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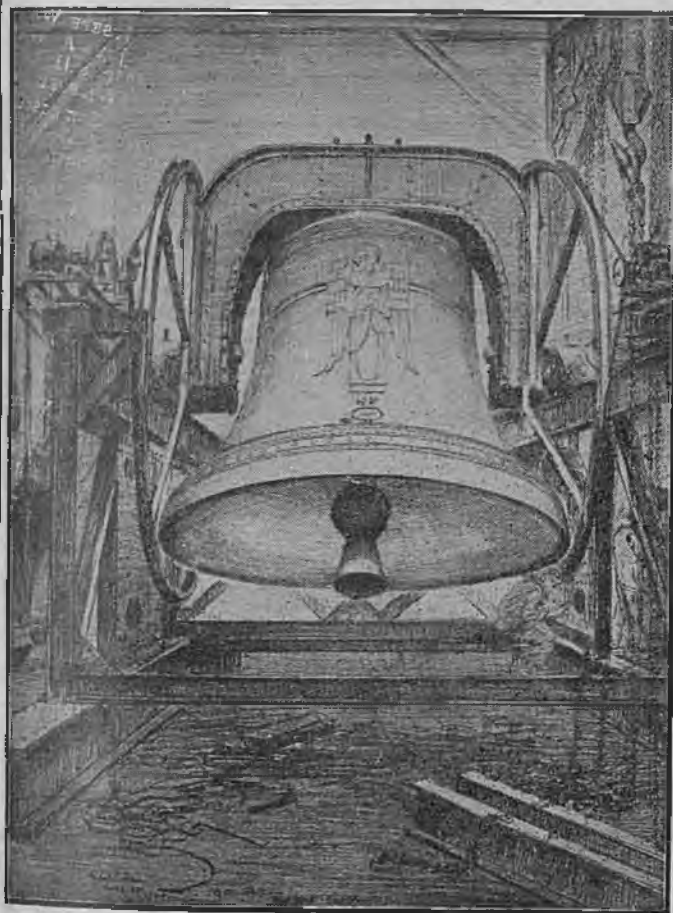
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There ought to be in every well-appointed belfry a bookcase stocked with volumes concerning bells and bell-ringing. The output of works of interest to and instruction for ringers proceeds steadily, and all who can afford to do so readily purchase the books for their own library shelves. But the majority of the members of the Exercise are not in a position to obtain all the works that come from the press, although many of them are almost essential to one's ringing education. Collectively, however, a great deal could be done, and the funds of the local company, or a small subscription from each of its members, would secure most of the volumes as they appear without any great strain on either. Several of the associations have libraries which serve a useful purpose, but these cannot be of quite the same utility as a collection of works ready to hand in a tower.

An extremely useful and interesting library could be built up in course of time, and it should not only contain the textbooks on ringing which are already in circulation. These should be but the nucleus. There are many volumes of great interest dealing with bell history, as well as works of reference, which should find their way into the tower bookcase, and the gradual building up of the library would prove a source of interest to the ringers. It is probable that in many towers a beginning could be made by gifts or loans from members, and only recently a practical suggestion was made by Canon Coleridge that, in regard to two forthcoming volumes, ringers should get their Church Councils to buy them. Where Church authorities are able to assist in this way, the start of a library will be made considerably easier, although most ringers who have had dealings with Councils are rather sceptical as to the outcome of applications for funds for this purpose.

However this may be, the ringers at every tower ought to make an effort to begin a library. The standard works on method ringing, association annual reports for reference, and the bound volumes of 'The Ringing World' should form the basis of the collection; new works as they are issued could be added, and volumes of bell history could be acquired as opportunity offered. With every new tower library more ringers would have at hand a means of extending their knowledge, which individuals cannot, except in a limited number of instances, hope to acquire. Co-operative effort can do great things, and a pooling of resources, if nothing more, would help to make a useful start. The first step in a matter of this kind is the most important, and often the most difficult. But once a start is made, ringers themselves will be anxious

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to see the bookcase gradually filling up; and many advantages will accrue from having the books always available for study or reference. The beginning need not be ambitious; the important thing is that there should be a beginning. Why not let the formation of this library become one of the plans for the coming months, to which we referred last week?

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 1	Treble	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2		WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 8
WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 3		CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4		WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5		GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 6		FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus ever rung. Rung in honour of Mr. Brundle's 79th birthday. The St. Mary-le-Tower Society has now rung eleven different Maximus methods within the last ten years.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... .. 2		FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 3		ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 8
*FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... .. 4		CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 9
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 5		WILLIAM HONOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, together with the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor, are members of the local band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILDOn Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 1	Treble	*JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 5
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 2		CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 6
*JOHN A. WAUGH ... .. 3		WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4		JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich Major. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th have now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 2		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3		THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... .. 4		JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.  
The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for so kindly filling the breach at the last moment.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALPHRUS J. BERRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

This peal, together with the one at Henley, was arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor while on holiday in the district. The conductor's 350th peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First Surprise peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*THOMAS JONES ... .. Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 5
ALFRED FALLON ... .. 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. JONES ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 4	JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 6
*JOHN A. RANGLES ... .. 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Stedman 'inside' and first attempt.

CHADDLESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cassian,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt, 23 lb.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 6
*JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 4	†WILLIAM ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. This was the quarterly peal for the Branch and a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hector G. Bird.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 6
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR GROUND ... .. Treble	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 6
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 7
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4	*REGINALD HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
REGINALD POSTON ... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4	*FRANK TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal. Rung on the 6th anniversary of the dedication of this peal of eight bells. R. E. Summers has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt, in E flat.

WM. SPICE, SEN. ... .. Treble	H. SPRINGATE ... .. 5
S. J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 2	†W. BEAUMONT ... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	F. BELSEY ... .. 7
*D. T. HILLS ... .. 4	†W. B. GORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung as a wedding peal for the Rev. C. Buckingham, Rector Designate of Snodland, Kent, and a member of Gillingham band, who was married at Gillingham Parish Church on Thursday, September 11th.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

SYDNEY JAMES ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 5
JOSEPH SLATER ... .. 2	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 6
NORMAN BERRY ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
MATTHEW BERRY ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. Mower-Smith, B.D., who had been Vicar of Walkden for over 32 years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Worsley for granting them the use of the bells, as the bells of Walkden are in the bell foundry. Ringer of the treble from Swinton, 2nd and 6th Stretford, 3rd and tenor Walkden, the rest Worsley.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	*P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BRADDICK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... 4
ALBERT HAM ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
CHARLES WEARE ... .. 3	*ARTHUR HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal. This peal was arranged for the conductor, who hails from Port Talbot, South Wales, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Win. Frost and the eldest son of ringer of 3rd.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, called differently.

*CYRIL A. JONES ... .. Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	WALTER THOMAS ... .. 5
RONALD G. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

\* First peal.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

CLIFFORD PAGE ... .. Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4
THOMAS BARTRAM ... .. 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. 5
FRANK C. TYSOE ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Canon Browning, who was Vicar of Bromham when the bells were restored in 1903 and again after the fire of 1906.

UBLEY.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOUSE ... .. Treble	JOHN TOSSELL ... .. 4
CHARLES FIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 5
ERNEST BATH ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

THORNEAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... .. Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 5
GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

## BUCKLAND, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

J. WALLIS, JUN. ... .. Treble	A. HOLMAN ... .. 4
J. WALLIS, SEN. ... .. 2	H. K. HOOPER ... .. 5
H. R. THORPE ... .. 3	F. J. SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

First peal of Treble Bob by a local company.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Milton, Biddulph and Hanley Double Surprise, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	FRANK TRINER ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. Frank Triner, who is leaving the district, much to the regret of his fellow ringers, who wished him every success. This is the first peal on the bells since being recast by Taylor and Co.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven varied extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE WHYBROW ... .. Treble	CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. 4
MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
DENNIS ADAMS ... .. 3	GEORGE L. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal on tower bells.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6072 CHANGES;

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRED C. GINN ... .. 4
GEORGE L. PERKINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

The conductor's 100th peal. It was on the 4th bell he rang his first peal on September 19th, 1923. 61st peal as conductor.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN C. SHARRATT ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 4
*GEORGE MILLS ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 5
NORMAN BROWN ... .. 3	*WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were installed in 1883.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN POTTER ... .. Treble	SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 4
SAMUEL THOMPSON ... .. 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 3	JOHN BASS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to John Potter and his twin sister on their 21st birthday. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd and Mr. H. Cooper, father of the conductor.



MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents, differently called.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE ENGLAND ... .. Treble	GEORGE WINTER ... .. 4
†VINCENT E. SWIFT ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... .. 5
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3	†H. A. GUMMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1930, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. Treble	THOMAS WILKINSON ... .. 4
JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 2	JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. 5
*SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor.

**A HUGHENDON PEAL.**

**TABLET UNVEILED.**

A happy little gathering of Berks and Bucks ringers took place at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hughendon, on Saturday, September 6th, for the unveiling of a peal tablet erected in the belfry recording 'one more' peal of London Surprise that has been achieved in this historical tower. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Herbert Jones, M.A.), the churchwardens (Major Coningsby R. Disraeli, D.L., J.P., and Mr. William Pearson), with about two dozen ringers and friends from neighbouring towers, were present, representing St. Albans, Hillingdon, Iwer, Beaconsfield, Chalfont, Wycombe, Maidenhead, Farnham, Slough, Old Windsor, Cookham and Harrow, etc.

Proceedings began with a musical 'flourish' of Stedman Triples on the tower bells, conducted by Mr. P. Martin, when the bell ropes were looped together and the company arranged round the belfry. The Vicar then offered up a dedicatory prayer, followed by another in which all heartily joined. Major Disraeli was next invited by the towerkeeper to expose the tablet—which had previously been covered with a pair of green curtains—by pulling a light cord having a small sally. In doing so the Major briefly referred to the performance recorded on the peal board, which was rung last November as a welcome to the new Vicar, and expressed his hope, on behalf of the churchwardens (and the ringers), that the Vicar and his wife and family would be spared for many years to live and work amongst them in the parish.

In reply, the Vicar thanked the churchwardens and the ringers for their peal of welcome to Hughendon, also for the handsome tablet presented to the church recording it. He admitted that he himself was also a ringer, but parochial duties in the past had prevented his following up the work of the belfry.

Mr. J. Evans, C.C., and Mr. W. H. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar and wardens for their presence in the belfry, and a touch of London Surprise Major was then rung to seal the ceremony.

During the remainder of the evening, from 6 to 8 p.m., other touches were rung to Cambridge, Superlative, and Bristol Surprise Major, relieved by Double Norwich and Stedman, so that everyone could enjoy a short pull. The team whose names appear on the tablet were all present, and rang a course in the same order and method, viz., W. Henley, Mrs. Mayne, W. H. Fussell, W. Welling, J. Evans, H. Wingrove, G. Martin and C. C. Mayne.

Hughendon tower has a long association with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Here a good many ringers throughout England (for the past fifty years) have scored their 'first' in a peal of Stedman or Major, and these lines may serve to remind them of a happy visit to St. Michael's tower in the days of their youth. It possesses a well-bound volume, beautifully written up, containing particulars of all the peals rung on the bells since they were increased to an octave in 1831 as a memorial to the late Earl of Beaconsfield.

The churchwardens' accounts go back to 1685, when there was a ring of four bells, and amongst the interesting entries may be found the following items:—

1688.—I paid Ringers for Gunpowder Treason, 2s. 6d.

1691.—For a Bushell of Malt for Ringers, 4s.

1694.—Paid for Ringing ye Bell on Queen's burial day, 1s. 6d.

1702.—Paid Grove for Malt for the Coronation, 7s.

1705.—Paid Wright for 2 Bushells of Malt, 6s.

1717.—Two Quarters of Tobacco spent on Ringing Days, 9d.

1723.—Pd. D. Weedon ironwork for ye Bells of ye Church, 17s. 08d.  
W. H. F.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Garston on Saturday, September 6th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beedon, Childrey, Highclere, Newbury, Overton, Shaw, Thatcham, and the local ringers. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (Rector of Shaw), who gave a very interesting address on the history of bells. Miss S. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Liddiard, when 25 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 15th.

Hampstead Norris bells, it was announced, are to be rededicated on Sunday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

Messrs. H. and G. Garrett, of Overton, were elected as unattached members, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Kingsley Kefford for his address and presiding at the meeting, to Miss Davis for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Liddiard for providing the tea. The tower was again visited afterwards, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Maids Moreton on Saturday, September 6th, this being the first time for a good many years that a meeting had been held. The attendance was very good considering that the place lies rather wide of the activities of the branch. About twenty-five members were present, and the ringers were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Worne), who has only been in the parish a few months. It was his first experience of a ringers' meeting, as he had never previously been at a church where there was a full peal of bells.

Service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who in his address to the ringers said that it was a great delight to be able to address them. Although he knew nothing whatever about bells, it was very interesting to know that such organised branches of ringers existed, and for the good work that must result, and he hoped to see more of such meetings. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and a very pleasant time was spent, the Vicar, by his very witty stories, keeping the ringers highly amused.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) thanked the Vicar for his very warm welcome to the branch, and for making such a successful meeting. This was very suitably responded to, and further ringing then took place, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor. Other members visited Buckingham to ring on the peal of eight, and a course of Cambridge Major was brought round.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, September 6th, a large number of ringers being present. The Guild's special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Freeman, assisted by the Rev. Nind. The address was given by Archdeacon Crosse. Tea was held at the Bull Hotel, with upwards of forty sitting down. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Burford and to Archdeacon Crosse for preaching such an interesting sermon. Churchill was proposed for the spring meeting.

Visitors were present from several of the neighbouring branches, and a very hearty welcome was extended to them.

The ringers afterwards visited the bell foundry of Mr. Bond, and were shown the most interesting art of bell casting, which he had in process.

Further ringing afterwards brought to a close a most enjoyable day.

FARMBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers of Farmborough, near Bath, had their annual outing in lovely weather. Leaving Farmborough with fourteen aboard a comfortable charabanc, they enjoyed a nice ride to Castle Cary, Marston Magna and Taunton, and on to Bridgewater for tea. Continuing the journey, a stop was made at Mark and West Pennard, where ringing was participated in by all, the methods rung being Surprise, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Minor. Thanks are due to the incumbents for use of the bells in the churches visited, also to those who had everything in readiness at each tower. Home was reached at 11 p.m. after a splendid outing.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, August 25th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): D. Gosling (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, J. Fernley, sen., 2, R. E. Jones 3, J. Baneroff (first quarter-peal for twenty years) 4, J. Fernley, jun., 5, W. Fernley 6, J. W. Hartley 7, E. Bennett (conductor) 8.

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL. HOW TO CALL THE PEAL.

Recent references in these columns to touches from and the calling of Holt's Original have brought us several inquiries as to the best way of conducting this famous peal, and a well-known ringer deals with this subject in the article which follows.

However you approach it, Holt's Original is not an easy peal to call. I make no comparisons between it and other difficult compositions, but in the view of most people who are competent to judge there is nothing which taxes the ability of a conductor of Grandsire Triples more than John Holt's one-part. And yet every Grandsire Triples conductor ought to make the calling of this peal a goal to be reached sooner or later. The mastery of the calling requires a fair amount of concentration. There are a hundred and forty-eight bobs and two singles, and they have just got to be learnt from beginning to end; there is no regularity about their positions, or even any 'blocks' of calling which recur to help the memory. Nevertheless, every average Grandsire conductor ought to be able to master it. To some men the calling of this peal comes as easily, when conducting, as saying the alphabet and, what one can do, others who give the necessary application to the task ought also to be able to accomplish.

What is the best way of learning the peal? That is the question which chiefly seems to concern those who aspire to calling it. I have heard of people who have set it to verse, and of one well-known conductor who went to a memory-training institute to have a system of mnemonics adapted to it. This system was such a profound 'secret' that it died with the conductor—the authors, of course, having forgotten all about it. Unquestionably, to my mind, the best way of learning the peal is by the bells 'Before.' I have known conductors who have learnt it by making one particular bell the 'observation bell,' but that has its drawbacks, because the conductor is then almost sure to find himself limited to ringing that particular bell every time he wants to call this composition. Another conductor, I remember, called it by learning the number of leads between the bobs. There are, in my opinion, decided disadvantages in this method, such as the added mental effort which is necessary and risk of error in counting the leads from one call to the next while the ringing is in progress.

By calling the peal from the bells 'Before,' one has a simple guide to the places of all the bobs. In case it is necessary to explain to any reader what is meant by bells 'Before,' I might here say that a bell is said to be called 'Before' in Grandsire, when it is going to make third's place—the one place in Grandsire not affected by a bob. The conductor who can see the least bit further than the work of his own bell can watch the bell which has to be called 'Before' gradually working into position. Assuming that he has two or more leads to run before the bob is called, each time he passes the bell in question he will find one other bell less between it and the treble, until, when the bell to be bobbed has dodged in 4-5 up, it will be followed, up and back to the lead, immediately by the treble, and the bob is called when the bell 'Before' leads. In brief, the bell which is coming 'Before,' is coursing in the lead before the bob immediately in front of the treble.

The first thing to do then, when starting on Holt's Original, is to learn the bells 'Before.' Now there are two ways in which these may be treated. You may learn the whole 150 off by heart, as they occur, or you can reduce the number of bells to be memorised by calling certain of them 'Before with a double.' This expression means that a bob has to be called at two consecutive leads; that is to say, when the bell comes 'Before' and again at the next lead when it will dodge in 6-7 down, or 'Wrong,' as this calling position is known. By memorising the doubles, I always think, the risk of confusion when calling is reduced, and any system which lessens the chance of a 'mix-up' of the bells is worth adopting.

It is quite certain that when you set about learning the peal, however you learn it, you will automatically reduce the calling to 'groups.' I don't know whether any two conductors ever group the bobs in exactly the same way, and each new aspirant will probably make up his own grouping. In other words, he will make his own 'parts,' although there will be no similarity between them.

Then there is another thing to do, and one in which, again, conductors are likely to follow their own inclinations, and that is to pick out certain 'landing places' in the peal where one may be certain that the bells are right. The ideal conductor, of course, is he who knows if the bells are right from beginning to end, who can transpose the coursing order from start to finish as he goes along, and who can actually anticipate in his own mind the change which will be effected in the coursing order by the next bob. But all conductors of Grandsire have not reached that stage—if they had there would be no need for this article—and therefore it is well, in calling a peal, that they should have certain points where they may be sure whether or not the bells are right. Incidentally it should be remembered that one advantage of calling Holt's Original by the bells 'Before' is that if there is a 'shift course' by any pair of bells except 2nd and 6th (which are not called 'Before' until the last four leads), sooner or later, and sooner rather than later, a bell which should come 'Before' will be found to be in the hunt, from which position, of course, it is impossible to call it 'Before.'

But apart from this check upon the accuracy of the ringing, it is as well to have some well-marked and readily observed places where the position of all the bells can be seen. For this purpose some easily recognised changes, and not too many of them, should be selected. They mark the intervals of the peal and, if nothing else, it is always a comfort to the conductor to know definitely that the bells are still running in their proper order. From what has been written it will be seen that the 'make up' for the calling of the peal rests very largely with the conductor, but I give below the way in which I set out the peal and group the calls, together with the landing places which I make. It should be noted that the latter do not always come at a call; it may be one or more leads after the call indicated by the \*.

The following are the bells 'Before,' and the letter D after a figure means that that bell is called 'Before with a double.'

5. 3. 4. 5. 4. 4. 4. 3d. 3d. 7d. 4d.  
4. 4d. 5\* d. 5d. 7d. 7d.  
3. 3d. 7d.  
5. 7d. 7d. 5d.\*  
7. 4. 5d. 7d.  
5. 7. 7. 3d. 3d. 4d.

\*452367

\*423675

4. 4. 7d.* 5d.	*234675
7. 5.* 5. 4d.	*342567
3. 4d. 4d.	
3.* 7. 7d.	Half-way, lead prior to 7 before *564723
3. 4. 3d.	
5.* 7d.	*354267
3. 4d.	
7. 3. 5d.	
7. 4. 7d. 7d.*	*325467
4. 3. 3d. 3d.	
5. 3. 5d.	
5. 7. 4d. 4d. 7d.*	*423567
5. 3. 5d.	
3. 4. 4d.	
3. 7. 3d. 3d.	
7. 5.* 3d. 3d.	*Plain course.
7. 3. 7. 7d. 7d.	
7. 4. 4d. 3d. (2s. 5. 6. 3s.*)	*Rounds.

If space permits, I hope later to give a table by which the conductor, who desires to ring portions of the peal for practice, may obtain touches of varying length from any part of the composition.

#### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Although the weather on Saturday and the inaccessibility of the village might easily have resulted in the Guildford District meeting at Dunsfold being a double 'washout,' thanks to over twenty enthusiasts who came from the local company, S. Nicolas' and the Cathedral Church, Guildford, Cranleigh, Croydon, Haslemere, Old Woking, Godalming, Seale and Aldershot, this was not the case.

Various touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Doubles were brought round on this light ring of six, and the usual form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins), whose informal address was much appreciated.

As the secretary was unable to think of any business matters for discussion, in place of the usual meeting after tea, the Rector conducted the ringers round the ancient and interesting church, and pointed out the various 'show' items, from the sanctuary knocker on the seven hundred years' old door to the 'port, starboard and stern scuppers,' by which in days past the water was swept out of the church after the floor had been washed.

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	Rung	Conducted
Doubles—three methods	1	Partly
Grandsire Doubles	1	—
Grandsire Triples	63(a)	16
Grandsire Major	2	—
Grandsire Caters	36(b)	8
Grandsire Cinques	6	4
Stedman Doubles	1	1
Stedman Triples	109	49(c)
Stedman Caters	37	17(d)
Stedman Cinques	34	12
Erin Caters	1	—
Erin Cinques	1(e)	—
Darlaston Bob Triples	4	—
Oxford Bob Triples	1	—
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	—
Double Oxford Bob Royal	1(e)	—
Plain Bob Minor	2	2
Plain Bob Triples	1	—
Plain Bob Major	28	5
Plain Bob Royal	3	1
Plain Bob Maximus	2	1
Minor—seven methods	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	8	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Forward Major	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	16	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	14	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	3	—
Superlative Surprise Major	4	—
London Surprise Major	4	—
	400	117

(a) 3 on handbells. (b) Including 7,019 and 11,563. (c) 1 called blindfold and 1 rung silent. (d) 1 on handbells (conducted 1). (e) First ever rung.

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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.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where much ringing history has been made and the pioneer spirit in Maximus methods developed, has just had added one more new performance to its records. The enterprising band, under Mr. George Symonds' conductorship, rang a peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus, on Saturday—the first ever.

As the footnote to the peal intimates, this is the eleventh Maximus method in which a peal has been rung by the society within the last ten years. There have been peals rung of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Forward, Duffield, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey, and in nearly, if not quite all of these, the distinguished veteran, Mr. Robert Brundle, has taken part. Saturday's peal was in celebration of his 79th birthday.

Visiting ringers will be welcomed at Hazelbeech, Northants, where there is a new ring of eight bells. In our notice columns the Rector of this little country parish invites applications.

The dedication of the new peal of bells at Walkden Parish Church, Lancs, is provisionally fixed for December 11th at 3 p.m.

'The first peal on the new ten bells' at Grantham was rung on September 19th, 1775. Although the bells were new, it took thirteen men to ring them to a peal—two on the ninth and three on the tenor. The bells couldn't have been on ball bearings.

Matt Wood, the famous old ringer of Bethnal Green and St Paul's Cathedral, who died in 1912, was born on September 22nd, 1826.

The attention of any ringer proposing to attend the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th to 11th, is directed to an announcement in our notice columns.

We hear that a very successful start was made with the Northants ringing week, the first four attempts resulting in two peals of London and two of Bristol Surprise.

Mr. F. Wilford, the popular Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 60th birthday on Monday. It is not too late to wish him 'many happy returns.'

## EATON SOCON CHURCH RESTORATION, TOWER ALREADY REINSTATED.

Energetic measures are being taken for the restoration of the Parish Church of Eaton Socon, Beds, destroyed by fire some few months ago. The contract for the rebuilding of the church on the original lines has been entered into for £15,000, and the tower has already been restored at a cost of £1,300, the ringing floor, clock floor, bell-cage floor and new roof having all been reinstated in best English oak and masonry, under the plans and direction of Messrs. Richardson and Gill, architects, of London. The Parochial Church Council are now considering the question of the bells, and we hope it will be possible for the restored peal to be ready when the church is reopened.



**BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.****RESTORATION FUND APPEAL.**

As stated in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the ancient bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, are being restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, after over 157 years of service. They are, as is pretty well known, a peal of eight by Thomas Jannaway, 1773, and all intact. There have been well over 200 peals rung on them, including some famous ones—a 12,176 of Bob Major in the year 1783, the first peal of Real Double Bob, and one which has always stood without dispute to be the first muffled peal rung in the kingdom, to the memory of Wm. Chapman, the leader of his day, and a famous ringer. But of late years, the bells have got more and more out of tune, and clattering and going very badly, so that a thorough restoration is much overdue. The work has now been placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are going to retune and recapper the whole peal, rehang in ball bearings, with new wheels



SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Bromley, Kent.

and some new headstocks, and strengthen the frame with vertical bolts and angle plates, with their assurance that it will be a good sound job, and that the bells will tune up into an excellent peal. The estimated cost is approximately £250, and as money is difficult to raise at present in Bromley, owing to the fact that £300 has just been spent in cleaning and redecorating the church, the local ringers (the Society of Bromley Youths, established 1773) have promised to try to raise a portion of the required sum, and hereby appeal to all ringers, and especially to their ringing friends who have rung peals on the old bells, or any who may have rung on them, kindly to assist them in this matter. Any subscription, however small, would be gratefully received and acknowledged at the close of the appeal by:—

Mr. I. Emery, leader and steeplekeeper, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent, or

Mr. P. J. Spice, secretary, 5, Horsley Road, Bromley, Kent.

**BOB MAJOR'S FIRST BOB MINOR!**

Bob Major rang his first 720 of Bob Minor at Lawton, Cheshire, on September 5th: R. Major 1, E. Harper 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, W. Rigby (conductor) 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, W. Longman 6. This was R. Major's first attempt in the method, and the first time he has rung with the tenor in.

**NEW BELLS AT GIGGLESWICK.****A YORKSHIRE AUGMENTATION.**

This small Yorkshire village had a red-letter day on August 23rd, when the opening of the augmented ring of six bells to eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Aikelda took place. The church itself is a most interesting building, dating from the twelfth century onward, and well repays a tour of inspection.

Originally there were only three bells at Giggleswick, but in 1880 these were augmented to six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The present augmentation was made possible, and a long-standing ambition fulfilled, by a bequest of £250 made recently by Miss E. M. Bryning, the two new bells being intended as memorials to her late uncle, Mr. T. E. Foster.

To the great disappointment of all concerned, the Vicar of Giggleswick was unable to take part in the proceedings owing to a sudden illness, and the conduct of the service devolved on the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the president of the Yorkshire Association.

After the introductory prayers, a procession was formed to the belfry, where the bell founder (Mr. C. F. Johnston) handed the bell ropes to the churchwardens, who in turn handed them to the president for dedication. After the dedication, the ropes were handed to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Hodgson, and while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel the following rang a few rounds on the bells: P. J. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, R. Thomas 3, C. E. Lawson 4, J. Cotterell 5, G. Robinson 6, E. Simpson 7, W. O. Talbot 8.

Following the service, a bountiful tea was provided, and ringing indulged in until a late hour.

The tenor weighs 10½ cwt. in the key of A flat. The bells go splendidly, and are a great credit to the founders, both for running and tone.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT HENDON.**

A very wet and dismal afternoon was made bright by some good ringing obtained at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Hendon on Saturday last. The attendance, although below the average, was not too small, and all tastes were catered for. In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the service was taken by the Rev. C. L. Waller, whose sincere welcome and good advice were much appreciated.

A good tea having been disposed of, the usual short business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair. Reference was made to the death of Mr. W. Dell, of Hadley, who died on August 5th, after a long illness. He was one of the foundation members of the association, and was well known to the older members. Those present stood in silence for a few moments as a last mark of respect to their late colleague.

Four new members were elected, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, chosen as the venue of the next meeting.

The thanks of the members were accorded to the Vicar (Rev. N. R. Boyd) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. L. Waller for his address at the service; to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy for arranging an excellent tea; and to Mr. C. H. Martin for his usual cordial welcome.

Afterwards a great variety of methods were practised—rounds for one or two learners present, with Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise to satisfy the more ambitious.

The very old church was an object of much interest. Recent restorations have caused the uncovering of a beautiful old 12th century archway at the east end, which had been partly covered in and partly cut through by a 14th century archway and window. These are the first traces of the earlier building yet discovered and caused much excitement when found.

**PENTRE BELLRINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.**

The many ringing friends of the three Pentre (Rhondda) ringing brothers—Messrs. W. Page, T. Page and H. Page—will extend to them their heartfelt sympathy at the loss of their mother, who passed away on Monday, September 8th, after a prolonged illness, patiently borne with Christian fortitude.

The late Mrs. Page came to Pentre over forty years ago from Ilchester (Somerset). She was the wife of a former Pentre ringer, and of her four sons, who became ringers, three are now recognised as amongst the ablest connected with the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. T. Page having also served the association as its Master.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 13th, at Treorik Cemetery, conducted by the Vicar of Ystradyfodwg (the Rev. D. Spencer Jones). Members of the St. Peter's Society attended, and afterwards took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled: J. Lovett 1, G. Palmer 2, W. Palmer 3, W. Heath 4, H. Davies (conductor) 5, F. Chamberlain 6, F. Lashury 7, H. Crabb 8. The ringers of the 4th and 6th kindly came from St. John's, Cardiff, to assist.

## JOHN BRIANT.

## NEW BIOGRAPHY OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE WORTHY.

Mr. Herbert C. Andrews, the hon. secretary of the East Herts Archaeological Society, has done a great service in publishing a volume upon John Briant, the Hertford bell founder and clockmaker, the centenary of whose death was suitably commemorated last year. Antiquarians have been at pains to search among the old bells in the churches of this country in order to give us something of their history, but we know very little of the founders of past centuries. Specimens of their handiwork remain; but of the men themselves our knowledge is of the scantiest. Of John Briant, however, we now have a most interesting biography, which gives us a close insight into the character of this old Hertfordshire worthy, who cast over 400 bells, which were to be found distributed over half the counties of England and even in Ireland, and whose turret clocks were among the best in the world, but who died in the shelter of the Marlborough almshouses at St. Albans. He was a man who was never satisfied that the best had been achieved; he was frequently experimenting to improve his craft; he was indulgent with his customers, when they were unable to pay for the work he had done, and he took a philosophical view of life. When an admirer of his genius and industry expressed regret that he had not acquired a competency to run a carriage, it is said he bluntly replied, 'I don't want a carriage; I'm satisfied with the station of life that God has placed me in. I've enjoyed more real pleasure in my favourite pursuits than the wealth of India could afford.'

John Briant enjoyed the confidence of church authorities in many parts of England, and the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln consulted him on the recasting of 'Great Tom' when that bell became cracked at the beginning of the last century. A letter on this subject which he wrote in January, 1828, is worth quoting. It is an illuminating document, dealing with the casting of big bells in those days:—

'Dear Sir,—I received your second letter duly, and now proceed to answer it. It would be of no use whatever to drill any hole—rely upon it, no more good would result from such an experiment than making the excision you mentioned in your first. (This was an inquiry whether any temporary improvement in the tone would be obtained by cutting a piece out of the bell as far as or a little beyond the crack.) It is in truth a cracked bell, and my experience of now more than upwards of half a century has never seen any remedy applied to one, although frequently attempted, nor do I entertain the least prophetic knowledge I ever shall; and I should be extremely sorry that any friend of mine should make an attempt to effect what I feel convinced is impossible to be accomplished.'

'In reply to the material question contained in your first letter, as to the probable expense, and the most eligible place to recast the bell at, I offer the following as my opinion after the most mature deliberation. It is now upwards of a century since a bell of this magnitude has been founded, consequently no living experience derivable from founders concerned in them is now available to guide us. We must, therefore, place our confidence for success in the account that has been handed down to us by others, aided by our own, and this will concur in giving the most decided preference to London for this reason: We know that there there is a furnace of sufficient capacity that has been *proved* over and over again, and has at all times been capable of producing that heat to the metal which is the *desideratum* for ensuring a good bell; and allow me to remind you heat is of all things what we have most to combat with for success.

'I have no fear of a good article with a proved furnace; but the great uncertainty of effecting a cast with a new one is greatly decreasing the probability of success. Not that I think it wholly impossible; and did I feel myself equal, as I have had so considerable experience in building furnaces both for myself and others, I should have had no repugnance to make an attempt; but the anxiety and care it would create upon my mind would be so great as to divest me of that equanimity I find necessary to retain at my advanced years.

'Exclusive of the great risk of a good cast in a new furnace, there would be a great deal of additional expense in consequence. A proper furnace would cost about £60, besides which there would be many incidental and necessary expenses in a new place of casting, all of which would be avoided if founded in London; and the expense to be considered against this is the amount of carriage. Whether water carriage is available, I cannot tell—probably not. If so, and land carriage is resorted to, you can be supplied with a new bell before the old one is removed, and the same conveyance that brings the new one to Lincoln can carry the old one back to London. I have made some inquiry as to the probable amount of the carriage, and, from the best information I can obtain, it would be less in proportion than one to two as to the erection of a furnace. But under every consideration London is the preferable place; nor is there another furnace now in England sufficient to contain the requisite quantity of metal.

'In confirmation of my opinion upon the difference of a new and an old furnace, we have an elucidation of it at Oxford. The great bell there had a new furnace erected to cast it in, and after casting

and recasting three times, produced the worst of all great bells in England. St. Paul's, which was recast in 1709 in London, turned out a good one the first heat—the proved furnace in London being capable of producing the requisite intensity of heat, but which the new furnace at Oxford could not effect after three attempts. And in a work of this magnitude I submit, with great deference, no experiment ought to be tried; yet, if the Dean and Chapter should desire to have it founded in their Cathedral, so far as my best judgment and experience might be rendered useful, it would be one of my highest gratifications to promote their wishes.

'It would be impossible, not having particularly noticed the groined roof where you propose to take this stupendous bell up and down, and also some other matters connected with it, to state anything like an accurate sum, but I think the operation of recasting will be from £200 to £250.

'In undertakings of this nature, which so seldom occur, I am exceedingly happy that it is to be effected by so liberal and learned a body as the present Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, as upon their arrangements everything depends; and I entertain no doubt a proper regard will be had to obtain the greatest excellence, in preference to adopting a system that has of late been resorted to by inferior bodies, to induce persons contracting to execute their orders at so low a price as to sacrifice all other considerations, of which there is a notable instance recently at Liverpool.

'Having myself declined founding, I hope readily to receive your assent, as well as of those concerned, that I am not influenced by any other feelings in this affair, than a most ardent desire to be instrumental in producing as good a bell as the old one, which was the most superior great bell in England, and in the attainment of which object I hope I shall not be found to shrink from any exertions. On the subject of a new or an old furnace I have personally conferred with Mr. Mears, the London founder, whose opinion and mine are in unison in this respect. Should it be thought well, we shall be happy of an opportunity to examine the place, and to confer with you upon any further steps in this business, of which you will be pleased to let me know. Any communication for the succeeding three weeks will find me if addressed to King's College, Cambridge, where I am going to fix a new turret clock.'

Briant's advice was not immediately followed. The experiment of cutting a piece out of the bell proved a failure, and the bell was eventually recast in 1834, five years after Briant's death.

The story of Briant's life and work is admirably told by Mr. Andrews, who also gives us some no less interesting details of some of his various foremen and bell tuners. One of these was Robert Taylor, whose name, although he was not strictly an assistant of Briant, appears on an 1816 bell at Riseley, in conjunction with Briant's. He served an apprenticeship with Edward Arnold at St. Neots, and took over the foundry at his death in 1800. Later the firm became R. Taylor and Son. They removed to Oxford in 1821, and later to Loughborough, where they laid the foundations of the present famous business. Briant's own business was taken over by Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel.

Mr. Andrews has made a comprehensive survey of Briant's work, and devotes a chapter to his stamps and inscriptions, gives a chronological list of his bells and a county list with details of recastings and other information concerning them and the clocks he manufactured. This work, as far as we know, is the first devoted to a single bell founder, and it would be a great addition to the bibliography of bells if historians could be found to bring to light for us the story of other old members of the bell founding craft. This volume, which has been admirably printed by Messrs. Wm. Cartmel and Sons, of St. Albans, is illustrated by a number of plates, and is published at 6s. 6d.

## FAIRFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 30th, the Fairford ringers held their annual outing. Leaving Fairford at 7.35, they reached Prestbury at 8.50, and there they were met by Mr. T. Pendry, and the nice peal of eight bells were set going for about an hour. Proceeding to Tewkesbury Abbey, the party were met by the Rev. E. G. Benson and an old friend and late ringer of Fairford, Police Inspector G. W. Hastings. The lovely peal of ten was soon going to Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters. Going on to Upton-on-Severn, the company enjoyed a splendid hot lunch, which had been kindly arranged by Mr. C. Camm. This was very much enjoyed. Steps were made to the church, where ringing took place on the peal of eight. Ledbury was reached later, but on this ring of eight the ringing was not good, as the ropes were new and stretched a lot. Arriving at Newent, ex-Sergt. J. Williams had a splendid tea awaiting the party. On the nice peal of six bells, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung. Barnwood, where there is a lovely light peal of eight, was the last stop, and the party were received by Mr. Waite and his two sons. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Mr. Waite had kindly arranged for supper, and, after a satisfactory repast, the tables were cleared and the handbells were set going to touches and tune making, a very enjoyable wind-up to the outing, Fairford being reached at 11.20.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, on Saturday. Although it was a very wet and dismal afternoon, the meeting was well attended, and several visitors were welcomed. Good use was made of the five bells (which were rehung and augmented from three to five in 1927) until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Smith). Tea in the schoolroom was followed by the business meeting, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, and expressed his delight in meeting an old friend in Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop, who was for many years the secretary of the North Notts Association.

Six new members were elected, and Mr. Ashman, of Crich, extended an invitation to all ringers to visit Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday next, when a board, recording the first peal on the bells, since their augmentation, will be dedicated.

Several items of business were disposed of, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and local workers who provided tea, and Mr. G. Rawson, a visiting member, who officiated at the organ.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 in a number of methods. Members were present from Blackwell, Crich, Kirkby, Morton, South Normanton, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Tibshelf.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****A MIXTURE OF METHODS AT HOLLOWAY.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on Saturday. Proceedings were due to commence with ringing at 3.30 p.m., but, owing to the inclement state of the elements, there were still only a few present at 4 p.m., when a start was made with Stedman Triples. The rain having ceased before the touch, the attendance showed signs of increasing, and before long there was an expert band in the tower, and good ringing was done up till 5.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made for tea. The latter was served at Lyons, and altogether seventeen sat down to do it justice.

The tower was revisited at 6.30 p.m., and a short business meeting held, the only important item being the election of a District Ringing Master, which position had been vacant since the resignation of Mr. F. E. Alloway, in January last.

Mr. John H. Crampion, of Woodford, was elected to fill this office.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and steeple-keeper for their kindness in allowing the ringing, and also to the young man who opened and closed the tower, and who was also put through his first course of Grandsire Triples on the treble.

There being no further business, the chairman's hammer was put back into its cage, and the meeting was closed. By this time, a large number of the leading lights of London ringing circles were present, and a course of Cambridge was rung. The bells having got over this method were then put to some more Grandsire Triples, followed by Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major. Superlative was then essayed, and a very good course rung, the best of the evening. London having already been rung during the afternoon, Bristol Surprise was attempted and brought round in very good style. This encouraged still further efforts, and, after some more Grandsire Triples, a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung. It was then decided to ring some Bob Major, and a course of London to conclude the meeting, but, after the Bob Major, news was brought that two old ladies living near the church had made loud complaints about the ringing, and the Master, deeming prudence the better part of valour, decided to close the proceedings without ringing the London. The most successful meeting of the district for some considerable time was thus brought to a close. The attendance was moderate, about 25 being present, but the standard of ringing (both methods and striking) was good, there being ten different methods rung, and it is believed to be the first time that Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise have been rung at a Northern District meeting.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—For evensong, at the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 24th, 936 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 31st, a 720 of Kent Minor, and for evensong 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn (first 720 in the method inside) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, on September 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 49 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, S. Wade 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, N. Tomlinson 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Norman Tomlinson, and the day of the christening of his daughter.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

**WARWICK.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: J. L. Rye, jun., 1, J. Bayliss 2, C. Wildsmith 3, A. W. Bond 4, W. Harrison 5, H. Huxley 6, W. Collett 7, J. T. C. Rye 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, E. H. Bosworth 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by all except ringers of 4, 7 and 9.

**TETENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, September 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. J. Lockley 1, Alfred Butler 2, H. C. Taylor 3, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 4, R. Pickering 5, B. Dalton 6, A. Fallon 7, T. W. Bate 8.

**BUCKLEBURY.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Mathews 1, W. Wigmore 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss E. Mathews 4, J. Hazell 5, F. Knapp (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, A. Hawkins (first quarter-peal) 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, September 14th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 1,386 Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: W. A. Bullock 1, W. W. T. Daniells 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, E. G. Townsend 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. W. Smith.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, 1,370 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**—For morning service, on September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Mrs. K. Pattenden 1, F. Burden 2, W. Button 3, A. Beane 4, W. Tickner 5, C. Brown 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Haywood (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

**NEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Sunday, September 7th, for evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. T. E. Curtis 1, C. Poole 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, C. Pearce 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Crocker 8. Arranged for Miss Futter and Miss Hazell, of Bucklebury. Also rung as a birthday compliment to C. Poole and E. W. Smith.

**EAST BRENT, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: \*W. Frost 1, W. Wiseman 2, W. Braddick 3, E. Cook 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, \*E. Edwards 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor and first attempt.

**YEOVIL.**—On Sunday, August 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: H. Batty 1, F. C. Padwick 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Jeanes 4, T. Marks 5, C. Norman 6, E. T. Griffin 7, W. Fry 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. Rung as a farewell touch to the tenor ringer on his leaving Yeovil for Cardiff.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. R. Walker 1, A. J. Wyatt (Taunton) 2, F. T. Gover 3, S. G. Coles (Taunton) 4, G. F. Austin 5, J. Eldridge (Maidenhead) 6, E. Stitch (Port Talbot) (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8. Arranged for the visitors, who wish to thank the local band.

**CROYDON.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at St. Peter's, South Croydon, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. H. Grainger 1, E. J. King (conductor) 2, D. Wright 3, H. Wills 4, W. Bullpitt 5, F. Leck 6, W. D. Grainger 7, T. H. Taffender 8, E. Denham 9, W. Rogers 10.

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**WOOLWICH.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evensong, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: R. G. Sales (first quarter) 1, H. Holden 2, B. Aldridge 3, T. H. Culver 4, L. Cullom 5, J. Morten 6, F. J. Cullen 7, Pte. C. Fairman, R.T.C., 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Squires, wife of Mr. W. J. Squires, ex-Mayor of Woolwich, and a former churchwarden at the Parish Church.

**TAUNTON.**—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. J. Wyatt 1, S. Wyatt 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, W. H. Coles 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 7, S. G. Coles 8. First quarter in this method on the bells and by the ringers of 3rd, 4th and 6th. It is just six months since Wilton bells were augmented to eight, and several of the younger members of the band had previously never touched Double Norwich. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. James Hunt for the great assistance he has given, and it is hoped with his continued help to start Cambridge Surprise.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. H. Grainger (first quarter-peal on ten) 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, R. Greenwood 4, T. Newman 5, J. R. Gammon 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. H. Daynes 8, R. F. Deal 9, F. W. Rogers 10.

**SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 720 Hexham Surprise: F. Morton 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.—On August 17th, for evening service, 720 Berwick Surprise by the same band.

**BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Hobbs (Burnham) 1, H. Knight (Wolverhampton), conductor, 2, J. E. Lilley (Congresbury) 3, G. H. Pruett (Burnham) 4, A. Avan (Burnham) 5, L. G. Tanner (Westonsuper-Mare) 6, C. R. Lilley (Congresbury) 7, R. Willcocks (Bristol) 8. The band wish to tender their best thanks to Messrs. A. Evan and W. Court for kindly arranging the above to meet an old friend, Mr. H. Knight.

**PARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Burningham 1, J. Reed 2, S. Meadows 3, J. Beagley 4, R. Hasted 5, C. Edwards 6, R. J. Hasted (Havant), conductor, 7, G. Upshall 8. Also 280 in the same method. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Wells 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Reed 3, S. Meadows 4, F. Kemp 5, R. J. Hasted 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8.

#### REOPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. IVES, HUNTS.

It is understood that this peal, which has recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be reopened on Thursday, September 25th.

The dedication service will take place at 5.30 p.m., and a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted at the close of the service.

The ringing arrangements are in the hands of Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary and Ringing Master, Ely Diocesan Association, who is selecting a band for the occasion. On completion of the quarter-peal there will be no further ringing, and the band will be entertained to supper at the Fountain Cafe.

#### NOTICES.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The district meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Messrs. T. Moore's Tea Rooms. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, 24th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sat., Sept. 27th. Committee meeting at noon. Festival Service in Newcastle Cathedral at 1 o'clock; Preacher, Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond. Dinner and annual meeting in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West, at 2 o'clock. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

#### NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 30th, and St. Magnus' on the 25th, both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the dedication of the recast ring of 8 (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). Service at 3.15 p.m. Address by Vicar of Leeds. The bells available after service until 9 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Wirral Branch) & **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Liverpool Branch).—A combined meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The autumn meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting as the financial year ends on Sept. 30th next?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Will all those in charge of towers remember that subscriptions for the current year are due?—F. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A new peal tablet will be unveiled at this meeting.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Lincolnshire Districts will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Client on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—The augmented peal of 8 bells and the new clock at Irchester Parish Church will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The service will be at 3 o'clock. A public tea will afterwards be held in the Schoolroom at a charge of 8d. per head. The bells will be at liberty for ringing during the whole of the evening.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Memorial Hall (by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, M.A.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—Monk's Kirby is the place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms Hotel.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 20th. The bells (8) will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Please make a point of attending this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. A card, if you require tea, will be much appreciated.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of peal board recording first peal rung on the bells since augmentation to eight, Saturday, September 20th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All members taking part and all ringers invited to tea at 5 p.m.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, September 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, East Lease, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tideswell, on Saturday, September 20th, not September 27th as previously announced. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at a small charge will be provided to those who notify Mr. Giles Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**CUDHAM, KENT.**—The augmented ring of ten, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Bells will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Rededication of Hampstead Norris bells on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon, the Ven. Wickham Legg. All ringers welcomed. Bells (6) open for ringing from 7-9 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Calverley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. G. Thompson, 28, Portman Street, Calverley, near Leeds, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Members are reminded that the financial year ends on Sept. 30th, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before that date.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Sible Hedingham bells (8) also available. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by morning of the 23rd inst., to enable me to make arrangements?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Longwood, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Only those who apply for tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for. Closing date, Sept. 22nd.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Breaston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. Hales, Mount Street, Breaston, Derbyshire, by Sept. 25th?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting; election of officers and other matters. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, September 27th. Tea at Vicarage at 4.30, free to all sending me word. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. See circular for further details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Trevechin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Cholsey, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by the 24th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The Crawford Cup contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 27th. The first company drawn will commence ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be served to those who notify hon. secretary before Sept. 24th, at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells (8) will be open for further ringing from 6.30 to 9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. A. T. Marsland, Buxton Road, Disley, near Stockport, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, September 27th. Towers available: Garston (8), Woolton (8), St. Francis Xavier's (8), from 12 noon; St. Nicholas' (12) from 2 p.m. Others may be arranged for if desired. The branch secretary will be in attendance at St. Nicholas' Church from 11.30 a.m. to give any information. Service in St. Nicholas' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Tea in the Strand Cafe, The Strand, 5 p.m. (2s. each). Meeting to follow in the same room. Notify me for tea by first post on Tuesday, September 23rd.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome. Number for tea by 22nd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to district secretary, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke, by September 24th, please.—D. L. Board.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers are heartily welcome at this meeting. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, September 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Motor will leave Railway Street (top Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30; return fare 2s. 6d. Please send word re motor by 17th, and for tea not later than 23rd inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Will all members please make a special effort to attend. Buses from Doncaster to Stainforth every ten minutes. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 24th.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough, near Rotherham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huish Champflower on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. In addition, the peal of eight at Cheddar will be available. Do not forget the first of annual dinner to be held at Weston on November 15th. Announcements later.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**HUYTON, NEAR LIVERPOOL.**—Reopening of the peal of six (tenor 18 cwt.), restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rector of Liverpool.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Wednesday, October 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that all those intending to be present should advise either of the undermentioned district secretaries as early as possible.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, near Ware (Herts Association).

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea (tickets 1s.) 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me numbers for tea by Sept. 30th.—A. G. Selley, Hon. Sec., The Square, Silverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Bottesford on October 4th. Bells (8) open for ringing during afternoon. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting, all at the Rutland Cafe, High Street. Tea (2s.) only provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Kirton, Station Road, Bottesford, not later than October 2nd. A cordial invitation is given to Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends. Will all members be sporty and pay up their outstanding subscriptions?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, October 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 4th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 1st. Nearest railway station Ardleigh (2½ miles).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Ottershaw (6 bells) on Saturday, October 4th. Frequent buses from Chertsey and Woking. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that members from adjoining districts will attend and help make this meeting a success. Those requiring tea should communicate with me not later than Wednesday, October 1st.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**CHURCH CONGRESS.**—Ringers attending the Church Congress at Newport, October 4th-11th, are invited to communicate with Mr. Fred Atwell, 4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon, notifying days and time they can spare for ringing during the week, so that arrangements can be made in advance. St. Woolos' Parish Church and Pro-Cathedral, 10 bells; All Saints', 8 bells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, should reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at

Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, October 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills.

**'SPESHUL HENTRA.'**—Saturday, October 11th, Oxhey (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30 till 8. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Frank Bennett is now 37, Park Crescent, Brighton.

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