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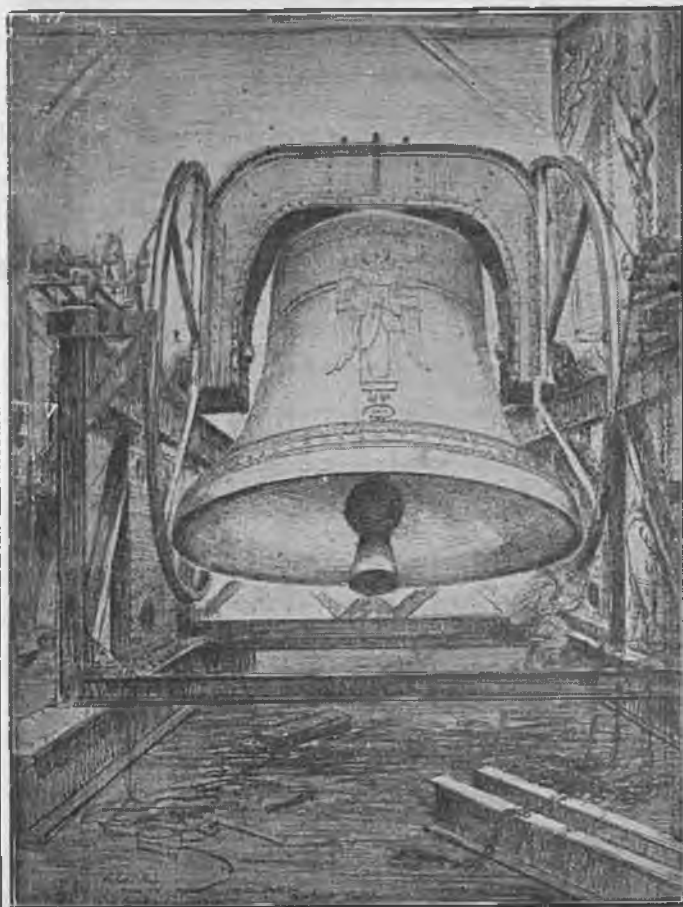
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PEAL CREDIT.

Although the competitive spirit between associations has been eliminated from peal ringing by the abandonment of point values in the analysis tables, there is a great deal to be said in favour of the practice, as old as peal ringing itself, of associating with the performance the name of the society to which the members belong. Ringers, as a whole, are proud of their associations and delight to pass on to the credit of their societies any honour which attaches to their achievements. The recording of a peal in the name of an association is by no means an empty formality, and there are few things which ringers dislike so much as to ring a peal which can be credited to no recognised organisation. Occasionally, circumstances render it impossible, but for the most part ringers are particularly careful before beginning a peal to ensure that it shall be rung under the auspices of some association or other. More than a century ago the St. James' Society was formed in London for the express purpose of enabling members of the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands to ring peals together, and credit them to a recognised society, a proceeding which otherwise would have been impossible on account of the inflexible rule which prevents any man from being a member of these two societies at the same time.

From time to time there appear in our columns reports of peals in which the names of two associations are given. It is an established practice that the credit for the peal in the Central Council's records shall go to the first mentioned of the organisations, and we suggest that the time has now arrived when no peal should be recorded in the name of more than one association. When the names of two ringing societies appear in the report it is the obvious intention that both shall take credit for it in their respective records; but in these days when peals are rung in such considerable numbers there is little justification for giving the benefit of a performance to two associations. It is true that dual titles appear in only a few instances, but were the practice to be encouraged there are some hands who almost every week could credit their peals to half a dozen or even more associations. Ringers ought to be content to name one society and one only in each peal, even if that society is not one affiliated to the Central Council. They are not entitled to a double credit, and as the first-named organisation takes the official precedence in the national record, the inclusion of a second is unnecessary. If there is special reason for associating another society with the performance, it could be done in a footnote to the peal, but even this we should deem undesirable unless the circumstances were really exceptional.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor : 2 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 8
ERNEST J. KING 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	EDWARD D. SMITH 11
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on twelve bells. The ringer of the tenor is 18 years of age, and it is thought he is the youngest person to ring this bell to a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WALTER SWALLOW 6
ARTHUR WALKER 2	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
HARRY C. WALTERS 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
HARRY BROWN 4	JOHN FRYER 9
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWAY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

* First peal of Royal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*CHARLES HOLMES Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE 6
*H. FREDERICK MYERS 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
*WARREN S. HORNBROOK 3	WILLIAM HAMLYN 8
*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS 9
G. HARRY MYERS 5	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Caters. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal of Caters on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, this being his first attempt to call a peal of Caters.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH PATTENDEN Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 7
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 8
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 9
ALBERT RILFE 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition (No. 307) is now rung for the first time. This is the 75th different composition called by the conductor.

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BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	HARRY PRICE 8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	JOHN LLOYD 9
HAROLD V. COOPER 5	ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
Rung on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving festival.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN PERRY Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW 7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
W. HAROLD JONES 4	SIDNEY ELTON 9
*THOMAS HILL 5	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by J. PERRY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CORSTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. F. PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. BELL Treble	JESSE H. BRAZER 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	ELI S. BRAZER 6
CECIL H. PAWSKY 3	JESSE HALLETT 7
CHARLES A. HARDING 4	HENRY MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH Bucks AND EAST BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	FRANK BUCKLAND Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire—FRANK WEST.

All are resident members of the branch.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SOUTER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
ARTHUR LEEDER 2	DAVID WHITING 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 81st birthday; the ringing of the 3rd is in his 80th year. Both rung in their usual good style.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Wednesday, September 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Miss M. Park 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Park 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Missing 6. Rung by members of St. James' Society, Egerton.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*CAPT. W. LINTER, C.A. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
HENRY W. BROWN 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
*ROY LINTER 4	HORACE D. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. Capt. W. Linter kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Collegiate Parish Church of St. Alkelda,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN G. HALL Treble	FRED MEEK 5
JOHN STOTT 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
CHARLES GAMWELL 3	*PERCY CORNER 7
HENRY PARISH 4	*CLIFFORD BELL Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE

* First peal in any method and first attempt.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bartholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	*JOHN BROWN 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
ROBERT G. LEWIS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS HURD 4	*GEORGE ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. Rung on the eve of harvest festival. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Crawley, his daughter (Miss I. L. Crawley) and Mr. E. Allman.

CASTLETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MAURICE E. WILSON ... Treble	NORMAN C. LEWIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	BERT WHEELER 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No 382). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

This is thought to be the first peal on the bells, which were increased to eight in 1812.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES 5
*EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 3	*FRANK JENNINGS 7
*RONALD H. DOVE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' R. H. Dove's 50th peal.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday evening at St. Andrew's for divine service; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, G. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett (first as conductor in the method) 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Black and Harry Hawkins.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. G. GEORGE H. CROSS	Treble	HARRY HOVERD	...	...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	...	...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	...	FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN.	...	...	7
JOHN WHEADON	...	GEORGE H. CROSS	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	...	...	Treble	JOHN COOK	...	...	5
THOMAS ADAMS	...	...	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	...	...	6
KENNETH SNELLING	...	...	3	ALFRED BULL	...	...	7
WALTER CHARMAN	...	...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	...	...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Charman; also on the eve of the harvest festival.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	...	...	Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL	...	...	5
LEWIS WISEMAN	...	...	2	*ALBERT CATTERWELL	...	...	6
BERNARD W. PATTITT	...	...	3	*OLAVE BROYD	...	...	7
FRANK CLAYDON	...	...	4	WALTER ARNOLD	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

CHARLES PRYKE	...	...	Treble	GEORGE GREEN	...	...	5
ALBERT RAINBIRD	...	...	2	ALBERT PRYKE	...	...	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	...	...	3	HARRY TURNER	...	...	7
WILLIAM LINCOLN	...	...	4	FRANK G. RINGE	...	...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED J. BOYCE	Treble	†CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM	5
*VINCENT E. SWIFT	...	...	2	WILLIAM A. SWIFT	...	...	6
*GEORGE WINTER	...	...	3	LOUIS A. WILSON	...	...	7
SIDNEY HILLIER	...	...	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	...	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE LAMBERT	...	...	Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY	...	...	5
JOHN O. WELLS	...	...	2	ERNEST J. LADD	...	...	6
PHILLIP S. THOMPSON	...	...	3	JOSEPH WREN	...	...	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.	...	...	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	...	...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Lambert.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF HOLY'S ORIGINAL.
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY R. COCKELL	...	...	Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST	...	...	5
WILLIAM C. WEST	...	...	2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE	...	...	6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD	...	...	3	WALTER S. BORBIDGE	...	...	7
JESSE FRANCIS	...	...	4	HERBERT F. COCKELL	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. H. Archard and A. W. Angel, both very active members of the local band.

BURNHAM, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	...	...	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...	...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	...	...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	...	...	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	...	...	3	*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	...	...	7
*LEONARD STILLWELL	...	...	4	GEORGE GILBERT	...	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	Treble	*FRED READ	5
JAMES PARR	...	...	2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE	...	...	6
WILLIE AARON	...	...	3	*JOSEPH RILEY	...	...	7
ARNOLD BRENTON	...	...	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...	...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	...	...	5
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON	...	JAMES L. GRAY	...	...	6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	...	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	...	...	7
JOHN ANDERSON	...	ADAM DEAS	...	...	Tenor

Composed by T. DAV.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Major. W. E. Robinson was elected a member of the association in the belfry.

STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...	...	Treble	SIDNEY THOMPSON	...	...	5
JOHN BASS	...	...	2	CHARLES WM. COOPER	...	...	6
J. WILLIAM SMITH	...	...	3	WALTER FARLEY	...	...	7
HAROLD V. COOPER	...	...	4	ALFRED REYNOLDS	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to and in memory of Mr. G. H. Pagett, who for upwards of 50 years had been a ringer and chorister at St. Thomas' Church, and who was buried on this date.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: P. Gledstone 1, O. Greathead 2, S. Harrison 3, C. Urch 4, M. C. Fowler 5, A. Adams 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, W. Lewis 8.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 2, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EVEREST FORD Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
HAROLD RUSHTON 2	† EDWARD IDDON 6
JOSEPH OWEN 3	PETER CROOK 7
† ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal with a working bell. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the 4th ringer, and a birthday peal to the conductor.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
H. JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SEOTE 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4	WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on this grand ring of bells, which were made eight in 1912, returned and rehung in 1927 by Mears and Stainbank.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
* FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
EDWARD S. RUCK 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by F. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

All the band are grandfathers, their ages ranging from 56 to 73, making a total of over 522 years, an average of 65 years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

W. T. Beeson's 100th peal in a Surprise method.

FIRST PEAL AT WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM.

The first peal on the very fine ring of eight at Whitechurch Canonicon, Dorset, was rung on Saturday. The bells were made into an octavo in 1912 and were returned and rehung in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The band were congratulated by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. H. Lee), the churchwarden and several ringers, including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who had gone down to hear the peal. The local ringers entertained the band to a bountiful tea, which was greatly appreciated.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	* ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED PETERS Treble	JAMES ROSE 4
* SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

JACK ROY Treble	WALTER WILLIAMS 4
WALTER POOLE 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG 3	* SYDNEY PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Duke of York and Violet.

* F. ROBINSON Treble	H. CHANT 4
C. ROBINSON 2	* W. F. MOXON 5
* G. BROADHEAD 3	* J. FISH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 4
REGINALD WEST 2	PERCY C. BONNETT 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR Treble	* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
* MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal in the method and hail from Sutton-on-Trent.

SHIRLEY, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven differently called extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ARTHUR MORRIS Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 4
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 3	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in November, 1923.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by GEORGE AMBLER.

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEACH, KIRKSTALL AVENUE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

MISS P. M. LEACH 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	*G. WILFRED SLACK 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT ASHLEY DALE, 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 9-10	

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the ringer of 5-6, and first of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by the ringers of 7-8 and 9-10.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The last of the summer meetings of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held in fine weather at Wool on Saturday week. A motor-coach left Weymouth at 2 p.m., and on the route picked up Upwey, Dorchester, Fordington and Sydling members. A halt was made at Puddletown, where the party were welcomed by Canon A. L. Helps and Mr. W. Hewlett, captain of the local band. After a ring on the bells Canon Helps kindly conducted the members of the party round his church and pointed out items of interest, for which he was afterwards thanked. Another halt was made at Bere Regis, and members visited the fine old village church, but time would not permit of a ring on the mellow peal of bells that hang in the tower. The journey was continued across the heath to Wool, which was reached in good time for the service. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) and his churchwardens and ringers met the members as they arrived at Wool. The bells were rung by various bands up to 4.30 p.m., when the guild office was conducted by the Vicar. There was a large congregation. The following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Fordington, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. Members from Bournemouth, Poole and Evershot were also present.

The organist and choir were in attendance. The Vicar gave a most interesting address on the use of bells. Following the service the ringers adjourned to the parish hut, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the good people of Wool, was partaken of, members and friends to the number of between 80 and 90 being waited on by a willing band of ladies.

After tea a short business meeting was held. The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported the receipt of a telegram from Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the Dorchester Branch) regretting his inability to attend, and in his absence the Vicar was voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were also received from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Grundy), general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), Archdeacon Moule (Abbotsbury), the Rev. A. L. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), Mr. E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), Mr. Hewlett (Puddletown), Mr. J. Ralph (assistant secretary, North Dorchester Branch).

The Rev. E. S. Tarrant was proposed as honorary member, and Capt. G. and Mrs. Wheeler, of Wyke Regis, were both elected associate members. Mr. A. C. Trotman, of Littlebredy Vicarage, was elected a ringing member.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Dorchester either in December or early in January.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and use of bells, to the organist and choir, the ladies for serving at the tables, the local band, and the good people of Wool for giving the tea.—The vote of thanks was seconded by the Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth).

Responding, the Vicar said it was a great pleasure to welcome them there for the first time since he had been at Wool. He gave a brief history of his own bells, and said they were rung for Communion services at 8 a.m., on feast days and after evensong. He spoke about the bells of England, and mentioned he heard the carillons in Belgium last month. He also referred to the fact that this year was the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, and that the ringers of England were going to carry out restoration of the bells where he rang at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the event.

The secretary gave a short resume of the Ringers' Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate in August.

The meeting concluded, some of the members went up again to the tower and rang on the nice-toned bells of Wool. Others went on to West Lulworth, and everywhere the members were given a most cordial welcome.

THE 'COLOUR' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to find that there was some inaccuracy in the report of the 'colour' peal rung in Kent on September 20th. Unless the recent meetings of the British Association have decided otherwise, there are no more than seven colours, viz., red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. I can find that only one of these was represented.

However, apart from this small inconsistency, the idea behind it all is excellent. In these modern times the advance of ringing has been so rapid that there are no new methods or fresh compositions left to be rung, and if the existence of the Exercise is to be preserved we must step out in some entirely novel direction. We have had Masons' peals, police peals and so on, but we have yet to hear a newspaper peal, rung by an editor, a compositor, a paper boy, etc.

Then let us have a general ailments peal. Treble, chronic indigestion; second, wooden leg; third, cross eyed, etc.; the method, Stedman Triples, with a conductor who stutters, so that the odd and even bobs come just right. The ringers would, of course, form their own association, with subscriptions devoted to the purchase of patent medicines.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. ARMSTRONG.

Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CANON COLERIDGE'S PRACTICAL LESSON.**

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Sounding Deanery Branch was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, when ringers were present from Binfield, Finchampstead, Sandhurst, Twyford, Wokingham (All Saints) and the local band. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and later a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. D. Brown), the Rev. — Smythe reading the lesson. A practical address was given by Canon Coleridge (chairman of the branch) from the words of St. Paul to Timothy, 'No striker.' The reverend gentleman dwelt on three incorrect ways in which he had seen ringers handle their ropes, persistence in which would go far to earn for them the opprobrious title of 'No striker.'

Later in the belfry Canon Coleridge demonstrated to the ringers present the correct ways of rope handling, for which he had pleaded in his sermon.

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the Schoolroom, about 40 sitting down, including Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Craydon.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked all who helped to make the meeting a success, and voiced the appreciation of those present at having with them Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

The Vicar, after welcoming the branch to the parish, called upon Canon Coleridge to present Mr. Cooper, one of the local ringers, with a sum of money subscribed by the Waltham ringers and a few friends as a mark of appreciation on his completing 40 years as a ringer at the Parish Church.—Canon Coleridge, in a humorous speech, congratulated Mr. Cooper, who briefly replied.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge.

The bells have recently been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tone and 'go' being much admired.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Idle, where the ringers had not been idle, but had made efficient preparations for the ringers, who assembled from Arnsley, Bramley, Batley, Calverley, Pudsey, Bradford and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m. except for the intervals for tea and the business meeting. Two new members were elected. The methods rung were Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. 'That's all' was called on a very enjoyable meeting.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO A DEPARTING RECTOR.**

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at South Normanton on Saturday, September 26th, to pay tribute to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Lewis, who has resigned, and will shortly be leaving, after 40 years' ministry in this parish. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock, and a service was arranged to give the members the opportunity of hearing the Rector for probably the last time. He has been closely associated with this organisation for 38 years, as an hon. member, and has always taken a personal interest in church bellringers. The service was well attended and the Rector gave an interesting address.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. England, read the lesson, and Mr. E. W. Riley presided at the organ.

Tea was generously provided by the Rector in the schools, and afterwards the president, Mr. Wilson Dobb, who took the chair, explained in a few well-chosen words the object of the meeting. The secretary followed with an account of the activities of the Rector, mentioning his public work and broad-minded sympathy with people of all shades of opinion. It was worth recording, he said, that on the committee arranging a parochial testimonial were four representatives of the Nonconformist places of worship.

Mr. James Rawson, vice-president, and an old friend, also addressed the gathering, and then the Rev. R. O. Wilson, past president of the association, handed to the Rector a gift from the members in the form of a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed.

On rising to reply, the Rector was heartily cheered. The gift was quite a surprise. He paid a tribute to the work of all ringing societies, and said that during his ministry he had noted the great strides made in the behaviour of ringers in general, and particularly in belfry conditions.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. R. O. Wilson was moved by the treasurer (Mr. T. Stimpson) and seconded by Mr. W. Allin; the Rector was also thanked for the bounteous tea, and thanks were accorded to the ladies who had carried out the work. The singing of the Doxology concluded the proceedings, and further ringing took place in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor. Members were present from Ault, Hucknall, Blackwell, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Melbourne, Morton, Old Brampton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Swanwick, Tibshelf and Heanor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out next Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Stoneham Road, Eastleigh, Hants, who on that day will celebrate their golden wedding.

Ringers attending the Middlesex Association meeting at Barnet tomorrow should note that the tea is at the Red Lion Hotel, close to the church, and not at the Salisbury Hotel, as previously advertised.

Do any of our readers know of a heavier tenor than Yeovil, which was originally 44 cwt., cast by the Bilbies, of Chewstoke?

A grandfathers' peal has been rung at Marden, Kent, by a band whose combined ages totalled 522 years.

Last week a peal of London Surprise Major was lost at Guildford. The inquest lasted nearly an hour, many witnesses being called and much documentary evidence produced. Eventually the jury returned a verdict of 'death by misadventure, there being no evidence to show how the change course took place.' One witness ventured the suggestion that the deceased might have swallowed a 'bob' that did not belong to him, but the Coroner pointed out that this was impossible, as, while the symptoms were in part similar, the post-mortem examination failed to establish its existence. There is no truth in the statement that the police have now taken the matter in hand.

In an attempt for a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, a rope came down in the last course!

Mr. John Hallows, who rang the treble to a peal of Boh Major at Middleton, Lancs, on Saturday, is 75 years of age, and has been ringing at St. Leonard's Church, Middleton, since 1876.

At Ipswich, Mr. James Smith has rung his first peal of Treble Bob—and he is in his 71st year!

The many friends of Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, who was formerly well known in London ringing circles, will deeply sympathise with him on the death of his wife, which has occurred in Australia, whither she went some months ago in the hope that she would recover her health.

THE PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While cordially approving of a tablet commemorating the wonderful feat of mental and physical endurance implied in the ringing of 17,687 changes, it seems most unfortunate that reference should not have been made to the error in the composition which disqualifies it from being a 'true peal' in the sense in which all ringers understand the term.

Perhaps there might still be added a few words indicating that by an oversight in the composition some changes were repeated, but without really affecting the merits of a marvellous performance. I think something of the kind is necessary to satisfy the general feeling of the ringing world, and at the same time it ought to content those who took part in the ringing and have suffered such a cruel disappointment.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

King's Norton.

TO IMPRESS FUTURE GENERATIONS?

Dear Sir,—I think the whole Exercise is indebted to both the correspondent who supplied the information and yourself for the manner in which you have exposed this latest affront from Painswick. To my mind, this tablet has been erected with the DELIBERATE intention to impress future generations of ringers that it was a true peal, otherwise why not mention the fact that it was false? From the beginning the Exercise was suspicious of the performance, seeing that some two months elapsed before the figures were published, and when it was pointed out that it was false the conductor merely told us that the Painswick Youths made their own rules and still claimed to have rung the greatest number of changes on twelve bells, thereby meaning to claim the record. Did their courage fail them in placing this claim on the tablet? To sum it all up, it means that by fair means or otherwise they intend to stick to this ignominious performance.—Yours faithfully,

Portsmouth.

F. W. ROGERS.

MR BRUNDLE'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to thank all my ringing friends for congratulations and good wishes on my 80th birthday, and particularly my comrades of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, for their enthusiasm in arranging a peal, and our friends from Saffron Walden and Cambridge who took part for the occasion.—Yours sincerely,

5, Wellington Street, Ipswich.

R. H. BRUNDLE.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN SEVEN COURSES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. G. E. Symonds claims the 5,160 Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich on Saturday, August 29th, 1931, to be the first rung in seven courses. This same peal was rung at Manchester Cathedral on April 21st, 1909. Also 5,376 of Maximus in five courses was rung at Ashton on March 25th, 1909, by the Ashton company, and both were conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton.—Yours sincerely,

B. THORP.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. RINGERS INVITED TO INSPECT BELLS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Excellent progress is being made with the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, Cambridge. The reconstruction of the old timber frame in the foundry is almost completed, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. will be pleased for any ringers interested to visit their foundry at Loughborough at any time between now and October 20th to inspect the ancient bells and framework.

The builders' work in the tower is going ahead in a most satisfactory way, and the re-erection of the bells will probably be begun about Monday, October 26th.

All being well, therefore, the restoration will be completed in ample time to permit the reopening to take place as provisionally planned, on Saturday, December 5th, and ringers who contemplate organising an excursion to Cambridge for the occasion should make their arrangements accordingly.

Subscriptions to the fund which have been promised and not yet forwarded should be sent either to

The Editor,

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or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST. FRIEZLAND WIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held by the Halifax and District Association at Sowerby on Saturday, October 3rd. In the competition 600 changes were rung with the usual practice of three leads or one plain course allowed. The draw was as follows: 1 Helmsfirth (Oxford Treble Bob); 3 Friezland (Oxford Treble Bob); 5 Stainland (Kent Treble Bob); 6 Elland (Oxford Treble Bob); 2 Meltham (Oxford Treble Bob); 4 Sandal (Oxford Treble Bob). About 80 sat down to an excellent tea. The meeting followed, Mr. E. Earnshaw (president) occupying the chair.

Mr. E. Whiteley (Meltham) proposed and Mr. W. Ainley (Elland) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing an excellent tea, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Briggs replied in the absence of the Vicar.

Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. V. Bairstow (Denholme) were judges, with Mr. F. Smith (Sowerby) marker. The result was read by Mr. J. Broadley as follows:—

- No. 1.—156 faults; total 156.
- No. 2.—20 penalty; 246 faults; total 266.
- No. 3.—20 penalty; 120 faults; total 140.
- No. 4.—214 faults; total 214.
- No. 5.—10 penalty; 204 faults; total 214.
- No. 6.—20 penalty; 360 faults; total 380.

No. 3 (Friezland) were presented with the cup by Mr. Salmons (Halifax), who congratulated Mr. Burgess, the conductor of the successful band, on their fine ringing.—Mr. Burgess expressed thanks on behalf of the Friezland ringers, and said how pleased the people of Friezland would be. It was the first time they had won the cup.

The next contest was, as usual, left in the secretary's hands to arrange. A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant and successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Acton on Saturday last, when over 35 members attended, and the bells pealed out, after nearly 11 months' silence, under the superintendence of the ringing master (Mr. Goodfellow). Methods to suit all were practised, from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The company had tea at Lyons' Restaurant, those present including the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, the Misses K. Bradford and E. Fulton, Messrs. J. H. Hinnisett, J. Herbert, A. Harding, G. R. Goodship, T. Collins, E. Turner, R. Mackrill, J. Prior, W. H. Seabrook, etc. The visitors included Mr. F. J. Reeve (president, Hertford County Association) and Mr. Gilkin, Congleton, Cheshire, who received a hearty welcome. The tower was visited after tea and further ringing till 8 p.m. brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.

The members of the Midland Counties Association paid a tribute of respect to the memory of their late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., on Saturday, September 19th, when a brass mural tablet and silver chalice were dedicated at Littleover Parish Church, near Derby.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar of Littleover, the Rev. C. E. Brown, assisted by the Vicars of Spondon (Canon Farmer) and Boulton (the Rev. J. E. Young). Among those present were Mrs. R. B. Chambers, Miss Chambers, the Rev. F. C. Bayliss, Sir Henry and Lady Fowler, of Spondon Hall, Mr. W. Blews Robotham, of Littleover, Mrs. R. Robotham, of Darley Abbey, Mrs. Edmund Orme, and the churchwardens (Messrs. W. G. Haslam and F. Mount). Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) and Mr. W. E. White (treasurer), of the M.C.A., were unavoidably absent through business ties, but the association was represented by the vice-president, Mr. William Willson, and the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. There were also present Mr. W. W. Worthington (vice-president of the Burton District), Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president of the Derby District), and Messrs. A. Sharp (secretary, Burton), E. C. Gobey (secretary, Notts), E. Bagworth (secretary, Leicester), J. H. Swinfield (C.C. representative), as well as other members from several districts of the association's activities.

The vice-president, Mr. William Willson, read the lesson (Rev. 21, v. 1-7), and also, in the name of the association, unveiled the mural tablet. This, with the silver chalice, was dedicated, and then the Vicar of Littleover, in a stirring address, paid a warm tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman Chambers. 'We often hear it said it does not matter what church you belong to,' said the Vicar, 'but each church lays its special stamp on you. In your late president you had the best type of English churchman. He was interested in education, but he mistrusted merely secular education. He was proud of England and the Empire, but he thought most of the soul of the Empire. His interests were many and varied, but in them all his selfless activity was marked. The Midland Counties' members know better than I his great love and interest in bells and also the association's welfare.'

The Vicar went on to say that the old silver chalice had stood and served the church at Littleover since 1687, or nearly 250 years, and he ventured to say the present memorial chalice would be cared for, and be as long a token of the members' respect for their late president.

The brass mural tablet is of neat design and inscribed:—

To the memory of
Robert Baker Chambers,
of Littleover House,

A Devoted Son of the Church.

5th January, 1850—28th April, 1929.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth. This memorial is offered to the church, with a chalice, in grateful remembrance of their President, by the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.

In the evening the bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were available to members.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELP FOR THORNTON CURTIS BELL FUND.

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Thornton Curtis. The towers represented were Burton-on-Stather, Fighy, Barrow, Grimsby, Ukeby, Elsham, Killingholme and several unattached members, in addition to Mr. Stephenson, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ring of six bells have recently been rehung and are a credit to the church and to the bellhangers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Park), who gave the members a very interesting address, including a short history of the bells.

An excellent tea, to which 32 sat down, was very kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Park.

The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) presided over the business meeting, at which one new member was re-elected.

A collection was taken at the meeting, which amounted to 22s. 6d., and a proposal by the president that the Rev. J. H. Park be asked to accept it towards the bell fund was carried with applause.—In reply, the Vicar heartily thanked the members for their generosity and a previous donation.

The president asked the opinion of members of the 'go' of the bells, and it was the unanimous opinion that a good job had been made of the restoration.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address, also for the splendid tea and for his arrangements on the laws for the benefit of the members. Owing, however, to rain, the sports were cancelled. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Warburton, the organist, to the helpers and to the president for presiding.

RINGING TOUR IN SIX COUNTIES.

MEMORABLE PEAL RINGING TRIP IN THE NORTH.

About a year ago, at the end of a week's ringing in the Northants district, a much more ambitious tour was mooted. It was necessary, of course, to make plans early, and certain ringers with motors, who were then present, were 'booked' as certainties (and necessities) for the trip. It was thought that at least five counties might be brought in, besides several twelve-bell towers, and with a few exceptions the early plans materialised. The late Mr. Tom Gofton was one of the leading spirits, and was working on plans for making the tour a success at the time of his death. His loss, and the withdrawal about the same time of another member of the original band, left gaps that were hard to fill, and the organisers of the tour quickly realised the difficulty of adequately filling Tom Gofton's place. In the end the party travelled but nine strong, making the tour rather too strenuous for some, but not so for the keen members of the band. All difficulties in this respect were overcome, however, by including one or two 'part-time' tourists in certain of the peals and by calling upon local talent at various places visited. It will be noted that 19 ringers took part in the peals rung.

The party being scattered, Stamford was chosen for the rendezvous on Saturday, September 19th, at 10.30 a.m., and punctually to time the band set off in two cars, driven by Bob Pye and Ted Duffield. Sheffield was reached as arranged, by 2 p.m., and many old and

brought to an untimely end, one of the party, who had had enough experience to know better, almost hanging himself when raising a bell in peal. He has decided that in future he will leave such tasks to the experts who know exactly how to do the job, but don't try. The grand effect of the Minster bells was greatly admired, both inside and, particularly, outside the tower. Taking leave of Messrs. Horner, Fearnley and Co., who had done everything possible to make their short stay in York a pleasant one, the tourists moved on to Eserick. Bristol was attempted here, but after 70 minutes' ringing a Sunday afternoon feeling came over too many of the band at the same time, and the one (and only) unsuccessful attempt of the tour resulted.

THE FIRST BIG TASK.

Halifax was reached soon after dark, and next morning the first real big task of the tour was attempted. With the inclusion in the band of Ted Jenkins and Tom Worsley, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Yorkshire was rung. As the back bells had not been rung for several years, it was not surprising that some relief was caused by the completion of this peal. It was at this tower that the first of several newspaper reporters met the party. The departure from Halifax was made along a road lined with spectators, who had apparently turned out to see the Bishop and Archdeacon from Bolton and Wyke respectively. At Bradford Cathedral an excellent peal of Cambridge Royal was rung on a really grand ring of bells, at the conclusion of which the local ringers, including Messrs. Joe Broadley



CARLISLE CATHEDRAL,

where the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Cumberland was rung during the Northern Tour.

Before their augmentation to eight a few years ago, the old six bells at the Cathedral had not been rung for more than a century.

One bell (the old 4th) is said to have been cracked while being chimed, with a rope tied to the clapper, at the news of the victory of Waterloo. It was recast in 1845 and previously was said to bear the following inscription: 'This ring was made six tuneable bells

at the charge of the Lord Howard and other gentree of the countie and citie and officers of the garrison by the advice of Mager Jeremih Tolhurst, governor of the garrison, 1658.'

There is a tradition that the bells were rung on November 17th, 1745, when the Pretender entered Carlisle, and that for this they were condemned not to be rung again for 100 years.

new friends were found awaiting the arrival of the visitors. Local ambitions have to be respected, and Stedman Cinques was, in consequence, rung, a good peal being brought round. At the finish a pleasant hour was spent with the Sheffield ringers. Mr. M. E. Wilson (Master of the Cathedral band) welcomed the visiting ringers and congratulated them on the peal they had rung, adding that they had certainly given a lesson in good striking. Mr. C. T. Coles replied with sincere thanks to the Sheffield ringers, and, on behalf of the visitors, wished them success in attaining their ambition of ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus. It was a pleasure to meet old friends. Arthur Knights, Sidney Palmer, Jack Holman, John Flint, etc., whilst the composition enthusiast in the party, meeting A. Knights for the first time, was soon discussing the 'latest' peals of Double Norwich, to the infinite relief of Gabriel Lindoff, who thereby had a rest.

A 50 mile ride brought the tourists to York by 11 p.m., and next morning a visit was paid to the Minster. Here the tour was nearly

and Jim Cotterell, offered hearty congratulations. Coming from men who are reckoned as knowing good ringing, this was much appreciated. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hughes kindly entertained the party to supper, the excellence and quantity thereof causing one or two a rather restless night.

Next morning the 60 mile run to Darlington was made in good time, and on this part of the journey the scenery began to change. Glorious rolling moors took the place of the towns of the north-midlands, and made touring much more enjoyable. At Darlington (St. Cuthbert's) a good peal of London was rung, and the now almost inevitable reporter and photographer put in his appearance. It was remarked, however, towards the end of the tour, that none of the photographs had been seen, and we can only assume that the many handsome faces all together were too much for the cameras.

Stockton-on-Tees was the next stopping place, and on the journey the one railway member of the party was keenly interested in what

he took to be the old Stockton and Darlington railway. Arriving at Stockton, Mr. W. Newton, the only surviving original member and the 'father' of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was met. In the tower the Vicar also met the party, and kindly returned after the peal (Cambridge Royal) to help let down the bells and congratulate the band.

Mr. J. A. Goffton, who had brought Mr. J. E. Keen from Newcastle for the peal, made an excellent pilot to Whitley Bay, after a tour round the back streets of Stockton trying to find a way out of the town. North Farm was reached at 10.30 p.m., and the whole party was cordially welcomed by Mrs. T. T. Goffton, who felt quite sure that she was carrying out her late husband's wishes by entertaining his ringing friends just as he had planned to do. With several members of the Goffton family present, there was a pleasant supper party, but without the genial Tom one felt that something was missing.

A TOUCHING TRIBUTE.

It was with mixed feelings next morning that the party rang a peal on the bells he loved so well, and in the afternoon a tribute was paid to his memory when a wreath was laid on his resting place, just at the foot of the belfry stairs, by William Pye, who afterwards, with C. W. Roberts, G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles, rang a course of Stedman Triples on handbells over the grave.

In the evening, with Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. H. Barber and J. E. Keen, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in the county of Northumberland was rung at Newcastle Cathedral. The 'locals' in this peal were congratulated on a good performance without having had any chance of practice beforehand. Quite a crowd turned up in the belfry before and after the peal, including the inevitable Press reporters and photographers. It would be nice to see one of the many photos taken during the tour.

During the day a heavy reinforcement arrived in the shape of Rupert, of Surfleet, with his good lady, much to the joy of the tired members of the party, who had visions of a well-earned (?) rest.

After breakfast next morning a touching scene took place when one of the tourists made an attempt to thank Mrs. Goffton adequately for her hospitality. The particular member to whom this duty fell found it difficult to convey the gratitude felt by the band at the wholehearted welcome given to them; but it was a much more difficult matter for Mrs. Goffton to reply, and she made a brave effort to let her guests know that under no circumstances would she have abandoned the idea of entertaining her late husband's friends in the way he had planned, for his sake.

Shortly after this, a final farewell was paid to North Farm, and the 32 miles journey to Hexham Abbey, through some glorious country, commenced. Reaching Hexham to time, the party was met by the Vicar (the Rev. G. V. C. Farquhar) and Mr. H. W. Robson, the secretary of the Abbey ringers. Whilst a good peal of Superlative was being rung, those members of the band 'resting' enjoyed the sights of this fine old town and of the Abbey.

RUPERT'S RECORD AND DISAPPOINTMENT.

After lunch, another 40 miles was quickly covered, and Carlisle Cathedral reached by 4.30. Here Mr. J. Boustead met the tourists, and a peal of Bristol Surprise, the first in the county, was rung. On leaving the tower, the band was dismayed at hearing that Rupert, on arriving at the hotel, had found a telegram awaiting him, which necessitated his immediate return to Surfleet. Quite apart from the assistance he would have been in the remaining peals, his help at sewing buttons to two, or even three, garments at a time made his going a real loss to the party. The whole band felt sorry for him at his enforced departure, and for the curse of it, and a message of sympathy was sent to him and his good wife. Apparently, however, Rupert has some small consolation in knowing that he has set up a good record in travelling 550 miles by road for one peal!

Next morning London was rung at St. Stephen's, and during this performance one of the party enjoyed an hour's talk on bells and ringers with the Vicar, who afterwards met and congratulated the peal band.

A good run to Ambleside, through the gorgeous scenery of the Lake District, was appreciated by even the least romantic member of the party. At the tower Mr. W. Robinson had everything in readiness, and the bells, with a fine tenor weighing 324 cwt., were soon going to Bristol. In just under 3½ hours the first Surprise peal in the county was rung. After leave taking, the party went on to Kendal for the night, meeting the enthusiastic Edwin Jennings. At this place Cambridge Royal was rung, Mr. Jennings making quite an efficient treble man. This peal was completed by 11.30 a.m., and, after lunch, a quick run was made to Hornby, near Lancaster. Here, in a curious octagonal tower, erected in 1514 by the first Lord Montague, a pretty peal of eight, with an 11 cwt. tenor, was found. As only five peals of Cambridge (Maximus and Royal) had been rung during the week, it was decided to ring Cambridge again, for a change.

With this peal the ringing part of the tour ended, and one could not help remarking how quickly and pleasantly the time had flown. Thirteen peals were rung out of 14 attempts, all, with the exception of the first, in Surprise methods. Four members of the party shared in the conducting, and although William Pye rightly headed the list, it must be said for him that he very often 'called ye bobs' because

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HUNGRY 'MIDGES' HELP RINGING.

A quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday at Pinhoe, near Exeter. The six bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church. The Vicar, the Rev. O. Puckridge, in the course of his address, gave a warm welcome to the branch, and the lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Pownall). Tea was served in the Schoolroom, which was, unfortunately, at a considerable distance from the church.

At the subsequent business meeting a letter of apology from the chairman of the branch was read, explaining his absence through illness.

The election of one new member was confirmed, and, after some discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch on January 9th, 1932, at Topsham.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the organist. Owing to the distance, further use was not made of the Pinhoe bells, but some members made their way to Aylesbeare, where several touches were rung on the nice little ring of six bells.

Perhaps a note may be added on one feature of the afternoon—this was the superabundance of very hungry midges! These midges had one very useful result, as most of the ringers were driven inside to ring instead of standing outside talking.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday evening, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Youngs, a member of the local band, and a regular Sunday service ringer. The deceased was laid to rest at Holton St. Peter's Churchyard on Saturday afternoon, when 672 Bob Major was rung by J. Nunn 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, J. Gibson 3, W. Pierce 4, J. O'Neill 5, A. H. Took 6, C. Moss 7, E. Garrard 8. Other touches were rung, concluding with the 'ringers' farewell, the following taking part: Miss G. Roe, Messrs. C. Goodwin, W. Kemp, A. Lee, J. Jolly and G. Gowan. R.I.P.

A representative band of the Ely Diocesan Association rang half-muffled bells at Bourn in deep respect of a late member, Mr. E. Izzard, of that village. A peal was attempted, but, unfortunately, after ringing two hours 40 minutes, a bad clash put an end to an otherwise fair attempt. Those who rang were kindly invited to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Duffil, M.A., who spoke of Mr. Izzard as being his most progressive ringer. The ringers were: J. W. Ward 1, H. J. Hazell 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. Robinson 5, J. Quiney 6, A. G. Rivers 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

For evening service on Sunday, September 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough, Sheppey, 720 College Single, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Nurse Cooper, who met an untimely death on the previous Thursday morning, when her car was in collision with a bus. The deceased lady was a member of the Parochial Church Council, a sideswoman and a very enthusiastic church worker. The 720 was rung by J. Wilder 1, P. Hobbs 2, W. J. Wood 3, F. Pankhurst 4, S. Wood 5, W. A. Wood (conductor) 6.

OVER BELL AUGMENTATION FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir.—It may interest the Exercise to learn that the two new trebles for Over, Cambs, are well in hand. The Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A., has kindly given the treble, and Mr. Ingle Robinson and ringers are making a united effort for the second, which will be inscribed: 'In memory of Horace Bernard Woolley, M.A., Vicar of Longstanton 1905-1929.' Donations, large or small, will be welcomed, and should be sent to

Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON,

Vice-captain, Over Ringers.

Over, Cambs.

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nobody else appeared particularly anxious for the job. Truly, a motoring and ringing tour combined does not leave much time for studying peal compositions, especially when postcards have to be sent from each place visited to wives (and sweethearts) left behind.

A word must here be said in sincere thanks to Messrs. P. J. Johnson, C. L. Routledge and E. Jennings, without whose valuable assistance in arranging various parts of the tour it could not have been carried out. Thanks are also due to the many local secretaries and towerkeepers, all of whom showed great willingness to assist in any way possible. Next, a word must be said for Bob Pye and Ted Duffield, who were responsible for the safe and punctual arrival of the band at every tower. Not once did they fail in this duty, and when it is considered that they 'did' over 900 miles in just over eight days, besides ringing in 12 and 13 peals respectively, it might be said that they deserve the thanks here accorded to them.

Lastly, a word of congratulation to Bill Pye, whose manipulation of heavy-going bells is still a treat to behold. Throughout a heavy week he was always ready for the back-end, and it would seem that the passing of years has had little effect on him. May he go on many more tours yet!

THE IRISH TOUR. IN AND AROUND BELFAST.

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BY W. H. F.

Wednesday.—Our stay in Belfast lasted over three nights, which gave us an opportunity—after the day's work was done—to fraternise at the 'Kensington,' an hotel I can well recommend to future visitors to Belfast. Mr. W. MacCleary, the manager, kindly gave us preferential terms after it had been explained to him that our party were not American millionaires anxious 'to do' Great Britain at a minimum expenditure of dollars.

The first 'venture' was fixed for St. Thomas' at 10 a.m.—a suburban church reached by tramcar, where Mr. D. Ireland—bless him—kindly did duty for us. Our thanks to him and to the Rev. F. B. Werrall, acting on behalf of the Very Rev. the Dean of Connor, who was absent on clerical duty. This church is a modern structure in brick and stone of fine proportion, the tower surmounted by the usual spire. The parsonage adjoins the church and is built to match it. It is a nice well-kept ringing room, a good old peal of bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, tenor 20 cwt., the only ring of bells in Belfast, and all were ringing in 1930 by the founders.

Of the local company there are ten; of these, three are ladies, and all show some eagerness to push on with the 'method.' Naturally our own hand were pleased with themselves on leaving this tower after scoring five peals in five counties straight off the reel, but their 'Waterloo' was to come before the day was over. However, for the present moment, the cry was 'Onward,' so tramcar, lunch and York Road Station were patronised in succession, the party duly gathering together by 2 o'clock in the corridor carriage en route by rail for their second 'venture.'

Carriekfergus is beautifully situated on the north shore of Belfast Lough, a picturesque ride of 12 miles along the coast from the city. Its importance has declined during the past century owing to the rapid development of docks, shipbuilding and the linen trade of Belfast. Its antiquity is demonstrated by the surviving North Gate—only one of four—when formerly it was walled and fortified. It is the only place in County Antrim where there are remains of ancient mural defences, and where there is a castle in occupation built before the English connection. Of the Castle it is said that it was built on the site of an old Irish stronghold prior to the advent of the mediæval builders. In the main it continues to present all the features it possessed in the 12th and 13th centuries. The keep is 90ft. high and its walls quite 9ft. in thickness.

The Parish Church of St. Nicholas is best approached from the market place. We arrived at 3 p.m. and were met by some half-dozen friends, made welcome, and kindly invited to tea after our ringing at the Campanile. Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but after nearly three hours ringing and good striking, the band got into such a 'tangle' that our composer and conductor was compelled to call 'stand.' The musical peal of bells, tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp, cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1920, go like machines. There had never been a peal attempted on them before, and here are the names of the men who tried and failed: Messrs. Barnett, Fussell, Riding, Hughes, Martin, Simpson, Horan and Lindoff—and so say all of us!

The church is supposed to have been built on the site of a pagan temple, and was originally connected with a Franciscan Monastery, founded about 1232, parts of it dating from the 12th and 13th centuries. The old tower and spire were considered too weak to bear the strain of a ring of bells, and when a town's war memorial was considered, the committee wisely decided to build a new detached tower to take the new octave. This work has very successfully been accomplished at a total cost of £3,500. A stone built into the walls states: 'New peal of bells in iron frame in a new tower all erected in memory of parishioners who served in the Great War, 1914-18.' You stand on the ground floor to ring; the bells are noisy in the ringing room, a nicely fitted apartment, and on the south wall is the record: 'This stone was laid by the Most Rev. John Baptist Crozier, D.D., Archbishop of Armagh, 25th October, 1919.' The Archbishop died before the tower was completed, and the dedication was performed by his successor.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, the Misses Carnahan, MacConky, McAniff and Young seeing that everyone had sufficient, and in addition to the visiting ringers there were present the Rev. J. T. Rutherford, Mr. Wm. Pratt (hon. secretary of the Northern Branch), Mr. Wm. Young (president) and many of the local band, Mr. F. McCarrison (captain) and Messrs. J. Balls, T. Robinson, H. Jones, E. O. Hill and Henly. An enjoyable hour was spent with pipe, chat and the handbells, during which the Rector spoke a few kind words of welcome and hoped the visit would urge the home ringers to master the art.

It fell to the lot of the Welsh member, Mr. Hughes, to return thanks to our Irish friends for their hospitality to a band of English ringers, and hurrah for the 'Ringing Isles.' We left Carriekfergus by the 9.9 p.m. train with a hearty send-off from our hosts, and 'Kensington' was reached in time to visit the butler's 'pantry' before 'roosting' at 11 o'clock.

Members of the London Police Guild will sympathise with the president, Mr. Young, who on the strict orders of his doctor has had to

give up bellringing. He only took up the art when the bells were put up in 1920, on retiring from the position of Chief Constable. Both he and his daughter have been of much assistance to the Northern Branch.

Thursday.—Our journey was continued to-day on the south side of Belfast Lough, with more coastal scenery, ending at the Irish 'Bay of Naples,' otherwise known as Bangor, a flourishing seaside resort for health and pleasure with three miles of promenade. For local history it claims Dr. Wm. Clanny, born 1766, as a native. He invented the safety lamp, for which the Royal Society of Arts presented him with the gold medal. Bangor was a religious seat before Canterbury. Its Abbey was founded by St. Columb, who was born in 432, and in the succeeding centuries its fame as a centre of Christian learning spread throughout Europe. At one time the Abbey housed over 200 monks and possessed a wonderful library. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Columb, is a handsome modern building well placed at the apex of two main thoroughfares facing the Town Council offices. The bells are a very musical peal; both within the tower and without they are pleasing to hear. They were cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1899, with a tenor 21 cwt. Several of the bells are false clappers, especially the tenor; perhaps the staple fittings want attention after 30 years' use. Cambridge Surprise Major failed to settle down to a proper 'beat,' then Stedman Triples was rung to touches and the bells lowered. To Mr. Sam Miller, local hon. secretary, we owe thanks for the keys of the tower, for permission from the Church Council and a place in Main Street to dine. The local company muster ten, half them are lady exponents. We wish success to the belles of Bangor. To-day's programme stated: 'Breakfast 8.30, train 9.50,' but half the company came down by a much later train, which really meant a morning wasted with no peal attempt till 1 o'clock. Those who came early enjoyed the sea air and sunshine on the pier, and were not particular if they rang or not. The culprits got a trouncing from the skipper and promised it shouldn't happen again, but they did not know that the skipper was glad of a quiet hour—the only chance he had to send off a couple of dozen picture cards to his English friends.

For the evening peal attempt, Hollywood, on the return route to Belfast, was the next fixture. Here we were kindly welcomed by the Venerable Archdeacon Manning, M.C., M.A., Mr. William Pratt (hon. secretary) and his merry men, including Mr. R. McClelland, the only change ringer in Ulster who has rung a full peal. Tea was provided for us in the Mission Hall, served by Mrs. Manning and lady helpers. The Press photographer came round to snap us at hand in the home position, with the Archdeacon in the centre of the group. This picture appeared in the current issue of the 'Belfast News Letter,' the oldest periodical in Ulster, founded 1737, which described in flowery language the visit of the English team of bellringers and some of their performances. Our host, in addressing us, with hearty welcome to Ireland, mentioned the progress of his own men. With the help of Mr. Lindoff and Mr. Pratt, they had recently made a valiant attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on his bells. Change ringing, he was glad to say, was now being done for Sunday services by the Hollywood company, which was founded in October, 1876. He hoped the visit would lead up to good work being done in other parishes on our list. Mr. Hughes responded.

Originally, the Parish Church, dedicated to St. Philip and James, consisted of tower, nave and chancel of small dimensions. The rapid growth of the town led to an extension of threefold capacity. A new nave, chancel and north aisle with porch has been added and the dividing wall pierced with arches. The Dunville family reside in this parish and are great benefactors to the church and local objects. The surroundings are pretty, with tall trees bordering a well-kept lawn and the church mostly covered with well-trimmed ivy. A ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb., with iron frame, was supplied by Taylor and Co. over 40 years ago, and dedicated on May 17th, 1891. It is to be hoped the first peal by the Northern Branch of the Irish Association will be accomplished before another 40 weeks have passed. They muster 14 members, nine of whom are change ringers, so watch 'The Ringing World.' At the cross-roads, High Street, is still retained a fine maypole, said to be the only survivor 'in England,' and the R.C. Church possesses a single bell weighing 30 cwt. Messrs. Rutherford, Savage, McKay, Pratt, jun., McCaw, Pratt, sen., and McClelland gave us a send-off to the station and the 10.15 to Belfast. We dined on the 'feathers' in County Down at midnight, and fell asleep dreaming of a record gathering of the Central Council in Dublin A.D.

(To be continued.)

TRURO CANON'S BIRTHDAY.

Sunday, September 20th, the Eve of St. Matthew's Day, was the birthday of Canon H. H. Mills, treasurer of Truro Cathedral, and in honour of this event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the evening service by: Miss M. Penrose (longest length on eight) 1, Miss L. Willoughby 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, F. W. Marshall 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, W. H. Southard 8. Also, before the service, touches of Grandsire Caters by those who took part in the quarter-peal, with the assistance of A. W. Brighton (London), R. A. Watts, G. W. Taysom, N. Williams, W. E. Minors, C. Lanxon and Miss E. Robinson.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. a peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on October 10th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends are invited to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the Western Branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for 1s. each. All ringers are welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (Christ Church) on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Utting Avenue, Liverpool North. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield.—A good attendance is requested. Good bus service from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk and Aughton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available at both churches at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Staggsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radstock (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Pirbright, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by October 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 13th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, near Stockport, not later than the 15th. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. provided for those who notify Mr. H. Wood, Sharnford, near Hinckley, by Thursday, October 15th.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. W. Lack, Post Office, Great Staughton, St. Neots, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th?—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

LLANDOFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shirenewton, near Chepstow, on Saturday, October 17th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

FORESTERS' MEETING.—In connection with the district meeting of the Foresters of Northampton and Wellingborough, at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, October 17th, the bells of St. Mary's Church will be open from 3.30 for ringing during the afternoon. All friends will be welcome.—H. Golding.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Egerton on Saturday, October 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Assembly Rooms at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, by October 15th. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, October 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea should advise me by Wednesday, 14th. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Tideswell Saturday, October 17th. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at a small charge, guaranteed only to those who notify Mr. R. Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell, by October 16th. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Uphill on Saturday, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by business meeting, when arrangements will be discussed for the second annual dinner, to be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, some time in November. Date to be announced later.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by October 12th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for October and November: October 19th, practice 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; November 1st, service ringing 10 a.m.; November 2nd, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those members requiring tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) should notify me not later than Monday, October 19th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 21st. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young.

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BARTON.—On October 1st, at Bondi, Sydney, N.S.W., Flora, the beloved wife of Harry Barton, of Ventnor, I.O.W., aged 57 years.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples (1,260 changes): S. Harrison 1, A. Hill 2, M. C. Fowler 3, C. Urch 4, H. Fowler 5, E. C. Stacey 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, W. Lewis 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, at St. Paul's Church, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): John Denner 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, James Denner 4, M. Berry 5, A. Burton 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—For harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, H. N. Pitstow 2, F. G. Woodiss (conductor) 3, J. A. Hobson 4, L. George 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, A. E. Woolloff 8.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On October 4th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Smith 1, A. J. Turner 2, A. Causley 3, B. Saunders 4, A. Hobden 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, W. Jenner 7, F. Miles 8.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Dawson 1, G. Green 2, A. Bartholomew 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, P. Felton 5, F. A. Watts (first quarter-peal on inside bell and first attempt) 6, H. Pennack 7, P. Green (conductor) 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Miss M. Pack 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Pack 3, J. J. Bassett 4, W. Durham 5, A. Waddington (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who come from Lamberhurst, and whose first quarter in the method it was.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Feast Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, M. Ginn 4, R. Thoday 5, H. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, F. O. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The Methods Committee have not replied to my letter re above Six Score.

Everyone knows that the CONSTRUCTIONAL PLACES of the method are 3rds places when the treble leaves front and behind.

The Bobs and Singles indicated do NOT AFFECT the CONSTRUCTIONAL PLACES, therefore if the method is rung by the RULES of the METHOD, third's place must always be made when treble leaves front, and third's place must always be made when she leaves behind.

Will the committee show us how, under these circumstances, the six-score described in the new book can be obtained? By so doing they will greatly oblige.—Yours faithfully,

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