, and all communications intended for insertion must reach us by first post on Monday.

We would specially ask Secretaries, who have meetings to-morrow, and the conductors of peals, to send off their reports at once, so that they may appear next week, and so help to relieve our columns of the congestion which always follows Easter.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NO SUPPORT FOR QUARTERLY PEAL PROPOSAL.

A quarterly meeting of Southampton District was held at Romsey on Saturday. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and service was held in the Abbey at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. W. B. Corban). Tea and a short business meeting took place in the Church Hall, Mr. George Williams (vice-president) being in the chair.

Three new members were elected from St. Mary's, Southampton, and Mr. Williams suggested that a quarterly peal should be rung, the band to be selected from the towers in the district. The suggestion, however, got no support from the meeting and, therefore, the matter dropped.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise Major. The towers represented were North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Netley, Brockenhurst, Titchfield, Portsmouth, Croydon, Southampton, Kings Somborne, Ringwood and Romsey.

The next meeting will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 5th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, a large number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Aston, M.A.), the hymns being sung unaccompanied. In his address, based on the text, 'Their sound went into all the earth,' Romans x., 18 (R.V.), the Vicar, after welcoming the ringers, drew some lessons from the bells and ringing, showing how the material things of the world could be used to convey things spiritual.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, to which 41 sat down, including Mrs. and Miss Green, Mrs. West, Mrs. Swift and Miss Williams. The Vicar was prevented from being present in consequence of another engagement.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Hegginsbotham, presiding. After welcoming the visitors, he gave a resume of the business at the Guild committee meeting, held at Salisbury.

Mr. W. H. Mills, of Frome, was elected a life ringing member; Mr. D. H. Flower, of Upton Scudamore, as an unattached member; while three ringing members were also elected.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant secretary to the Guild, in his illness, and the secretary was asked to write a letter to Mr. Beams conveying to him the regret of the members and their good wishes for his recovery.

Heytesbury was selected for the May meeting, Urchfont for June, and for the half-yearly to be held in July, Trowbridge, if the bells are available.

It was announced that the annual festival of the Guild would be held at Calne on Saturday, May 17th.

The usual vote of thanks was passed. Ringers were present from Melksham, Aldbourne, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Chippenham, Calne, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Holt, Trowbridge, Stratton, Weston (Bath) and Warminster.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Cambridge were rung during the afternoon and evening.

TREBLE BOB MINOR COMPOSITIONS.

ARE THERE FIVE?—OR SIX?—OR MORE?

BY 'THE MAD HATTER.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your various correspondents are affording us, little by little, a closer insight into this problem; but, the whole story has not yet been told.

At last, however, the Rev. H. Law James has himself brought forward, in support of his case, just that evidence whereby his contention may be refuted in more details than one.

Mr. James has stated that in no Treble Bob Minor method are more than five compositions possible. It has been pointed out by 'Minormania,' and, later, by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that the compositions, in certain cases, exist in 'pairs.'

Mr. Powell conjectures, rightly, that in four groups of methods, which he specifies, every composition having 9 (or 12) bobs has an 'inverse,' producible by changing every plain to a bob, and every bob to a plain, thus giving a composition having 21 (or 18) bobs. He might have added with respect to the two groups among those four, wherein a 15-bob composition may be had, that such a composition will, by like treatment, yield another composition having (merely by accident) the same number of bobs.

Mr. Powell thinks that if two compositions are 'inverses,' one of the other, they are one. What does Mr. James think? Of the 9 and 21-bob pair, also the 12 and 18-bob pair, he states definitely that they are different compositions, and he puts forward what he considers to be incontrovertible proof of this. But when, of a PAIR, each has the same number of bobs, he counts the pair as one. Let us judge of the correctness of this by Mr. James' own criterion.

Mr. Severn's extent A, published on April 4th, will serve as an illustration. The Q-sets bobbed are:—

(b) 23, 25, 35, 45, 46.

Consequently, those plain, also five in number, are:—

(a) 24, 26, 34, 36, 56.

By bobbing the (a) group of Q-sets, the 'inverse' of this composition will be produced. This 'inverse' will serve for Kent Treble Bob; by which is meant that, in Kent, bobbing Q-sets (a) will produce an extent.

If Mr. James thinks the two compositions are one, will he please prove it by producing a 15-bob 720 of Kent having the (b) group of Q-sets bobbed? Of course, he cannot do so; and if he proved the 9 and 21-bob compositions to be different, then the two 15-bob compositions are proved also to be different.

Thus, Mr. James' 'five' should be six; which is the same thing as Mr. Powell's 'three,' when it is understood that in the latter case 'three pairs' is meant.

But this is not all. Mr. Powell writes that all extents having a given number of bobs are simple variations or reverses of one of another. It has been shown that this is not so in one case. Let us look further. Here are two 12-bob compositions of Cambridge:—

IV. (a)		IV. (b)	
23456		23456	
35642	1	64235	2
54263	1	64352	3
32546	2	45236	1
65324	2	62453	2
52436	1	34625	2
52364	3	42563	1
35264	5	42635	3
42356	2	42356	3
42563	3	63425	2
63542	4	25483	4
34256	1	34256	2
23456	5	23456	5

The four Q-sets bobbed are:—

(a) in IV. (a) 24, 36, 46, 56.

(b) in IV. (b) 25, 35, 38, 56.

A 720 of Kent may be had by bobbing the (a) group of four Q-sets, but not by bobbing the (b) group. Mr. James must admit that IV. (a) and IV. (b) are different compositions.

Each of these 12-bob compositions gives rise to an 18-bob inverse, VI. (a) and VI. (b), respectively. Can they be the same composition while their inverses are different? Neither will serve for Kent; but as VI. (b) will run in London, while VI. (a) will not, they would seem to be different; yet both run in Cambridge.

It would appear quite plain that there are no less than eight essentially distinct compositions of Treble Bob Minor, or four pairs, and that in some methods all of them can be used.

The possibility of using any of these compositions, in any method, can be exhibited in a concise table, which will be offered for publication if a desire for it is evident.

ADVICE TO MR. SEVERN.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Severn would do well to take an elementary course in composition before taking up your space with letters on the subject. In particular, I would venture to recommend the fifth chapter of

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Fourteenth Council (38th Annual Meeting) will be held by the courtesy of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1930.

1. Election of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statement of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Introduction of new members to the president.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees, and to reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Records.

MOTIONS.

9. That honorary members and the fourth of the representative members pay an affiliation fee of 2s. 6d. each per annum. (Messrs. E. A. Young and)
10. To fix the place of next year's meeting. (By rota the Council should meet in the North.)
11. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rusley Green, S.E.6.

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Snowden's 'Treble Bob.' As a part of this study he might usefully count the bob distances of case 'A', that he gives in this week's 'Ringing World,' and then write out the composition he gets by starting at the end and working backwards with the same bob intervals.

Also, may I beg him to read the letters of other correspondents before calling them in question?—Yours, etc., E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Clyst St. George, Exeter.

MORE EXPLANATION NEEDED.

Dear Sir,—I can heartily agree with the Rev. H. Law James in that we certainly should avoid the kind of controversy he mentions, and if there is one other of your readers who sees, in 'Muddled Minor,' an unfair appeal to prejudice, I would hasten to apologise. I have read through my article again, and, apart from its title, fail to see anything but appeals to the reader to judge for himself, and to Mr. James to explain his utterances. As 'Minormania,' I care not two straws which way the wind blows, and try to separate my writings under this name from others which appear under my own. 'Minormania' endeavours to take an inexpert view, that is all.

None realises more than I what Mr. James has done for ringing and the depth of his experience, but he will forgive me if I say that I cannot swallow cryptic utterances solely because of their source; and he, I am sure, would be the last to wish anyone so to do.

In commenting upon my article, Mr. James still refrains from explaining his 'five possible,' and it is this lack which is the bone of my contention. I ask for all to have a sporting chance to understand, and 'Muddled Minor' stated no definite view—the reader took his choice.

Finally, Mr. James' last paragraph of his letter of April 4th leaves one to assume that 9-bob and 21-bob extents are different, while 9-bob extents in any method are the same. Very well! Again I appeal to your readers to make a choice.

'Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one another'; oppositely, two things that are equal must be equal to a similar third. Therefore, if a nine-bob-Kent and a nine-bob-London are the same, and a nine-bob-London bears a certain relationship to a 21-bob-London, it follows that a nine-bob-Kent ought to bear a like relationship to a 21-bob-Kent! What is the answer? I am not splitting straws; it is merely that I had a Minor mania, which is becoming a muddled

MINORMANIA.

A HANDBELL PEAL IN JOHANNESBURG.**MISSION SISTERS TAKE PART.**

An extremely interesting item of news comes this week from South Africa, and records the first peal in the Transvaal and the first handbell peal in South Africa. It was rung at St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg, on March 6th. Canon Ridout was the conductor and the other ringers were four sisters attached to the Mission. In the following notes, Canon Ridout, who was in England on leave last year, and took part in the Cambridge University Guild's jubilee celebration and also in other peals, gives some brief details of the formation of St. Alban's Ringing Guild, and the persevering efforts which have led up to the successful completion of this peal of Bob Minor.

'On St. Margaret's Day, July 20th, 1926,' writes Canon Ridout, 'some of the sisters of St. Margaret's, Johannesburg, expressed a desire to take up change ringing as a form of recreation: and the project of building the new Church of St. Alban gave an added incentive. Within twelve months the first 720's and quarter-peals had been achieved. Three weeks later, on August Bank Holiday, 1927, seven 720's were accomplished—but with breaks between them. After that a good many peal attempts were made: and the conductor confesses that the failures were more often due to him than to the rest of the band.'

On 10th March, 1929, the new church was dedicated, though the bells are not yet forthcoming. The conductor was then away on furlough for six months; but with his return handbell practice was again resumed. The first success was within a day or two of the church's anniversary.

Three other members of the Guild have scored quarter-peals, Sister Mildred, Sister Josephine and Mr. C. W. Kearns.

'St. John's College, Johannesburg, is building a bell tower, the foundation stone being laid last month. St. Boniface Church at Germiston, seven miles away, is to start building its tower soon after Easter. The question of bells for St. Alban's is at present in the lap of the gods. At all events, we have hopes that when bells are forthcoming they will be turned to good account.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SMALL BUT USEFUL SIX-BELL MEETING.**

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held its first meeting of the year at Cobham on Saturday. Only 16 ringers attended from Cobham, Leatherhead, Dorking, Woking, Epsom and Guildford, and from this one would deduce that six bells are not a popular number for meetings. It is surely an erroneous point of view that the six-bell meetings are only for the six-bell ringers, and yet one invariably finds that eight-bell ringers will not adequately support six-bell meetings, and that six-bell men do not come to eight-bell meetings. The ideal ringer will attain to ringing on bells of all numbers, and the interest of a six-bell meeting should be just as great as an eight or ten-bell meeting. The average eight-bell man can learn much from the six-bell man, and vice versa.

The ringing started later than usual, and 'Brooklands' had to be blamed for this. It is believed that a bus crew took French leave at that point of their journey, thus causing the 'flower' of the meeting to arrive an hour late. They reached the church just in time to ring a touch of Cambridge Minor for service. The Vicar, the Rev. J. du V. Brunton, officiated, and in the course of his address traced the history of church bells and their uses through the ages. The congregation were informed that the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' positively bristles with information regarding the art.

A welcome feature of the service was the attendance of 13 choir boys. In view of the small number of ringers present, this was a great boon.

Service was followed by tea at the Parish Hall, and a goodly spread it was. Much of the success of a meeting depends upon the quality of the tea, and the Leatherhead District looks specially to this part of the programme. Other districts or associations might make a note of this.

The business meeting was short, consisting chiefly of the ratification of the election of Messrs. W. Poplett and H. Sycamore, of Ewell, prior to a peal attempt; the election of Messrs. Jesse Beams and W. Worsfold, of Ewell, as ringing members; and the election of Mr. William T. Waller, of Dorking, as an honorary member. The hon. secretary explained that Mr. Waller was a churchwarden at Dorking Parish Church, and appealed to the meeting to try to increase the district's honorary membership. He suggested that churchwardens were suitable persons for election in this way.

The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the members returned to the tower for further practice. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were practised.

Cobham bells are a nice ring, with a good toned tenor of 9½ cwt. In passing, it may be stated that all strangers would be welcomed at Cobham, whether for practice or service ringing. At 8.30 the bells were lowered in peal in the approved 'West Country' style, and the ringers dispersed, having attended one more enjoyable meeting.

A. R. P.

THE DEVON GUILD.**SOME SUGGESTIONS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am not at all in agreement with the forlorn note struck by your correspondent and emphasised in your leading article concerning the Devon Guild.

True, it is that we are just passing through a reactionary period after several years of excellent progress, but, to some extent, nearly all the associations are experiencing the same.

There are so many counter attractions for young people to-day that it is difficult to get the younger generation to give the time and concentration necessary to learn half-pull change ringing.

But the Devonshire Guild is surely, is slowly, progressing, and I am sure our dear old late president, the Rev. M. Kelly, was happy in his later days in the thought that all the years of labour he had given to advance the aims of our Guild had borne fruit.

If, by our example, we have taught our round ringing friends to copy us by holding meetings and services for ringers and eliminating all that was associated with prize ringing contests, as I remember them a few years ago, then we have at least done something to raise the status of ringers generally.

The Devonshire Guild three years ago passed a resolution by a huge majority prohibiting competitive ringing, and I am of the opinion that if we keep firmly to this principle, the day is not far distant when the rival association, which has been copying our methods of administration, will see that we are right and that we are not in any way antagonistic towards them, but rather that we are prepared to help them.

But have we perfect unanimity in our own ranks?

Have we any members, experienced change ringers, who are quietly giving moral support to our rival round ringing friends in their endeavour to persuade ringers, especially in rural areas, to take up round ringing rather than half-pull ringing?

Perhaps we have not done all that we might to advance the cause of half-pull ringing, and I would suggest that in the first place we should become a diocesan association, with official recognition from the diocesan authorities; secondly, that we advertise ourselves more, letting the clergy and ringers know exactly the aims and objects of the Guild; and, thirdly, that we endeavour to meet the executive officers of the rival association and try to persuade them that in half-pull ringing there is something which stimulates to further effort, which, through mind training and concentration, brings out all the noble qualities of the ringer and encourages him to aspire to higher ideals. As a result, the clergy must recognise that scientific half-pull ringing inevitably brings into the belfry (and the church) the person who can be relied upon as an excellent example of a real church-worker who is prepared to progress on sound principles.—Yours
E. W. MARSH.

Lipson, Plymouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT EALING.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Ealing, by permission of the Rev. H. L. Haynes (Vicar) on Saturday. Touches of Grandrive and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a brief but interesting address. Miss Parker, the organist, gave her services, and the hymns were heartily sung.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, and was ably served by Mrs. Wilson. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. Herbert, etc. The Vicar, on vacating the chair, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for allowing the meeting to be held there that day; for conducting the service, and for presiding.—In reply, he said he hoped to again meet the Guild at Christ Church in the near future.

Mr. Trollope was appointed to fill the vacant chair for the business meeting, when it was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would take place at Fulham on April 26th; also that a joint meeting with the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) was to be held on the third Saturday in May, and a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks branch) at Wraysbury and Old Windsor on Saturday, June 28th. Particulars of these meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due time. A course of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. S. Turner 1-2, A. Diserens 3-4, G. Cross 5-6, J. Herbert 7-8, W. G. Wilson 9-10. Other touches followed.

The hon. secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Trollope, to the organist, to the hostess and her assistants, and to Mr. Harry Burton, who made the necessary arrangements for a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.—Mr. Trollope, on behalf of the district, gave the visitors a hearty welcome, to which Mr. A. Reeve (Ringing Master of the Northern District, London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild) responded. Other welcome faces at the meeting were Messrs. A. W. Coles, G. R. Pardon, etc.

Business over, the tower was again visited, and methods, including Superlative Surprise, were rung until 8.30, when final 'stand' was called, and a pleasant meeting came to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, H. Warnett, sen., 4, J. Dafters (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, C. Davies 7, C. Morion 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins.: S. Yates 1, W. Jones 2, Miss Lancaster 3, R. Worthly 4, T. Metcalfe 5, W. Ellerington 6, J. C. Pollard 7, T. Lancaster (conductor) 8. First one thousand of Kent since the bells were rehung in ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.—At St. Owen's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins.: J. Freeman 1, G. White 2, W. Tebbutt 3, F. Tysoe 4, A. Everest 5, E. Freeman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor for evening service in 29 minutes by the same band. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 6th, at Christ Church, for men's service, on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Bristol, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): R. G. Townsend 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. W. T. Daniells 4, S. Palmer 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, W. A. Bullock 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Blake 1, R. J. Chaundy 2, W. Brigham 3, R. Post 4, V. J. Bennett 5, R. G. Rice 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, H. Miles 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Nulton 3, F. E. Stone 4, A. J. Pitman 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's Variation): W. Scott, sen., 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, W. Upton 5, S. Moody 6, A. R. Ward 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church before matins, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob; before evensong, 720 York Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and A. Bradley (conductor).

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, F. G. Symonds 3, J. G. Nash (conductor) 4, J. H. Crampin (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. Ellis 6, M. Fensom 7, E. A. Hull 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. Ellis 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 1,152 Bob Major: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, R. A. Constant 2, S. Sandford 3, A. S. Constant 4, E. G. Morriad 5, R. Smith 6, E. H. Spice 7, E. J. Beer (conductor) 8.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 720 Wearmouth Surprise: G. H. Clift 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6. First by all in the method.

BROWNGEDGE, PRESTON.—On Sunday, Mar. 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: R. Hardacre, jun. (conductor) 1, H. Hardacre 2, C. Hardacre 3, T. Harrison 4, J. Molyneux 5, R. Hardacre 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local band.

MINSTER-ON-SEA, SHEPPEY.—At the Abbey Church of Minster in Sheppey, on Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Wilder 1, M. J. Exeter 2, W. J. Wood 3, W. Pitcher 4, G. Wood 5, W. A. Wood (conductor) 6.

YEovil, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by the following members of the Guild, in 48 mins.: W. Fry 1, *P. Padwick 2, F. Hunt 3, *C. Jeans 4, C. Norman 5, *T. Marks 6, E. T. Griffin 7, S. Ricketts 8, J. E. Baker (composer and conductor) 9, T. J. Setter 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, for ordination service, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: W. T. Beeson (conductor) 1, W. Massey 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, H. Barber 4, J. Loveridge 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Gill 7, W. Mills 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, for the ordination service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,414 changes) in 57 mins.: J. Ladd 1, W. Mills 2, H. D. Whyte 3, E. J. Olliver 4, E. J. Ladd 5, T. Pullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chisson 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *Col. T. F. Parkinson 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitlow (conductor) 4, *L. George 5, *T. Norman 6, R. F. George 7, *E. Wooloff 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: B. Croucher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Wenban 3, H. Baker 4, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 5, J. Head 6, G. Grant 7, W. Rofe 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, *the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards.

— William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting takes place at Kewstoke on April 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, to Worlebury every 10 minutes; Church 5 minutes' walk from Worlebury. Important business—please attend.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Batten, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Usual arrangements. Please make an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Anstey (Kibworth being unavailable) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at Mrs. Baker's, Church Lane, at 5, followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hershaw on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room 5. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, Hon. District Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) (good going) from 3.15 p.m. Visitors please notify me early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1/- each) at 6 o'clock.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome & Midsomer Norton Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Doultong on April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 5. Those requiring tea please notify R. T. Clark, High Street, Timsbury, nr. Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Hawley to-morrow, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday next, April 12th. Church of St. Giles (6 bells, tenor about 8 cwt.). Tea (1/6) at the White Lion, 5 p.m. Members from other districts welcomed. Subscription due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 3.45. Tea provided. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet, Easter Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 19th (not 12th). Bells of St. Michael's available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Will ringers please drop that postcard to Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View Terrace, Colliery Row, Fencehouses, to help him arrange tea, which is at 5 p.m.? Don't 'dodge,' go 'straight in' to St. Michael's, and make the meeting a success. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held North Collingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells (6) have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The tea will be served at 4 p.m., price 1s. 6d. per head, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, North Collingham, Newark. All ringers welcome. Cheap railway tickets will be issued from all stations. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 21st. 'The bells of All Saints' (10) will be available from 11 a.m. Linslade St. Barnabas' (8) will also be available. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Names for luncheon to Mr. J. Nicholls, 20, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, a few days before, please.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' will be at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine Service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 12.30 p.m., conducted by the Reverend the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, when the address will be given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The luncheon will take place at The Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. The President, The Archdeacon of Norwich, in the chair. Tickets, 2/6 per head. Members intending to be present must notify the General Secretary on or before Wednesday, April 16th. The annual business meeting for the election of officers, committee, representatives to the Central Council, and new members, will follow immediately after the luncheon. Committee meeting will be held in the choir vestry in St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 11.30 a.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. & Treas., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Service at St. Andrew's the Great at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. J. Duffil, Vicar of Bourn. Meeting 4.30. Ringing at the following towers: Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Old Chesterton (6), and in morning and early afternoon R.C. Church (8).—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The forty-third annual festival will be held at Northwich on Easter Monday, April 21st. A service will be held in the Parish Church at noon, followed by lunch at 1 p.m. (2/6 per head) and meeting at 2 p.m. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec., 27, Seabank Road, Wallasey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Various towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. Hatfield (10 bells) will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service in Choir of Cathedral, with short address for ringers by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, 4.30. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, at the bottom of Holywell Hill, followed by the annual business meeting, 5.30. The pleasure of your company is greatly desired at both the service and meeting. If able to attend the latter, notification of acceptance would be helpful in making seating arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral bells (10) and St. Mary's (8) available all day in alternate hours. 3.30: Service in Cathedral. 4.0: Tea at the Abbey House, free to all sending word. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winhill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent,

not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Easter Monday, April 21st. The fine new ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Dowling, Roos, near Hull, not later than first post Tuesday, April 15th. Buses run every quarter-of-an-hour from Paragon Square, Hull. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2/- is now due, and should be paid to the respective district secretaries without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Axminster, on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service with address by the Rev. Canon Chesshire, D.D., in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8) and St. John-in-Bredwardine (8). Subscriptions should be paid and Reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Rotherham and Eastwood. Bells available from 10.30. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/6); please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham. Visitors heartily welcome.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Preacher, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham (President-elect). Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know not later than April 23rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd as this is most important.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at 1s. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than the 24th. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance of members; also visiting members. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1/-) 5.0. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by April 19th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silvertown.

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In acknowledgment, Mr. Warrington thanked all for their kindness, and said how pleased he was with their gift. He assured them he would keep them in his thoughts; in fact, he wished the band would take a holiday with him.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Thursday evening, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes): C. Tansell 1, T. Lewis 2, W. Powell 3, D. Morris 4, G. Hinton 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, J. J. Jeffries 7, W. Lewis 8, G. Checketts 9, S. Holt 10.

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