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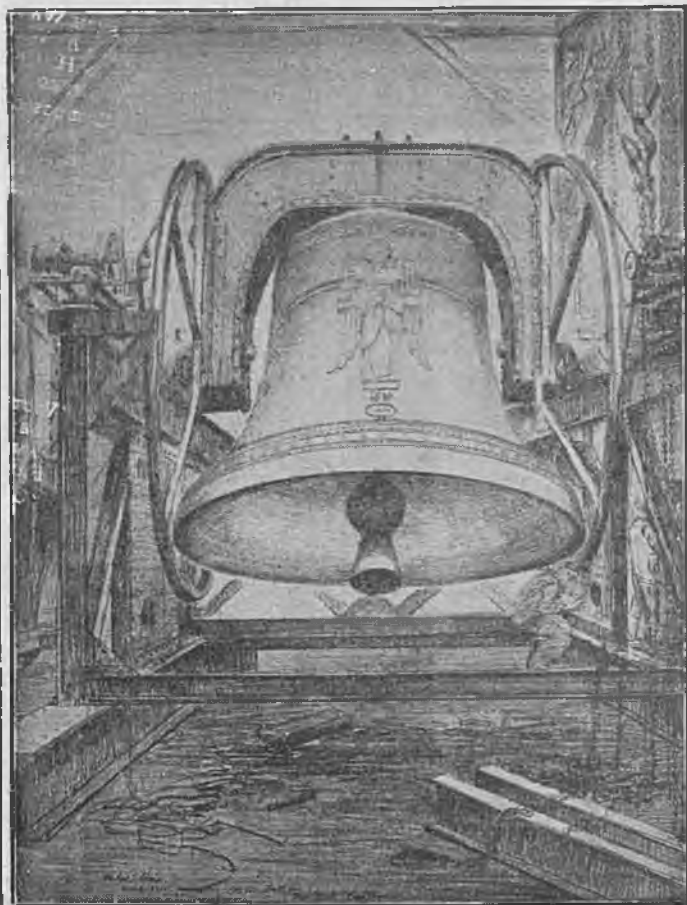
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### METHOD SPLICING.

It is interesting to record this week another performance by some of the men associated with the historical method-splicing peals at Norbury, Cheshire, and to see that although they now have eight bells in their own tower, on which they have done some excellent work in Surprise Major ringing, they have not given up entirely their practice of six-bell methods and particularly of Spliced Minor. It was the Norbury band that first put thirty-five six-bell methods into the seven extents of one peal, and, while their latest performance has not equalled this, their peal last week should be a further incentive to six-bell bands in other parts of the country to give more serious attention to this very fascinating phase of ringing. It is certainly a more interesting and creditable performance to put even two methods into one extent, provided there are constant switches from one to the other, than it is to change over only at the end of each 720. Splicing, in the true sense, is not, perhaps, a job for the mental slow-coach. It requires alertness and quick-thinking, but given these qualities and a knowledge of the methods to be rung, any ringer should be able rapidly to master the principles and enjoy the practice of this phase of the art. Those who would take up this form of ringing should get the little book published on the subject by 'The Ringing World,' which deals in detail with splicing as applied to normal Minor methods.

It is possible that in the near future the Central Council will be asked to lay down some definite ruling as to what shall be recognised as a 'spliced' peal. In recent years there have been a number of 'freak' peals rung, in which, for instance, odd-bell methods have been joined with even-bell methods. As a curiosity, perhaps, such splicing may be pardoned, but it is hardly the sort of ringing to be encouraged, especially when it is merely half a peal of one method joined to half a peal of another. Indeed, except on the same ground of curiosity there is little point in ringing any peal in which there is but one 'splice.' Real distinction is given only to the performance—at any rate from the ringing point of view—when constant changes of method are made, and it ought to be a recognised practice that at least two methods should be included in every course. That, in our opinion, is the lowest standard that should be aimed at in 'splicing,' particularly on numbers above six, and it would soon become the recognised qualification for a spliced peal if the Central Council and the associations were to discourage anything which fell below this level, for splicing is now getting well through its experimental stage. On six and eight bells it has reached a high degree of performance,

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and peals have been rung on seven, ten and twelve bells which have also set a practical standard far above the mere joining of two methods in half peals. There is a wonderful field of variety and interest before those who would take up this phase of ringing, and it is one which provides infinite scope for enterprising bands of ringers on any number of bells.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
AND ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 10
SIDNEY T. ELTON ... .. 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 11
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*HARRY BOSWELL ... .. Treble	THOMAS HILL ... .. 7
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 2	EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3	†JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 9
JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	GILBERT HARDING ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 6	WILLIAM WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

\* First peal of Cinques away from tenor. † First peal on twelve bells. R. Pickering's 200th peal for the society. This peal was arranged for Mr. Ridyard, of Southport.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... .. Treble	WILLIAM NASH ... .. 6
CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 7
JOHN MALVAN ... .. 3	*HARRY D. HOLICK ... .. 8
*THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 4	BEN JARMAN ... .. 9
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5	†GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS BENNEY ... .. Treble	PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 6
THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 3	ARCHIBALD HARRIS ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 9
ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Benney, who reached his 80th birthday on August 31st. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, and was rung on the 26th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. P. Clark.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 5	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. JAINE ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 4	*RICHARD J. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight. † 50th peal. 40th peal together by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

## BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
JAMES BILBY ... .. 2	CHARLES RAISON ... .. 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS  
\* 100th peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. Noel, who is leaving Bradford-on-Avon after 24 years' ministry in this parish.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-BOB FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JACK BAILEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
*EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER ... .. Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 6
GEORGE APPS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 2	THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6
THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 7
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW

## ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
*ARTHUR PASHLEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT NASH ... .. 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... .. 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 7
HEZEKIAH THORPE ... .. 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. NASH.  
\* First peal of Little Bob Major and first in the method on the bells.

## PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... .. Treble	*REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pemb.) ... .. 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... .. 2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... .. 6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) ... .. 3	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... .. 7
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... .. 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge in the county.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3	*PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

\* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 5
MISS ANNA E. CUSHION ... 2	F. W. CECIL CURTIS ... .. 6
NOLAN F. GOLDEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5
*ERNEST PEARSON ... .. 2	JOHN SIMONS ... .. 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 3	HERBERT IMPEY ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	THOMAS IMPEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIER ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSIE GILLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 2	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	HARRY MORGAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOBAN ... .. 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

Quickest peal on the bells.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TORNER ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 7
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. Mr. E. C. S. Turner was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MAURICE N. HAINES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 5
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
*ERNEST J. GOATER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BORTON.

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

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5
CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... .. 4	CHARLES MOULTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday anniversary of Charles H. Walker, secretary of the local company, who, with the conductor, has been a Sunday service ringer at this church for 40 years.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN A. GREEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. 5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. 6
HARRY RIDGWAY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 7
HARRY C. CASHMORE ... 4	GEORGE FODDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

\* First peal (aged 14). First peal on the bells since their restoration by Taylor and Co. First peal of Triples for the Guild by the Towcester Branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DERRICK HOLMWOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH WOOLLEY ... .. 5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal, and aged 14. First peal on this beautiful ring, which were hung in 1809 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The ringers of 1 and 2 were on holiday in Cornwall from Egerton, Kent, 5 and 6 are from Plymouth, and the remainder from Truro Cathedral. After the peal the band was congratulated by the Rector, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert, who very kindly provided tea at the Rectory. The treble ringer was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.



LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

FITZMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*LESLIE STEPHENS ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES ... .. 5
HARRY CASSEL ... .. 2	WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 6
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	THOMAS LOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

\* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT RBS MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN BEAMS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 6
*WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

\* First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HOPE BOWDLER.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

*T. REECE ... .. Treble	J. HUGHES ... .. 4
†J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	W. T. BOUGHEY ... .. 5
W. J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	A. HEIRON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. BOUGHEY.

\* First peal. \* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

HARRY STEBBING ... .. Treble	*EDWARD J. SHYNN ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ... .. 2	HARRY S. BARKER ... .. 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... .. 3	ARTHUR F. POTLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods by all except ringer of tenor.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR COX ... .. Treble	GEORGE SLAUGHTER ... .. 3
JOHN R. NICHOLS ... .. 2	PERCY AMOS ... .. 4

JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

This is the first peal rung on the bells for over thirty years.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores.

*MISS ESMR A. STOKES ... Treble	†FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4
ALLEN JAMES ... .. 2	*GEO. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH LORD ... .. 3	*RICHARD MASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells, and first in which local ringers have taken part in this tower.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, called differently, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HAYWOOD ... .. Treble	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... .. 2	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PASHLEY.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

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

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

THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Treble	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 4
NORMAN INSKIP ... .. 2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
*MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	HERRERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* 50th peal together.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lancaster, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS EVELYN STEELE ... Treble	*AMOS SMART ... .. 4
ALBERT E. BALL ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
*FRANCIS RALL ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor, and first for the Guild.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GILBERT P. MITCHELL ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	E. GEORGE SWIFT ... .. 5
JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. R. Davies, M.A.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	JOHN CURRAY ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to H. M. Day, who attained the age of 50 the previous day.

**DISLEY, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
 (STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH)

*On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being seven spliced extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Poynton and Old Oxford, (2) Bocking and Willesden, (3) Trowel and Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Grove Delight and Wragby, (6) Neasden and College Bob IV., (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY LANGLEY ... 4
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	†ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

\* First peal of Minor away from treble. † First peal of Minor in 17 methods.

**WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two six-scores of Stedman, and forty of Grandsire, the latter with ten different callings, as arranged by Jasper Snowden. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	†ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 3
*ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 2	WALTER LAGO ... 4
*BERTRAM L. JONES ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. First peal on five bells for all the ringers. First peal on the bells, first peal on five bells in the county of Shropshire, also for the association.

**DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, September 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising seven different extents, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK DEERING ... Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 2	JAMES WARDLEY ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

*On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,*

IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTIERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD ... 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

Witness—Miss HELEN M. SHANKS.

First handbell peal, and first attempt for ringer of 1-2, who belongs to the Great Bardfield company.

**ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

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

MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 1-2	MR. T. THACKRAY ... 5-6
MR. J. W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	MR. T. COLIN RYDER ... 7-8
*HENRY G. GRIMWOOD ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

\* First peal of Bob Royal.

**WORCESTER.**—On September 1st, at St. John's Parish Church, by the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: C. G. Bowkett (first quarter-peal) 1. J. Woodyatt (first on an 'inside' bell) 2. W. Lewis 3. W. Powell 4. T. W. Lewis 5. E. Watkins 6. J. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7. E. Crump 8.

**LEICESTER RINGERS' VISIT TO BEDFORDSHIRE.**

The annual outing of 1931 of the Leicester Cathedral ringers must be written down as a most successful one in every way. There were the usual latecomers who caused some slight delay in making a start on the journey to Newport Pagnall; consequently, at the behest of the R.S.M., the route was slightly amended, and full speed ahead ordered. This was apparently due to the fact that at a certain place en route the cafes remained open until 2.30 p.m. The mission was successful, and the R.S.M. lost all his ferocity. We howled along in glorious sunshine to Northampton, amidst the aroma of 'corona-coronas,' due to the kindly thought of Mr. J. Harris. Arriving at Northampton, a halt was made for a pull at St. Giles'. Mr. W. Rogers was there to give us a hearty welcome, and the ring of ten was soon set going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. Our host joined us on our making tracks for Newport, and on the way the handbell experts gave a full and varied entertainment. We arrived in time for tea, and were joined by Mr. C. Clarke, of Bedford, and Mr. H. D. Harris and the Herbert Brothers, of Woburn, and, of course, the local ringers. The tea was served on the lawn, amidst ideal surroundings, and, after justice had been done to the repast, an adjournment was made to the belfry. Good use was made of the fine peal of bells, the ringing including London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Mr. Smith had kindly arranged for a room for a convivial evening, and this was enjoyed by all. The handbells played a large part in the entertainment, but other notable items were 'Charlie's Tales' and Mr. W. Bebb's 'Drunken Episode.' The latter, by the way, is one of Newport's natives. The cafe had an extra half-hour to that enjoyed by Leicester, and no doubt this was a deciding factor when the arrangements were made. With four members of the Leicester City Police Force present, however, it was obvious that no attempt would be made to abuse the law. The usual thanks were tendered to those who contributed in various ways to the pleasures of the outing, especially to the friends at Newport. The return journey was made under the silvery moon to the accompaniment of 'Spanish Chants' and other romantic melodies on the handbells. For his efforts on this and other occasions, the worthy secretary of the Guild of Police Ringers has been promoted to detective sergeant. He will receive the wholehearted congratulations of the ringing fraternity. H. G. J.

**TILEHURST RINGERS IN HERTS.**

On a recent Saturday the Tilehurst band held their annual outing, when a party of 14 ringers and friends proceeded by motor coach to Bishop's Stortford. Leaving Tilehurst at 8.30 a.m., the first stop was at Bushey, reached after a pleasant run of two hours, via Slough and Rickmansworth. Here they were welcomed by Mr. M. Hibbert, and several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and rounds for the beginners on this handy ring. Bishop's Stortford was reached in time for lunch, very kindly provided by the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith, Rector of Tilehurst, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. They were welcomed by the Rev. F. W. Lane, a former curate of Tilehurst and an enthusiastic ringer. A move was made to the tower after lunch, and with the help of some of the local ringers Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung. Sawbridgeworth was visited during the late afternoon, but, as time was pressing, only a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on this noisy and heavy-going peal. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Lane, and they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness.

Watford was the last tower on the programme. Unfortunately, a late arrival somewhat curtailed the ringing, but everyone enjoyed a pull on this fine peal.

Tilehurst was reached at 11 p.m., everyone having spent a happy day, although the weather was showery. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells and the ringers who met them and helped in the ringing. Much regret was expressed that Mr. Barnes was unable, through an accident, to take part in the outing.

**'THE GOOD OLD DAYS.'**

There are still some quaint ideas about with regard to bellringers. In an article in a recent issue of 'The Motor-Cycle and Trader' on 'Bellringers, Ancient and Modern,' in which 'a contributor deals with some modern examples of this ancient craft as encountered by the cycle dealer,' we learn that 'in the good old days every village had its collection of staid old men who, for a small fee, used to go every time the church opened to pull on some ropes as hard as they could and kick up a fearful din. Sometimes they would pull steadily at only one rope and sometimes at several, sometimes for half an hour at a stretch, and sometimes for only five minutes. Of course, these old men still exist now, but in diminished numbers, for the modern trend is to lessen manual labour. Everyone is a bellringer in these days, for all one has to do is to open a shop door.'

Strange it is that such illusions are to be found in these enlightened days, but the forty thousand 'old men' who ring the church bells of this land will read this with an indulgent smile.

## ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the wonderful record of Mr. A. H. Pulling's 1,000 peals. Could you be good enough to tell us, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' whether the late Rev. F. E. Robinson holds the 'record' for the greatest number of peals ever rung, and, if so, what the actual number was?—Yours truly,

Y. Z.

[The Rev. F. E. Robinson rang 1,250 peals. Mr. William Pye has rung some hundreds more than this number; Mr. L. G. Shade had rung 1,450 when he met with his fatal accident. Mr. G. R. Pye has also passed the total of the former Master of the Oxford Guild.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## OLD BURTON RINGERS MEET.

At the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, a party of ringers, including a few 'old perticks,' met at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday afternoon, and after an hour's ringing on this splendid peal of ten (which are a striking contrast to the terrible old eight which some of the company remembered), went on a short but enjoyable ringing tour. At Rolleston, only a short run by motor-car, ringing from the ground floor was appreciated by the 'old 'uns,' for there was no panting for breath, such as is the case after the climb to the ringing chamber at St. Paul's. After Rolleston the route lay through and about the Needwood Forest, where numerous places of interest were passed, including Byrkley Lodge, the home of Sir William Bass, Rangemore, the lovely estate of the late Lord Burton, and others which closed at 2 p.m. At Alrewas they found a jolly little peal of bells, easy to ring, and on which touches in different methods were enjoyed. Loading up again, it was not long before Lichfield spires ('the Ladies of the Vale') were in sight and Maple Hayes, Mr. Worthington's home, was reached about 6.30 p.m. A walk through the lovely rose gardens, on the lawns and by the lakes was greatly enjoyed, and the ringers received a hearty welcome from Lady Muriel Worthington, before sitting down to a sumptuous dinner of old English fare. Then after the toast of 'The King,' the party retired to the spacious drawing-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and a touch of Stedman on the piano by Maurice Swinfield. Lady Muriel and her other guests joined the party and took much interest in the handbell ringing. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Worthington for his hospitality, and to Mr. Swinfield for the excellent arrangements made for the gathering.

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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.

The peal of Double Norwich Major at Headingley, Yorks, on Saturday, was preceded by an attempt at Armley which terminated with the breaking of a rope after 2 hrs. 15 mins. ringing. Mr. and Mrs. T. Colin Ryder, who were in both these attempts, also rang a peal of Bob Royal on handbells the same day.

The first peal on the bells for over 30 years was rung at Bulwick, Northants, on Saturday week, and the ringers had no small task, for the bells went very badly. Mr. Arthur Cox came into the band at a minute's notice. Previously he had not rung a bell for nearly three years.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, on Wednesday in last week, after the band had met one short for London Surprise. At Lindfield, four miles away, one man met seven short for a peal of London.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, will no doubt be pleased to hear that he has recently been promoted to the rank of detective sergeant in the Leicester City Police Force. Mr. Poole is the hon. secretary of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

A Rochdale member of the Lancashire Association writes to point out that, contrary to the heading of the peal rung at Moorside on August 13th, there is no Oldham Branch of the Association, according to the report, and peals ought not to be thus recorded.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales was conducted by the late Bertram Prewett at Llangollen on September 13th, 1907.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose name will for ever be associated with Cambridge Surprise Major from the fact that his composition is the only peal with the tenors unparted that will run true to the method, died on September 14th, 1886.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths, out of which sprang St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, rang their first peal (Bob Major) on September 16th, 1755, at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

## THE MINOR 'COLLECTION.'

FALSE ALLIANCE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Attention has been called to the fact that the last five Alliance methods in the Collection (viz., Nos. 66 to 70) will not run true. On investigation it will be found that repetition is unavoidable when the treble is in fifth's place. Those who have purchased copies of the book are requested to strike out these five methods in order to prevent the possibility of their being rung in peals at some future date.

It is due to the other members of the Methods Committee to state that these methods were inserted at my instance at the last moment during the final proof reading. An ill-judged anxiety to make sure that there were no accidental omissions such as occurred in the first edition resulted in their slipping in without sufficient investigation into their truth.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Glast St. George, Exeter.



## THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

### WORK BEGUN ON ST. BENE'T'S BELLS.

Work on the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, Cambridge, commenced on Tuesday. The faculty was received by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Greenwood) on Monday, the necessary tackle was already on the spot, and Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s workmen began operations the next day.

In about a fortnight the bells and frame will have been dismantled and taken to Loughborough, and the builders (Messrs. Sindall, of Cambridge), under the supervision of Mr. F. W. Troup, the architect, will then proceed with the construction of the reinforced concrete corbel course, which is to carry the reconstructed bell frame at about 12 feet lower than the old level at which the bells swung. The concrete which is to be used is of a specially quick drying and hardening description which within a week of its construction will allow the frame to be placed on it. The concrete has been generously given by the Tunnel Cement Company, Ltd., with which Mr. E. H. Lewis, President of the Central Council, is associated.

The fine old oak frame in which the bells hang is of massive construction, and is almost certainly the frame that was in the tower in Stedman's time. With the exception of one or two members, which will have to be renewed, it is apparently in a splendid state of preservation, and, when rebuilt, there is no reason why it should not last for at least another two hundred years. The bells are to be cleaned and the 'tap' notes brought into closer harmony. Five of them will be quarter turned, and they are all to have entirely new fittings, but the stocks are to be of wood and the bells hung from them by iron straps in the old way.

New oak beams of large section will carry the cage, and the turning of the whole frame through a right angle, so that the thrust caused by the ringing is taken on the strongest walls of the tower, coupled with the introduction of the reinforced corbel course, will add to the stability of the building, which, as our readers already know, is a fine example of Saxon craftsmanship. The beams on which the bells are at present carried will be left in position for a dual reason. Any risk attaching to removing them from the walls will be obviated, and by leaving them as they are they will add to the strength of the tower.

The ropes are to be brought down to the ground floor, which will add greatly to the convenience of ringing, for the present ringing chamber is approached by a straight steel ladder, about 22 feet high, negotiable only by agile and steady-nerved people.

In addition to the restoration of the bells, an explanatory commemorative tablet is to be provided in bell-metal, and will be placed where all can see it on one of the interior walls of the tower.

Everything is now set fair for the fulfilment of the scheme to celebrate the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, and we hope to be able to announce next week the date of the commemoration and reopening of the bells.

Now that the scheme has been officially sanctioned by the Diocesan Authorities, and the work is in hand, subscribers who have not yet sent their contributions will oblige the committee if they will forward them to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, or the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

## AN AUSTRALIAN LADY RINGER.

### A QUARTER-PEAL AT MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL.

It is gratifying to be able to record a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia. Six of the ringers are from the mother country, but special interest attaches to the performance of Miss Frey Shimmin, a native of the Commonwealth, who is the first Australian-born lady to ring a quarter-peal. Miss Shimmin is a schoolgirl of 15 years of age, and she came into the band about twelve months ago. She has excellent bell control, and throughout the quarter-peal her striking was good. She is to be congratulated upon a very creditable achievement. The quarter-peal was rung on Wednesday evening, July 1st, in 50 mins. by: Miss Frey Shimmin (Melbourne) 1, W. H. Preston (Kent) 2, J. L. Murray (Melbourne) 3, G. H. Wheeler (Cheshire) 4, A. A. Savage (Bedfordshire) 5, J. M. Guest (Staffordshire) 6, F. Boughton (Warwickshire) (conductor) 7, J. Badley (Lincolnshire) (first quarter-peal) 8. The tenor is 5¼ cwt.



MISS FREY SHIMMIN.

[Photo by 'The Argus,' Melbourne, Australia.]

About twelve months ago an appeal was made for bellringers for Melbourne Cathedral to ensure that there should be no lack of continuity in filling vacant places that occur from time to time, from one cause or another, in the ranks of the Cathedral bellringers. Several men, and ladies too, answered the appeal, and it is hoped to record other performances by these ringers in the near future. The success of these new ringers is entirely due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Guest and Preston.

Occasionally a ringer from home will visit St. Paul's belfry, where they are always welcome. Some excellent ringers have paid visits in this way, among them Mrs. T. C. Lumley, of Twyford, Berks, who did some ringing on her way through the city, and Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, the lady champion croquet player, when visiting Australia with the English croquet team four years ago. Miss Steel was the first lady to ring a quarter-peal in Australia, ringing the second bell on that occasion.

A most pleasing feature in connection with the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral is the occasional visit to the belfry of Archbishop Head and the Rev. R. Sherwood (Precentor), the latter being among the new ringers.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 574.)

### XIII. ATTEMPTS AT REUNION.

The Norwich visit was followed by two important results. One, immediately, that Stedman was practised in London and thence the method spread over the country; the other, more remotely, the extinction of the old Society of College Youths.

As soon as Jones and his band got back they began to ring Stedman Caters, and now we begin to see signs of disagreement between John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore. Blakemore, when he came home, had brought a good deal of information about the method—peals and touches and so forth—and on the strength of that, like as not, he thought he was entitled to call the peal. Reeves thought otherwise, and so Blakemore went off and made friends with the junior company. They, too, were anxious to ring Stedman Caters and Cinques; and this led to members of the two bands becoming friendly and ringing together for the first time since 1757. Soon there were suggestions to heal the thirty years' old schism and unite the two societies into one. This did not suit everyone. There were men in both companies who knew well enough that in one band there would not be room enough for all, and they had no wish to be squeezed out. But the leaders of the junior company were anxious for it, and William Jones was favourable. Presently there occurred an opportunity of making a big practical step towards reunion.

In 1771 two trebles were added to St. Martin's, Birmingham, to make a ring of twelve. A peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung on them in 1773, and Plain Bob Maximus in 1779. But as yet no peal of Treble Twelve had been scored there. So the junior society proposed to go down for their 1786 outing, and, not being able to get together by themselves a band strong enough, they invited the old society to come too. About half a dozen joined them, including William Jones. On October 24th, 1786, they started for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, but after ringing over two hours the tenor clapper broke.

Next day the damage was put right, and they made another attempt. The band was made up of Winstanley Richardson, Donkin, Povey, Patrick, the bell founder, Lyford, Sylvester, Holdsworth and Muggeridge from the junior society; and Adams, John Reeves, Inville and Williamson from the old society. No conductor is mentioned, but probably John Povey called the bobs. According to Mr. Hassell, a very old member of the St. Martin's company, who in 1849 recollected the visit very well, the ringing was excellent.

A peal was almost a certainty, but a little more than half an hour from the end Samuel Muggeridge, who was ringing the tenor, without any warning set his bell and went and sat down, saying he was tired and would ring no more. Some of the band knew he did not want to ring with the old company, and were sure he stopped because he did not want to score a peal with them. A heated altercation followed, in the midst of which, Jones, who had been listening to the ringing outside, came up to know the cause of failure. He walked into the belfry and, as a ringer would, put his hand on the treble rope. When he heard the reason, in his excitement and anger he pulled the rope so hard that the bell went over, smashing the stay and ceasing herself, nobody paying attention to the flying rope.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

### A TOUR IN THE WEST.

The annual tour of the Cambridge University Guild, an old-established custom of 21 years, was held this year in Herefordshire, with headquarters at St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford, the residence of Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who made all the arrangements. Eleven members were able to come, but of these Rev. H. L. James and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were not well enough to take part in any peal attempts. There was also one beginner, so no choice of the peal band was possible. Ringing began on Monday night, August 31st, at St. Nicholas' Church in Hereford.

On Tuesday the towers of Colwall and Ledbury were used for short touches, and then a peal of Double Norwich was attempted at Lugwardine, but unfortunately it came to grief, after excellent ringing, owing to a miscall. On Wednesday, the journey was southward. Ruardean, in Gloucestershire, was first visited in pouring rain, then Ross, but a funeral was in progress. So after lunch a move was made to Bridstow, where Cambridge Surprise was rung for an hour and a half, only to end in failure, but it was good practice. Returning to Ross, we were able to ring for a short time, and then in the evening were welcomed by Mr. Edwards and the Cathedral band to their practice night. Here four methods were rung on the fine ring of ten.

On Thursday the route was north, to Pembridge with its quaint campanile (five bells); then to Presteigne, in Radnorshire. Here an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise, the first in the county, was rung, as shown amongst the peal records. At Ludlow and Leominster, the magnificent churches were admired, and short touches rung on the bells. In the evening, All Saints', Hereford, gave us the hospitality always shown to visiting ringers.

It was decided not to try for a peal on Friday, but to visit more towers instead. So Burghill, Glasbury-on-Wye, Clifford, Peterchurch, Abbotsey and Madley were all in turn made use of. The last three of these are such glorious specimens of architecture that time was needed to view them. The old Norman Church of Kilpeck, although without a ring of bells, was not omitted. A visit to Bulmer's cider works in Hereford had been made earlier in the week, but without any ill-effects. The beauty of the Herefordshire scenery could not be fully appreciated because of the rain, but no one could help admiring the rich tones of the Rudhall bells, which are almost universal in these parts.

It ought to be stated that in each tower one or more well-struck touches, usually in the 'higher methods,' were first rung, and afterwards practice given in plainer methods to a beginner, when the striking was not so good.

B. H. T.-D.

### WESTHOUGHTON RINGER'S RETIREMENT.

At Westhoughton, Lancashire, on Friday evening, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the local band: F. Frankland Rigby (conductor) 1, R. V. Hart 2, T. Smith 3, A. W. Leigh 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, J. L. Marsh 6. Rung in honour of Mr. John Greenhalgh, who has just retired after 30 years' service as a ringer.

After the ringing, a social was held, and Mr. Greenhalgh was presented with a clock by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.

### RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rowe on Tuesday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, King's Langley, Herts, by members of the local band: H. D. Butler 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, A. Rogers 3, A. G. Cook 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. J. Rowe 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.**—On Thursday, August 20th, in 28 mins., on the front six bells, 720 Bob Minor: T. H. Foster 1, H. S. Morley (conductor) 2, W. A. Hall 3, H. Fairlam 4, F. Cryer 5, R. Warford 6. Arranged and rung for T. H. Foster, whose first 720 it was.

**MEON, HANTS.**—On Monday, August 24th, at Bay Tree Cottage, 1,344 Bob Major in 38 minutes: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2, G. W. Fletcher 3-4, F. S. Bayley 5-6, F. W. Rogers 7-8. Also course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

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This incident put an end to all hopes of a formal union of the two societies. Jones and Reeves felt they had been insulted, and turned away from the members of the junior society. They, too, were angry with Muggeridge, and left him out of their band in the next peals. Except when he was wanted at the heavy end at York Minster in 1787, and one other peal at Richmond, he did not ring another till 1790, and only four more after that. He died in 1825, and was buried at Southwark.

**AN OLD GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING.****LITTLE PARISH'S GREAT RESTORATION EFFORT.**

The little parish of Bledington, in Gloucestershire, with a population of less than 350, has undertaken a big task in the restoration of its bells, a ring of five, all of the seventeenth century. Two of these old bells, and probably the other three, were cast at a long-forgotten foundry at Woodstock. The earliest bell is dated 1630, and two others 1639. The two last-named are respectively inscribed: 'We are the Bells of Bledington, 1639,' 'And Charles he is our King, 1639.'

The decay of the bell frame has prevented any proper ringing on the bells for many years. It is now proposed to recast the tenor into two smaller bells to make a ring of six and to provide a new bell in place of one of the older ones (temp. Charles I.), which it was originally intended to recast, but which is now, at the suggestion of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, to be preserved for its historical interest as a relic in the church. This modification will doubtless be acceptable both to those who are concerned for the preservation of historical memories and to those who are more interested in the tune of the ring, for the old bell is really past work. The necessary new material, however, will involve an additional cost of £40, making the total estimate for the new iron and steel framework, and the reconstituted ring of six up to £292, this being exclusive of a ringing floor, which is really desirable for the completion of the scheme, though the parish is willing to wait till funds allow of its erection.

The fund, up to date, stands at about £225, of which £175 has been raised by the parishioners themselves, and £50 has been generously subscribed so far from outside in response to an appeal. It is earnestly hoped that the need may now become known to others, who might be willing to supplement the efforts of the parishioners with substantial support, either towards the new bell (a gift of £40 would be treated as the gift of the bell), or to enable a satisfactory floor to be erected for the ringers.

For the information of those interested in bellringing it may be added that the work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. Thos. Bond and Sons, of the Burford foundry, and that the notes of the new ring will be: 1, D sharp (new); 2, C sharp (new); 3, B (old); 4, A sharp (new); 5, G sharp (old); 6 F sharp (old).

There should be many ringers who would like to assist in this praiseworthy restoration work, and contributions to the fund may be sent either to the Rev. S. Liberty, Vicar of Bledington, Kingham, Oxon, or to Lieut.-Col. S. M. Rice, hon. treasurer of the fund, Ivy Hall, Bledington.

Bledington Church, dating from the twelfth century, is well known to ecclesiologists for its preservation, unspoilt, of many interesting architectural features and mediæval adornments; the village gives its name to several of the folk dances and tunes now being revived by antiquaries; and it is no mere fancy to suppose that the sound of Bledington bells mingled with the day dream (see Macaulay's famous Essay) and memories of Warren Hastings, whose father was actually Vicar of Bledington at the time of the former's birth at Churchill in 1732. The parish has also had a long and close connection with Christ Church, Oxford, as landowners and patrons.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****MR. C. D. POTTER'S BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

A very successful meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, when members attended from Wath, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Cawthorne, Friesland, Earlsheaton, Horbury, Sandal, Felkirk, Auston, Aston-under-Lyne, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Royston and the local company, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon. Tea was served in the Parish Room, about 60 members and friends being present, by the kind invitation of Mr. C. D. Potter, to celebrate his birthday, which was on Wednesday, September 2nd.

At the business meeting held afterwards, Rev. Canon Hone (Rector of Barnsley) presided, and gave the members a hearty welcome. He added that he was pleased to say the ringing at St. Mary's (which had been very slack of late) was improving greatly, thanks to the energy of Mr. W. Farmer (late of Salisbury), who was working very hard to get a company together.

Five new members were elected, viz., one from Horbury and four from Barnsley.

Sandal and Wath were suggested for the next meeting, Sandal being chosen by a large majority.

Mr. Potter said he was pleased that so many had accepted his invitation, and he congratulated the Barnsley ringers on their progress.

Mr. Thickett (Horbury) moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Potter for entertaining the association in the way he had done, and also wished him 'many happy returns' of his birthday.—Mr. Wolstencroft, in seconding, said it was the first time he had been to Barnsley, and he was very pleased he had managed to be at such a gathering. He also extended thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ladies who served the tea.—The thanks were suitably acknowledged.

Mr. W. Farmer thanked all who had helped him at Barnsley, and hoped they would continue to give him their assistance when it was convenient to do so, practice being on Friday evenings at 7.30.

During the evening, touches were rung on handbells in Major, Triples and Minor methods, and the tower bells were also kept going in various methods until about 9 p.m.

**ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.**

The usual annual joint meeting of the neighbouring districts of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations was held at St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and proved an attraction to ringers from near and far. The weather was none too kind, otherwise the attendance, which, as it was, exceeded 50, would probably have been greater. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and continued until the service at 4.30. The Vicar (Rev. G. D. Oakley), before a very helpful address, welcomed the many visitors. He said that whilst in the Chester diocese he was connected with the Diocesan Guild there, and it was very gratifying to him to find that similar Guilds existed in his new district.

After the service the whole company was entertained to tea in the Church House by Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, with the assistance of several friends to see that the wants of the visitors were satisfied.

Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association) read a letter from Mr. W. Lawrence (Hertford Association), who was unable to be present owing to being away holiday making. Mr. Butler proposed a vote of thanks to the several clergy who had given the use of their bells for that afternoon's meeting; to the various towerkeepers; to Mr. Fred Maynard for arrangements at Walthamstow; to Mr. Erskine (organist); and last, but by no means least, to Mr. and Mrs. Oakley and their several friends for the excellent tea provided.

This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (district secretary, Middlesex Association), who said that Mr. Oakley had met them very handsomely on an exceedingly busy day. There was a big wedding function at the Parochial Hall next door, another much more important wedding at the Vicarage itself, the Vicar's youngest son having been married that morning, and it was very kind of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley to spare the time to meet them.

The vote of thanks, on being put to the meeting, was carried with enthusiasm, and Mr. Oakley, in a humorous speech, replied. He repeated the welcome given in church, and expressed a hope that he would meet all present on future occasions.

A great deal of ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's Churches, Walthamstow, and also at Woodford, but disappointment met the few ringers who visited Leyton in the afternoon, where insufficient attended to ring the bells. Those present represented many towers in Essex, Herts and Middlesex, besides visitors from other parts, including an old friend from Cambridge.

Altogether this was a very pleasant meeting, quite up to the standard of the series, but it was to be regretted that the well-known London ringer who first suggested these joint meetings was again conspicuous by his absence.

**CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS IN SUFFOLK.**

Last year's successful half-day outing of the Cambridge Youths was extended this year to a whole day, and was spent in visiting various churches in West Suffolk. Favoured by fine weather, the party, 18 strong, left headquarters soon after 8.30 a.m. The first objective was Clare, which was reached by 10 a.m. A spare rope had to be requisitioned before ringing could be commenced owing to the heavyweights putting too much on the tenor. However, Mr. Ince came to the rescue, and Grandsire, Stedman and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rolled off before leaving for Long Melford. The cigarette and tobacco department having been replenished by the president, Clare was soon left behind a cloud of smoke. At Long Melford the visitors were met by Messrs. Ambrose and Richold, and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round on these melodious bells. After a damp course, the bus was steered towards Sudbury for lunch at the Bull Hotel. Soon after 2 p.m. the party ascended All Saints' tower, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A move was then made to St. Gregory's, where Grandsire, Stedman and Superlative were tried with varying success. At St. Peter's, a meeting of the Suffolk Guild was in progress, and a course of Cambridge Surprise was brought round by the courtesy of those present. A call was made at Lavenham, where the beauties of the interior of the church were much admired, but the bells remained silent owing to the ravages of recent storms. A hunt round for tea eventually resulted in locating the Guildhall tearooms, where the host kindly accommodated the party with tea at very short notice. After friendly exchanges with the St. Peter Mancroft ringers, who were also on their outing, a move was made towards Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. Goodship met the company in the Norman tower. A pleasant hour's ringing was indulged in here on the fine peal of ten. A final call was made at Kentford for a damp course and demolition of the copious supply of sandwiches which Mr. T. Cheney and his wife had prepared for use in emergency. The Vicar and president (Rev. E. C. Essex) here expressed his thanks to the organisers, and hoped that many more happy outings would take place during his presidency. Cambridge was reached punctually at 10 p.m., all agreeing that the second annual outing of the society had been a most enjoyable one. Thanks are also due to those Suffolk friends who assisted in the arrangements, and the Vicars for the use of the bells.

T. R. D.



## RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO RECTOR.

## 'WEDDING BELL WISHES.'

When the Rector of Southover Church, Lewes (the Rev. D. G. Matthews), and his wife returned from their honeymoon last week they had a cordial reception from their friends connected with the church and were welcomed by the ringing of the bells of the Parish Church.

The bellringers, of whom the Rector is justly proud, were anxious that they should be the first to officially greet him and his own charming 'belles,' and a little ceremony took place in the belfry. It was quite an informal affair, but it, nevertheless, showed the great affection which already exists between the Rector and his workers. As a permanent mark of the happy event the Rev. D. G. Matthews and his wife were presented with a handsome silver ink-stand fashioned in the shape of a bell, which was inscribed as follows: 'With wedding bell wishes, to the Rev. D. G. Matthews, M.A.; 12.8.31. From the Southover Ringers.'

In addition to the bellringers there was also present Mr. J. T. Glandfield.

The Rector and his wife were greeted with hearty applause as they entered the belfry, and the Rev. D. G. Matthews said it was nice to be back again after 'a jolly good honeymoon, in spite of the weather.' He wished, on behalf of his wife and himself, to thank them for ringing the bells. They had not been quite prepared for such a reception, and they were delighted to hear the bells as they came along. In his last parish (Mitcham, Surrey) he held great affection for his ringers, and one of his regrets at leaving was because he would sever that connection. He had found, however, that the Southover ringers were quite as good. He could not express what his wife and he felt on an occasion like that.

Mr. J. C. Rugg (hon. secretary) said the meeting that evening was rather an informal affair, but the ringers felt they would like to be the first to welcome the Rector and his wife. They offered them both their most hearty congratulations and best wishes for every possible success in the future.

Mr. R. J. Dawe, in handing over the gift, said it gave him great pleasure to make the presentation on behalf of the bellringers, and he wished the Rector and his wife good health and happiness through life.

The Rev. D. G. Matthews, in returning thanks, said no more suitable gift could have been chosen. It was a souvenir of their real and happy friendship, and he really did appreciate friendship. It was one of the greatest things in life, and they could show it to one another in a variety of ways. It would always remind them of a very happy occasion—one of the happiest in their lives. He wished the people of Southover and of Lewes generally to know that his wife and he tremendously appreciated that welcome back, and he was sure they were all going to have very happy times together.

Mr. J. T. Glandfield also spoke briefly, and said he hoped the Rector would transfer some of the affection he held for his former bellringers to those at Southover.

Earlier in the evening a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in forty-four mins.: J. E. A. Wilmshurst 1, A. J. Morris 2, C. J. Rugg 3, A. J. Turner 4, D. H. S. White 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. P. Elphick 8.

## ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.

## OFFER OF TREBLES REFUSED THROUGH TOWER WEAKNESS.

Although ringing has been suspended since June, 1930, owing to the defective tower, the ringers of St. Clement's, Ipswich, decided to keep together for the usual outing, which took the form of a tour in Essex. They were accompanied by two members of the Rushmere company, who have kindly placed their tower at the disposal of the Ipswich band during repairs to St. Clement's tower. The party, numbering fifteen, first called at St. Leonard's, Colchester (6), then on to Great Tey, where the two visitors had their first ring on eight and rang Bob Major well. After ringing on the heavy six (tenor 21 cwt.) at Kelvedon and dinner at Feering, they were met at the tower by those well-known ringers, Messrs. W. Keeble and W. Newman, and ringing took place on the peal of eight. Ingrave (5) was the next stop for a pull on the good but very noisy peal. Other towers visited were Great Totham and Goldhanger, and tea followed at Tollesbury. This is a little fishing town at the mouth of the River Blackwater, and the views out to sea and of the river were enjoyed, as were also the shrimps caught that morning for tea. The light ring of six (tenor 6 cwt.) were afterwards set going, the 'go' being excellent. Starting for home again, a call was made at Tolleshunt D'Arcy—a light ring of six with long draft and no guides. The return was made via Peldon, Wigborough, Aberton to Colchester, which was reached at 8 o'clock. Here Mr. Bumpstead was waiting to welcome the party at St. Peter's, but a broken rope soon ended a good day's ringing. However, all had a pull before leaving. The journey to Ipswich was continued via Ardleigh, Lawford, Manningtree, everyone agreeing it had been the best outing they had had.

It is hoped that the extensive repairs to the tower will be completed and the bells ringing again early in the new year, if not before. It is to be regretted that owing to the weak state of the tower the two trebles offered by an outside benefactor cannot be accepted, although the frame for eight is already installed.

## A HUNDRED MILES THROUGH HAMPSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, had their ninth annual outing on Saturday, August 22nd, and made a ringing tour through part of Hampshire. The party, including Messrs. Dwyer (2), of Aldershot, Mr. Alexander, of the Farnborough band, and a number of friends, totalling in all 27, left Farnham at 8 a.m. in a motor bus for Basingstoke, where at All Saints' Church the peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were set going to Stedman Triples. Short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were also brought round. Whitchurch was the next call. On the peal of eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, also a short touch of Grandsire for the younger hands. The deadening of the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber at this church is ideal, and all the ringers present said it was the quietest place in which they had ever rung. The party then proceeded to Andover, and a half-hour was spent ringing on the bells (tenor 15 cwt.) at St. Mary's Church. Here some difficulty was at first experienced by the party, owing to the bells running backward, and the clock case, which is in the middle of the circle, obstructing the view of the ropes, but touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were eventually brought round successfully. A move was then made for the Western Cafe, where the party were met by the Rector of Farnham, Canon Girling, and Miss Girling, who joined them at lunch.

After justice had been done to the good fare provided, the Rector, in a brief speech, said how much he appreciated the service the ringers rendered to the church, and especially in connection with the extra 8 o'clock Sunday evening services which preceded the one which was broadcast on Trinity Sunday. He was sorry the bells could not be included on that occasion, but the B.H.C. would not include the ringing until their engineers had heard and were satisfied with the bells for broadcasting purposes, but he could now assure the ringers that when the next service from Farnham Church was broadcast the bells would be included. In conclusion, he said he was sorry he could not join the party for the whole of the trip, but he was short-handed and could not spare the time, so the best he could do was to join them at lunch, which had been a great pleasure to both himself and Miss Girling.

After the Rector had taken his leave, the party made for Romsey, where a pleasant hour was spent by the ringers in ringing the Abbey bells (tenor 25½ cwt.), whilst the rest of the party inspected the grand old building. Hursley was the next 'port of call,' and here the handy little peal of eight were kept going to short touches in different methods for about 40 minutes, which finished the ringing for the day. From here the journey was continued to Winchester, which was reached at 5.45 p.m., and a halt of 2 hours was made for tea and a general look round, the Cathedral being the object of interest to most of the party. The journey home was through Alresford and Aiton, and Farnham was reached safely at 9.30 p.m.

The party was favoured with a fine day, a good conveyance and a good driver, which, together with the scenery through which the tour of about 100 miles was made, contributed to a very pleasant day, everybody in the party having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and voted it the best outing the Farnham band have ever had. The party would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches for giving them permission to use the bells, also the members of the local bands who met them and had everything in readiness, thus helping to make the outing the success it was. R. H.

## A FIRST QUARTER-PEAT.

At All Saints' Church, Whitstable, on Sunday, September 6th, after evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10 different callings) in 47 mins.: Mrs. J. Newman 1, W. Ruck 2, J. Newman (conductor) 3, A. Gilbert 4, M. Ruck 5, B. Scott 6. This was the first quarter-peat by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th, and also the first quarter-peat on the bells since the rededication on October 31st last. Rung as a farewell to the conductor and Mrs. Newman, who are shortly leaving the district.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—At St. Paul's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Leach 1, M. Swinfield (conductor) 2, W. W. Worthington 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. Sharp 5, J. H. Swinfield 6, J. Bailey 7, S. Ainger 8.

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—For evensong, on September 6th, at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Bennett 1, A. Butler 2, H. C. Piper 3, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 4, R. Pickering 5, K. C. Taylor 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. Rung to commemorate the completion of 40 years' Sunday service ringing by R. Pickering.

**PUDSEY.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes): J. W. Baxendale (conductor) 1, S. Ward 2, J. C. Booth 3, R. Myers 4, J. Ambler 5, G. Ambler 6, J. E. Procter 7, F. Seager 8. Arranged for Mr. Seager.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Meers 1, C. Cottrell 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, R. C. Ingram 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, F. J. Steel 6, W. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Stafford, Manchester.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of Great St. Mary, for evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the back six in 25 mins.: J. W. Ward 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, C. W. Smith 3, A. G. Rivers 4, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service, 720 Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise spliced: H. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Spliced Surprise by all the band.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.**—On Sunday, September 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. F. Alexander, jun., 1, Miss M. Stephenson 2, S. Duck 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, W. J. Johnson (Durham) 6, E. Thompson 7, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. Stephenson, who is leaving the district for Huddersfield, to the regret of her fellow-ringers, who realise the loss the band sustains. Their good wishes attend her in her new sphere.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: \*A. Feist 1, G. G. Higgin 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, \*A. Saunders 4, J. Feist 5, G. Ades 6, \*G. Lucas 7, F. Bennett (conductor) 8, H. Statham 9, \*C. Diplock 10. \* First quarter-peal on ten bells.

**ROCKING.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 46 mins.: S. Warner 1, G. Lindridge 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, B. Redgwell 4, F. Ely 5, H. C. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of R. Tywell, a member of the local band, who was married at Bocking to Miss E. G. Hazelwood, of Braintree.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, W. H. Hewett 2, E. F. Pike 3, H. S. Ellis 4, F. Digby 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, H. Belcher 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne 2, W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey (first as conductor) 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffrey 7, R. Sawyer 8. Rung for evensong on the patronal festival.

**WORCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, August 30th, for the nave service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, also three courses of Stedman Cinques: G. E. Fearn 1, G. E. Large 2, G. F. Swann 3, S. T. Holt 4, F. Price 5, T. H. Reeves 6, H. G. Bird 7, T. Hemming 8, C. Tansell 9, S. Grove 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, R. Matthews 12.

**TAUNTON.**—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, August 30th, a quarter of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Hunt (conductor) 1, W. H. Poole 2, T. W. Jeanes 3, T. Hancock 4, W. G. Gigg 5, A. H. Reed 6, S. Priddle 7, J. Roy 8. First quarter inside on eight bells by the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

**HOOK NORTON, OXON.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Taplin 1, F. Wyton 2, F. Davis 3, E. Phipps 4, G. M. Bloxham (conductor) 5, E. Marshall 6.

**CHADLINGTON.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Shaylor 1, C. Pratley 2, J. P. Keyte 3, B. Phillips 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, H. Pratley 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Specially arranged and rung after the baptism of the 2nd ringer's son.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Stuart Sandford 1, Guy R. Ambrose 2, John Burles 3, Harry Argent 4, Cyril M. Mitchell 5, Edward J. Beer 6, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, William J. Beer 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by H. Argent and C. M. Mitchell.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. if possible. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The third quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quainton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome.—J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting at local café. All members and friends welcome.—E. M. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Kingham (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Abbott's Ann on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mrs. Steedman, Abbott's Ann Rectory.—F. S. H. Marle, District Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Apsley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5, price 1s. each.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxcarth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 16th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 35, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before September 17th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch, Hants. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at All Saints', Poplar (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.**—Two trebles added by Taylor's to complete the octave. Dedication 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th, by the Archdeacon of Aston.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) recently rebung. Service 4.15. Tea (5 p.m.) at moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Numbers to Rev. J. H. Park, Thornton Curtis Vicarage, Ulceby, S.O., by September 17th. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske, near Thirsk, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 10 cwts.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided for those making application only by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting, this being the association's attempt for a ringing competition.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD AND HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the above guilds will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, and A. E. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards, Hon. Secs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by September 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pembrige on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Monday, September 21st, and oblige?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea (4.30) please notify, by September 23rd, D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Dean, 11, Craven Street, Otley, not later than Thursday, September 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers by Sept. 21st to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

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