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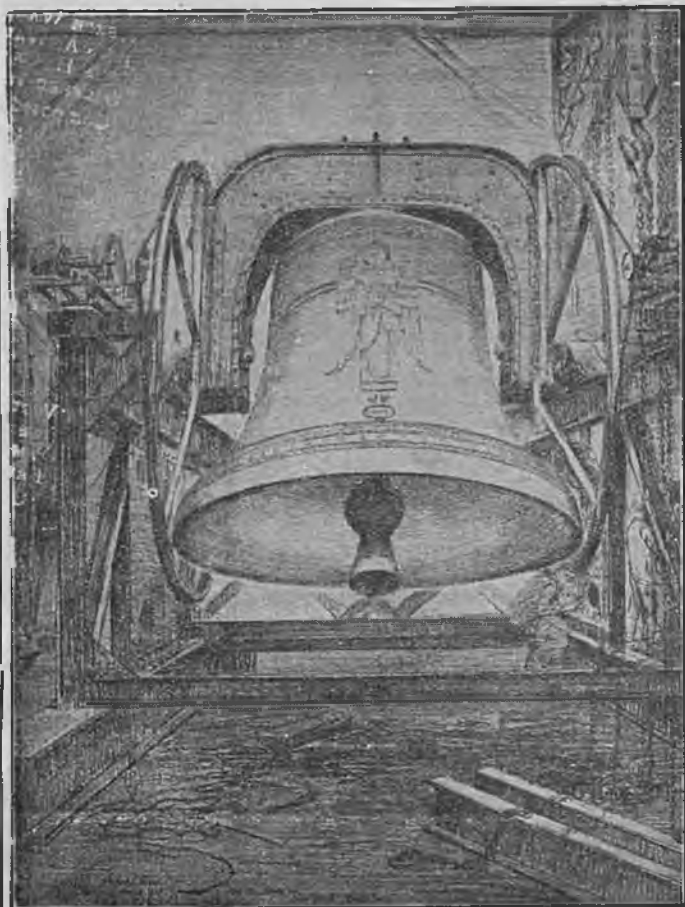
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'WIPING SOMETHING OFF THE SLATE'

Next Monday will be full of interest for ringers in many parts of the country, with jubilee gatherings in Derby and Bedford and annual meetings of other associations elsewhere, but attention will probably be most generally centred on the Gloucestershire village of Painswick, where twelve men, in the words of an almost forgotten song, hope to 'wipe something off the slate.' The short-lived triumph and later heartache over the false peal rung at Painswick eighteen months ago, and the subsequent condemnation which the provision of a commemorative tablet provoked, are still fresh in memory. The performance in November, 1930, proved a ghastly disappointment for all concerned, and every member of the Exercise will wish the band next Monday complete success. The previous cause of failure has been eliminated by the precaution of having the composition checked by other competent composers, so that the outcome of the attempt will rest upon the mental and physical capacity of the band, and the strength of the ropes.

There is more than ordinary reason for wishing success to this attempt. There is not only the common desire to see a triumphant conclusion to a great and plucky effort, the consummation of which in any event deserves the greatest praise; but in this case there is an unexpected defeat to be wiped out. It is true that the number of changes to be attempted is not quite so many as in the previous abortive performance, but it will, if completed, pass the 17,000 mark, which has never yet been reached in any true peal on twelve bells. There may be some who would have wished to see the earlier length of 17,687 exceeded, and perhaps it would have been better if it were, so that the new record, if achieved, would be unchallengeable in any respect, but the 17,195 for which the attempt is to be made will be sufficient to rehabilitate Painswick record breaking in the eyes of the Exercise, especially if it results as well in the removal of the offending tablet which has caused so much feeling. The fact that the attempt is to be made by as nearly as possible the same band shows that the men themselves are anxious to wipe out the misfortune of the past, and in all sincerity we wish them good luck, and a good peal.

Probably only those who have stood up to the peal of something approaching this length realise the physical strain involved in nearly twelve hours of continuous ringing, to say nothing of the long mental concentration required. Some people may be inclined to think that, as a method, Grandsire Cinques is a 'soft job.' Compared with some others, it is, of course, simple, but its very simplicity makes it risky, for it is here that the lack of con-

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centration through the very monotony is liable to lead to a trip or a 'shift.' However simple the method, the successful performance of a peal the length of that to be attempted at Painswick is a great performance; for the mind, except in supermen, must become less active as physical fatigue creeps over the human frame.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	* EDWARD G. TAIROT 6
* TONY PRICE 2	* ROYDON DAVIES 7
* G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPIE 8
JOHN SPARROW 4	FRANK JENNINGS 9
* FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Two-to-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 6
JOE HARDCASTLE 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN W. CONDALL 3	JAMES COTTERELL 8
* GEORGE TITTERINGTON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON 9
WILLIAM BARTON 5	* JOHN PALFRAMAN Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
ERNEST G. HIGGIN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ROBERT W. E. DAWE 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
HERBERT RANN 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
GEORGE W. STOKES 5	* GEORGE P. ELPHECK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late beloved Rector of Crayford, Canon E. Lionel Gedge.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. REGINALD BLABY... .. Treble	FRANK WEST 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4	*ARTHUR NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK TIPPER Treble	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM P. DEANE 2	WALTER LONGMAN 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 7
JOHN E. WHEELDON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung for the association.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
*WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
*THOMAS WALLWORK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
*WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Robertshaw, of Heptonstall.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	BASIL REDGWELL Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
*ERIC G. BENNETT 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. All the above are bachelors. The peal was especially arranged for the conductor, who is joining the Benedicts on the 26th inst. He tenders his thanks to all the band for assisting him to accomplish this feat. This is the first time a Surprise peal has been rung by bachelors in Suffolk.

WATFORD, RUGBY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday afternoon, March 12th, for the induction service of the new Vicar, the Rev. Wood-Smith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Kennell 1, Mrs. A. Marlow 2, A. Marlow (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, C. Green 5.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN BURLS Treble	STUART SANDFORD 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
CYRIL M. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD J. BEER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL

Specially arranged and rung by local ringers to celebrate the tercentenary of the borough of Gravesend's Mayoral Charter, which was granted on March 14th, 1632.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILFRED J. MOSS Treble	FRED GRUNDY 5
W. FOSTER 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
CHRIS GUDGEON 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JAMES HOWARTH 4	WILFRED GRUNDY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD

Rung as the first monthly peal, arranged by the Manchester Branch.

WEST MEON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
FRANCIS E. DAWE 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
CBALLIS F. WINNEY 4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung, in the village where he was born, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the conductor's birth.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FOUR-PART, No. 76.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 2	MAURICE SWINFELD 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES ALLEOP 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hutchby.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE B. BEEBE Treble	†HARRY BOCKLER 5
ARTHUR BEAMISH 2	EDWIN MARTIN 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	†ALFRED KING 7
†ERNEST YORK 4	*WILLIAM YORK Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by E. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Tuesday, March 8th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the institution and induction by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans of the Rev. H. Earnshaw-Smith as Vicar of Watford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Crowsley 1, S. H. Heare (conductor) 2, A. Dix 3, C. Leman 4, R. W. R. Pieton 5, F. S. Edwards 6, R. G. Bell 7, R. J. Edwards 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE B.V. MARY, ST. EDWARD, K. AND M.,
AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.
*FREDERICK TARGETT ... Treble HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5
*FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 2 JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 6
*HARRY SANGER ... 3 WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 4 WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... Treble ARTHUR TRUMAN ... 5
ALFRED MONKLEY ... 2 WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 6
ARTHUR SEARLE ... 3 EDWARD BIFFEN ... 7
TOM BARTLETT ... 4 ARTHUR GOAD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble J. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 5
OLIVER GREATHHEAD ... 2 ALBERT NASH ... 6
ARTHUR GILL ... 3 JOHN H. SYKES ... 7
ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 4 JOHN R. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by A. NASH.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2 F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 3 TITUS BARLOW ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4 WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of Canon Garrett, D.D., Vicar of Westhoughton.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble FRED HINDLE ... 5
*WILLIAM HESKETH ... 2 JOHN BROWN ... 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 3 NORMAN BROWN ... 7
*EVEREST FORD ... 4 JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Major.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... Treble HENRY J. WILKINSON ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2 GEORGE GRANT ... 6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 3 GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN R. RODWELL ... 4 CHARLES AYLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal 'inside.' Mr. Wilkinson's previous peal on eight was at Ashted in 1897 for the diamond jubilee.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble *JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2 JAMES BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3 HARRY KILBY ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4 WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, and 608 of Bristol. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble *THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2 CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE KENWARD ... 3 WILLIAM BUTTON ... 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... 4 LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

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

* 50th peal of Kent. Birthday peal for Messrs. K. Pattenden and W. Button. This composition (No. 385) is now rung for the first time.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ROLAND BIGGS ... Treble WILLIAM H. FOSSBELL ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
FREDERICK BIGGS ... 3 FRANK CORKE ... 7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 4 HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This octave of bells was cast at Whitechapel by Lester and Pack in 1768, and this is believed to be the first peal of Major rung upon them.

TADCASTER, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER ... Treble GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
HENRY CLAYTON ... 2 HERBERT E. PICKERING ... 6
*WALTER HICK ... 3 ROBERT LANCASTER ... 7
NORMAN BARTON ... 4 FRED E. ADDISON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal of H. E. Pickering, who is leaving the town.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble *CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2 EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
ROBERT THOMAS ... 4 FRED HODGSON ... 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 3 LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd stood in at short notice, and this was his first peal for 20 years.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

*FREDERICK BIRCH Treble	HENRY C. JONES 4
FRANK WEST 2	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	*SIDNEY E. A. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Doris Jones, daughter of the local foreman, Mr. H. J. Jones, on her 17th birthday. Messrs. Birch, Jones and Carter are members of the local band. The remainder are from High Wycombe.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*GEORGE LIMMER Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Chalfont St. Giles (Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall).

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, March 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD S. HODGETTS ... Treble	LESLIE B. HODGETTS ... 4
THOMAS W. THORPE ... 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
JOHN HODGETTS ... 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, who are brothers.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of Old Doubles, Chase, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and sixteen of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

A. NEWMAN Treble	*C. LAWRENCE 4
T. DAVIS 2	G. KILMINSTER 5
W. OAKLEY 3	C. STAITE Tenor

Conducted by G. KILMINSTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and first in six methods by all, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who is captain of the local band.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	AMOS SMART 3
*ROGER W. DANIELS 2	WALTER PERKINS 4

*ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in three methods on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Mrs. Wetenhall, the donor of the 2nd bell and grandmother of the ringer of that bell. Mr. Daniels is also the first native of Stanwick to ring a peal on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector after the peal, and later visited Mrs. Wetenhall and drank to her health.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. EDWARDS Treble	*E. G. STEVENS 4
E. GEORGE SWIFT 2	*W. E. REDRUP 5
*E. C. AYRES 3	GEORGE AYRES Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

* First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first by all the band. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall for his 73rd birthday.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 4
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	VICTOR M. ORMEROD 5
CHARLES W. GRIFFIN 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by ringers of third and fifth, members of the local company, a capable and enthusiastic band, under the tuition of George Bailey, formerly of Norwich. A complimentary peal to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, on the occasion of the birth of a daughter.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT D. COLLINS ... Treble	*RAYMOND BLACKWELL ... 4
*C. ARTHUR SMITH ... 2	†JAMES SHAW 5
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SEDGEBERROW, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 1-2	*HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	*F. BERNARD MARTIN ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire—FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3-4 and 7-8.

5,056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 M. B. W. H.

42356		1
56423	x	2
42364	2	1 1
54263	x	1 1
52643		1 2
64523	1	x 2 1
64235	2	1 1
32465		2 2
53624	x	2 2
45236	x	2 2
32546		2 2
63425	x	2 2
56234	x	2 2
32654		2 2
35426	x	2 1
25456		1 1

2nd and tenor only four times in 7.8 together, being 28 at back stroke.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fourteenth Council (40th Annual Meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1932, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.15 a.m.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Report as to new societies affiliated during the year.
- 2.—Election of honorary members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. James George, H. W. Wilde, W. A. Cave.
- 3.—Presentation of new members to the president.
- 4.—Apologies for absence.
- 5.—Loss of members through death.
- 6.—Minutes of last meeting.
- 7.—Report of the hon. librarian.
- 8.—Statement of accounts.
- 9.—Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.
- 10.—To receive and discuss the reports, if any, of the following committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Standing.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Variations.
 - (e) Peal Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Stedman Commemoration.
 - (h) Literature and Press.
 - (i) Records.
 - (j) Rules.

MOTIONS.

- 11.—That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet, any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter. (Proposed by the president and seconded by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.)
- 12.—That in view of the great need for attention to good striking, the Council appoint a small committee to draw up a pamphlet on the proper handling of a bell. (Proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke.)
- 13.—That in order to further the best interests of the Exercise, and to give all ringing matters the maximum publicity, all affiliated societies be requested to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the only ringing paper. (Proposed by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.)
- 14.—To fix the place of next year's meeting.
- 15.—Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,

Honorary Secretary.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION MEETING AT ARMLEY.

Another very well attended meeting has been added to the ever-growing list of successful monthly gatherings held by the Leeds Society.

The handbells started the proceedings at 3 p.m., and the tower bells were rung up in peal about 3.30, from which time ringing continued until 9 p.m., except for a break for the transaction of business. Ringers who arrived later kept the bells going during the interval for tea (which was provided in the headquarters of the Upper Armley company of the Church Lads' Brigade). At the conclusion of tea, Mr. Senior proposed, and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided at the tea table, and Mrs. A. Fieldhouse replied for the ladies.

The business meeting was held in the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Batley, Bramley, Burley, Pudsey, Lindley, Headingley St. Michael's, Far Headingley (St. Chad's), Tong, Liversedge, Almondbury, Drighlington, Birstall, Leeds Parish Church, Idle, Earlsheaton, and the local company.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Hoare, Drighlington, J. Mellor, Lindley, and J. W. Fieldhouse, Armley.

The following nominations were received: President, Mr. W. E. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hoy, H. Marsden and J. W. Moorhouse; Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, H. Lofthouse; auditors, Messrs. H. Grimwood and S. Helliwell.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Bramley on April 30th.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

MR. F. E. DAWE RETURNS TO HIS NATIVE HEATH.

In a picturesque cottage in the little village of West Moon, Hants, there was born, while the bells were ringing for the morning service, on Sunday, March 16th, 1862, Francis Edward Dawe, who while still in his 'teens, took up active ringing in London, and later was five times Master of the College Youths. Fifty years afterwards—on March 16th, 1912—he returned to West Moon and celebrated his jubilee by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of the Parish Church, and finished the day by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, London. Ten years later, a peal of Stedman Triples at West Moon commemorated his 'diamond jubilee,' and on Wednesday in last week he returned yet once more to his native heath, to mark the passing of still another decade. A peal of Stedman Triples celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth, and it was rung by a band which comprised both youth and age, for more than fifty years separated the youngest from the oldest member of the company, but more interesting still was the fact that some of them had rung in the peals of ten and twenty years ago. When the peal had come safely round, the bells were 'fired.'

Afterwards Mr. Dawe, who was not at all well, and was suffering from the effects of a chill, entertained a little party to dinner at the Red Lion. Mr. E. Alex. Young, one of the guests, expressed the company's appreciation of the hospitality extended to them, and their congratulations to Mr. Dawe upon reaching another notable landmark in his life. Time had treated him kindly, and he hoped Mr. Dawe would be spared for many years yet to enjoy good health and good ringing with his friends. He hoped he would speedily recover from his present indisposition.

Mr. Dawe suitably replied, and expressed his pleasure at having around him on that occasion several old friends whose friendship he valued and whom he thanked for taking part in the peal.

On the following day Mr. Challis Winney, who took part in the peal and was one of Mr. Dawe's earliest ringing companions, celebrated his 74th birthday.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Hanslope on Saturday, March 12th. The weather, being fine, was probably responsible for a very good attendance, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Weston, Underwood, and the local ringers. The Master and general secretary of the Guild were present, as was also Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and other visitors. Hanslope tower has only recently joined the Guild after a lapse of many years, and the branch was given a very hearty welcome by the Vicar (Rev. P. Taylor), who conducted the service and gave an inspiring address, which was fully appreciated by the members. Tea was provided by the ringers and lady helpers in the school.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) reported that he had no special business to bring before the meeting, but it was a great pleasure to welcome the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), also Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) and other ringing visitors.

The Master addressed the meeting on several matters, and made a special appeal for the support of 'The Ringing World,' suggesting that each tower at least should take a copy, and those members who could see their way clear should take one themselves. This would add to the circulation of the paper, which was worthy of all support from all ringers.

Mr. F. Wilford, in a few remarks, said that he would like to associate himself with all the remarks that had been passed with reference to the support of 'The Ringing World,' and said it would be a good thing if all associations gave it consideration.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hanslope for making the necessary arrangements.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

W. S.

VETERAN COMPOSER'S BIRTHDAY.

RINGERS GREET MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, one of the most gifted composers of a now fast disappearing generation, has just celebrated his 79th birthday, and a ringers' gathering in honour of the event took place at the tower where Mr. Parker has for so long been the leading spirit. Between thirty and forty assembled to greet the veteran and extend to him their congratulations and good wishes. Among the party were the Misses P. and C. Parker, granddaughters, who took their share in the ringing, while Mr. Parker showed his hand had lost none of its cunning by ringing the treble in masterly style to a fine course of Cambridge Surprise, and also in a touch of Stedman Triples.

The Vicar and his wife visited the belfry to offer their congratulations, and the good wishes of the ringers were expressed in a short speech by Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. sec. of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild.

Touches in a number of methods were rung during the evening.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BEGINNERS' MEETING AT CRANLEIGH.**

A very successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Cranleigh on Saturday. Fifteen names had been sent in, but 35 ringers turned up! And yet there was sufficient food provided at tea by lady members of the congregation to satisfy all needs. It is wonderful how they managed to gauge the capacity of a hypothetical number of hungry ringers. Among the towers represented were the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Ewhurst, Haslemere, Witley and Worplesdon from within the district, while the usual enthusiastic contingent from the Aldershot area came along by car and motorcycle, and added gaiety to the proceedings, the forces of youth and beauty having been whipped up from Aldershot, Scale and Farnborough.

Prior to tea, service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the assistant priest, the Rev. F. Wintle, in the absence through illness of the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnson).

After tea a brief business meeting was held with the Rev. F. Wintle in the chair. In the absence, through a family bereavement, of the district secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the general hon. secretary deputised. The Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) and the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) were unavoidably prevented from attending.

Eight new members, including three ladies, were elected, viz., Miss Parsons (Cranleigh), Mr. J. H. Parnell (Ewhurst), Messrs. F. Hagley and R. Hagley (Chiddingfold), Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon, and Messrs. F. Christmas and Chitty (Worplesdon). The Rev. F. Wintle was elected an hon. member.

The general secretary proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, to whom good wishes for his speedy recovery were sent, the Rev. F. Wintle, the organist, the blower, and specially to the ladies who catered for the tea. He also reminded the members of the annual general meeting of the Guild at Guildford on April 16th, when the Guild Library would also be opened.

During the afternoon and evening some splendid instructional work was put in in the tower under the direction of the District Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville). One of the newly-elected lady members rang her first courses of Grandsire Triples, and others rang their first touches in other of the standard methods. It was an encouraging meeting at which beginners were given first consideration.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.**MEMBERS FROM TWELVE DIVISIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held on Saturday, March 12th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, Southwark, when sixteen members from twelve divisions attended. The bells were set going to Grandsire Triples at about 4 p.m., and more or less successful ringing continued in a variety of methods until 5.30 p.m., when the members adjourned to the vestry for the business meeting.

The Master (Sub-Divisional Inspector W. Bottrill), who presided, at the outset expressed his thanks to the members for their attendance, and voiced a request that all should try to attend as often as possible. The members were scattered in many parts of London, and in some cases it was very difficult to attend from the travelling point of view, but it was considered only quite fair that all members should make a point of attending at least once a month. If this was done, some progress could be made. The bells could be rung at least twice a month for services on Sundays.

The hon. secretary (P.C. N. Bagworth) presented a report for 1931, which was adopted.

On the proposition of P.C. E. Gwilliam, seconded by P.C. C. Elliott, the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of one member of the committee, P.S. G. Shipp standing in the place of Inspector Fred Porter.

Matters of routine business were next disposed of, and the date of the next annual meeting fixed for the first Saturday in February, 1933.

The 'All-England' meeting of ringers at Croydon on April 2nd was brought to the notice of the members, and nine names of members present and friends were given in.

Votes of thanks to the Rector (Rev. Edward Neep) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Herbert Spink (steeplekeeper) were passed, also to the hon. secretary for his services and efforts during the past year. Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Major.

POLICEMEN'S SERVICE RINGING.

Members of the National Police Guild rang a touch of 1,061 Grandsire Caters for service at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday: P.C. J. Mulliner 1, P.C. W. Robinson 2, P.C. W. Pye 3, P.C. D. Broon 4, P.C. G. Brown 5, P.S. P. Crook 6, P.C. J. Wilson 7, Supt. F. R. Williams 8, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 9, P.C. J. Turner 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The Ringing World' 'came of age' yesterday. It was on March 24th, 1911, that the first number was published, and, except for one issue during the general strike of 1926, it has never failed to appear at the appointed time. We are proud of our record.

It is an unusual thing for three brothers to ring their first peal together, but last Thursday Ronald, John and Leslie Hodgetts scored their first 5,040. It was a peal of Bob Minor rung at Grendon, Warwickshire.

To call one's first peal, and that peal Cambridge Surprise Minor, is no mean achievement, and Mr. W. E. Redrup is to be congratulated on this performance which he accomplished at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, last week.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bishopstoke, Hants, on Saturday, in which Mr. H. J. Wilkinson took part. His previous peal on eight was rung at Ashted, Surrey, for the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897!

Sir Woolmer White, of the Hall, Salle, Norfolk, died last week at Southampton, in his 77th year, leaving a handsome fortune. Members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild and the party of tourists who visited Salle in 1924 will regret the passing of a ringers' friend, whose generous hospitality will be happily remembered by the party of hungry tourists stranded in the wilds of Norfolk.

On March 27th, 1784, a peal of 12,000 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch in 9 hrs. 5 mins. by the Royal Cumberland Youths. It was the culmination of a long period of rivalry between the two London societies to ring the longest length, and it stood as the record of Treble Ten for about a hundred and thirty years.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Wednesday the College Youths rang a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters at Fulham.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

A further sum of about £40 is required to meet the cost of extra work involved at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in connection with the Stedman memorial. Ringers who have not yet contributed and who would like to be associated with the scheme should send their contributions to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

There are still a few oak ash trays available for those who wish to have a useful souvenir of the Stedman Tercentenary. They can be obtained, post free, price 2s. 3d., from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

The souvenir booklets, containing illustrated details of the commemoration scheme, a specially written article on Fabian Stedman, the history of St. Benedict's Church and its bells, and a list of the subscribers to the tercentenary fund, can be obtained (8d. post free) from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS.

FALSE 720's.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been notified by the Methods' Committee that the 720's on pages 110 and 111, numbered 123 and 125, are false and should be deleted.

Will those who are already in possession of copies kindly take notice, also those who have copies on sale or return?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL.

AMERICAN STUDENTS RINGING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Steady progress is being made among the students at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., where Mr. Isaac Attwater is instructor. When the Spring term started on January 7th, there were 22 ringers who could handle a bell, eight of whom could ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples. An epidemic of influenza delayed progress for nearly a month, by which time some of the less forward ringers dropped out, mainly through lack of interest, but others came forward to fill the gaps, and the two bands still number 22, of whom 16 take part in open ringing.

Touches were practised with the bells 'dummied,' and on February 22nd the first 168 was rung. This success put new enthusiasm into the youngsters, and within the next twelve days they rang four more 168's and a 336. At the latter they were so elated that they gave vent to their feelings by raising a hearty cheer when 'Stand' was called.

Mr. Attwater is aiming at getting his reserves along, assisted by the first band, so that after the summer vacation, when he will lose half a dozen of the forward ringers, he will at least have a band able to carry on with Grandsire Triples when the fresh school year opens.

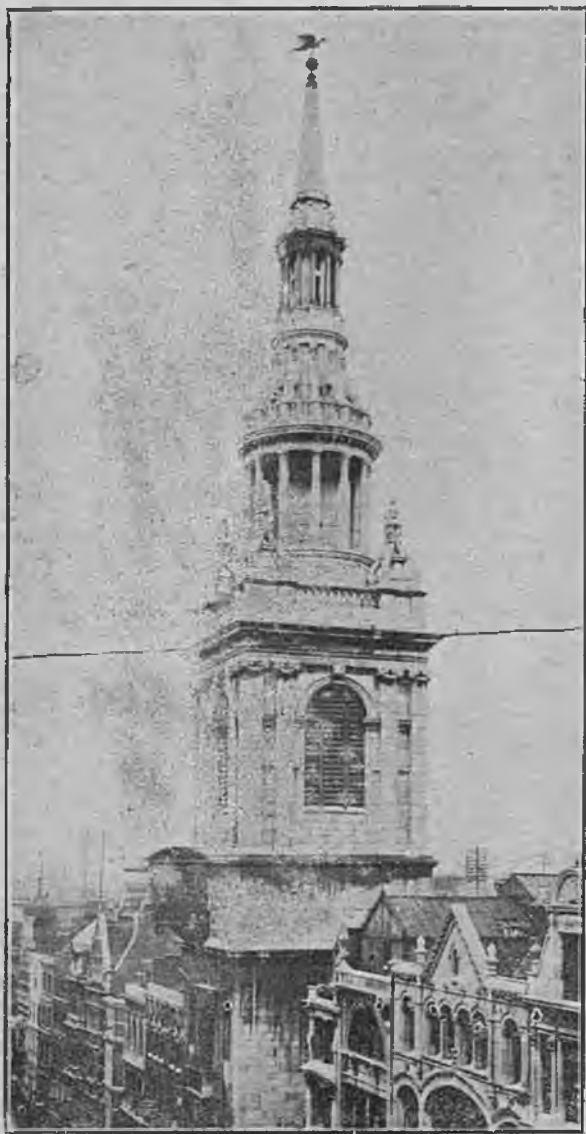
The senior boys have reached a fairly good standard of striking, and now that the bells are better rung there is a steadily growing appreciation of their sound. They are a fine peal of ten from the Whitechapel Foundry.

BOW BELLS.

THE PROPOSED RESTORATION.

CHANCELLOR'S CONSISTORY COURT INQUIRY.

In the Chapel of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, the Chancellor of the Diocese of London (Mr. F. H. L. Errington, C.B., D.C.L.) held a Consistory Court to inquire into the petition, by the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, to restore the bells and



THE FAMOUS STEEPLE OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW.

steeple of this famous church. It will be remembered that for some few years the bells have been practically unringable and a public appeal was made for a large sum of money for their renovation and the restoration of the fabric of the tower and church. As money came in certain work was done to the building, but the bells were left until further funds were forthcoming. Then an offer was made by Mr. Gordon Selfridge to defray the cost of putting the bells in order, and, as they will have to be removed from the tower, a faculty was required and the Chancellor deemed it necessary to hold a Consistory Court

to hear the petition, which included also application for permission to carry out the renovation and redecoration of the church and a number of miscellaneous matters; among them, the removal of an iron railing on the northern and western side of the church, an improvement in the electric lighting arrangements, the erection of a tablet to the memory of the Rector's late son, the hanging in the church of Rosa's famous painting, 'St. Paul,' presented by the widow of the late Mr. E. J. Trustram in memory of her husband, who was formerly Vestry Clerk, and the removal of a postal pillar box which now stands on church property.

The Chapel of St. Michael and St. George is on the southern side of the Cathedral near the western entrance, and is divided from the aisle by a low iron railing. Over the stalls hang the banners of the knights of the Order, emblazoned with their coats of arms. On one side sat the Chancellor in his scarlet robe and full-bottomed wig; facing him, on the floor of the chapel, were the officials of the Court and counsel engaged in the case, while the stalls behind them were occupied by witnesses and a few interested members of the public.

A CONDITIONAL OFFER.

Mr. J. Blagden (barrister) appeared for the Rector and churchwardens in support of the petition, and Mr. Roger North (barrister) represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders.

In opening the application, Mr. Blagden reminded the Court that the church was one of the most famous in the City of London, and was built on the site of a much older church destroyed in the Great Fire. The first matter dealt with in the petition was the fabric, and in particular the fabric of the remarkable tower and steeple which surmounted the porch of the church, where it fronted on Cheapside. The need for its repair had long been felt, but during last summer it was realised that the structure had become positively dangerous, some of the stonework on the top having become loose, and it was almost providential that no serious accident had happened. It was therefore necessary to take the restoration of the tower in hand at once, and while it was being done the tower was stiffened by the introduction of a reinforced concrete floor about half-way up. The work was absolutely necessary, and they asked that sanction to it should be included in the faculty.

The Chancellor commented on the fact that no license to proceed with this work had been applied for. He said it was the practice of that Court, when any work was to be undertaken, to insist on a faculty being obtained. If it was urgent work, application should be made for a license to proceed, and such license was always readily granted where it was shown that the work was necessary because the structure was in danger.

Referring to the other structural repairs dealt with in the petition, counsel mentioned that a good deal of work was necessary to the roof of the church, which had been attacked by the death watch beetle. Coming to the bells, he said these were almost proverbially famous. They were in an extremely dirty state, and required to be cleaned by a process of sand blasting. It was certain that some of them would require to be recast, but it was impossible to say exactly how many of them until the cleaning had been undertaken. All the bells were cast by one firm of bell founders, under various names, who had carried on business in Whitechapel for centuries. It was desired that the present work should be put into the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, for the reason that the donor, who was willing to put up the necessary money for doing the whole of the work to the bells, estimated to be just under £900, stipulated that the work should be done by that firm. That was an offer which the petitioners could not ignore, although there was a natural instinct that the work should be given to the firm who cast the bells.

The Chancellor: Has it been ascertained whether that is an absolute condition?

Mr. Blagden: I understand that it is. Counsel added that if the faculty was granted, the question of the recasting of other bells than the 7th and 8th was not to be left in the bell founders' hands; the decision would rest with the architect, and, he understood, arrangements had been made to have the co-operation in coming to a decision of a member of the Diocesan Advisory Council, who was a great expert on this subject.

The Chancellor: In a case like this it will not rest entirely with them. Having regard to the fact that these are such famous bells, any diversion from the scheme, such as recasting other bells, will have to receive my approval.

Counsel then dealt with the minor matters in the petition, and called evidence in support of the application, the first witness being the Rector (the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby), who spoke of the urgency of the work done last year to the fabric. With regard to the bells, there was a condition attached to the offer about the bell founders to be employed.

THE TERMS OF THE GIFT.

Sir Louis Newton, chairman of the Appeal Committee, from the witness stand said the offer to provide the money for the restoration of the bells did not come direct from Mr. Selfridge, but through Mr. Johnston, to whom Mr. Selfridge wrote that he would provide the cost of putting Bow bells in order, so that they might be rung again after a lapse of several years, if he (Mr. Johnston) could arrange with the gentlemen in charge of the matter to have the work carried out on the basis he and Mr. Johnston had discussed. Sir Louis added that after that he saw Mr. Selfridge and also received a letter from him.

Mr. Blagden: Did he attach any condition?

Sir Louis: It was to be on the basis that he had discussed with Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Blagden: What was the basis?

Sir Louis: The specification and estimate drawn up by Mr. Johnston for the amount already mentioned. That was the basis on which it was discussed, and in consequence of that Mr. Selfridge wrote that letter to Mr. Johnston, which was handed over to me. I brought the matter before the committee; it was discussed, and adjourned for further consideration, and finally accepted.

The Chancellor: Did you have an estimate from the other firm.

Witness: Yes.

The Chancellor: What was the estimate?

Witness: Between £800 and £900.

The Chancellor: Very much the same?

Witness: Practically.

The Chancellor: If there was no condition attached to the gift, can you say to whom the contract would have been given?

Witness: I presume it would have been given to the lowest tender.

The Chancellor: Assuming that the estimates had been nearly the same, would you have given preference to Mears and Stainbank on the ground that they knew the bells?

Witness: Yes, I think so. Sir Louis added that as far as the committee were concerned they had every confidence in both of these firms.

The Chancellor: Oh, yes; but it is for me to see how this sort of offer comes about.

Continuing his evidence, Sir Louis said that up to December 31st, 1931, the total response to the appeal was £55,267 2s. 4d. From January 1st to March 18th a further £460 8s. 4d. was given, making the amount collected and promised £55,727 10s. 8d. That was for the church and bells and did not include Mr. Selfridge's offer. The total estimated cost of the work to be carried out was between £12,000 and £14,000.

The Chancellor: So there is something in the nature of £7,000 still to be obtained.

Sir Louis: Yes.

The Chancellor: I suppose it is the best known parish church in England, and Bow bells are equally well known, so one hopes you will get the money.

POSSIBLE RECASTING OF SEVEN BELLS.

Mr. E. S. Underwood, F.R.I.B.A., architect and surveyor to Bow Church for 25 years, gave details of the work that had been done to the tower and steeple, which was in the nature of emergency repairs. Ferro-concrete beams had been put in at about the level of the bell-ringing floor, and these had wonderfully improved the stability of the steeple, which previously had considerable movement. Mr. Underwood read a report, dated November 16th, 1931, which was presented to the church authorities, in which he stated that he had examined the bells and frame, in conjunction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 7th and 8th bells were cracked, probably also the 8th; this would be proved when the bells were taken down and cleaned. At present they were heavily corroded and needed to be cleaned. The bell frame was of oak and quite sound. It was put in in 1762. It would need some anchoring to the walls.

The specification attached to the report was put in, and counsel pointed out that the 7th and 8th would certainly have to be recast, and perhaps numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Witness added that he took it the question of recasting any of these other bells would be left to his discretion, with the assistance of the bell founders.

The Chancellor: I am afraid I cannot do that in these circumstances. Before anything is done beyond what is specified here, I must know, and it must have my approval.

Mr. Blagden: I understand Mr. H. B. Walters is going to give you the benefit of his advice.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was the next witness. He said he inspected the bells in conjunction with Mr. Underwood, and he submitted a specification of the work that was necessary.

Mr. Blagden: That shows that some of the bells, the 7th and 8th, must be recast, and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 may have to be, but you cannot tell until you have cleaned them?

Mr. Johnston: That is so.

Mr. Blagden: Apart from recasting, is it proposed to tune the bells?

Mr. Johnston: Yes.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Johnston said his estimate was for £889, which included the provisional recasting of bells 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Mr. Blagden: We know Mr. Selfridge is willing to put up the money for the bells, and the letter before the Court shows he had an interview with you.

Mr. Johnston: That is so.

Mr. Blagden: He then arranged that the work should be taken in hand on condition that it should be done by you?

Mr. Johnston: He told me that of his own volition.

Mr. Blagden: Your firm were engaged in doing work for Mr. Selfridge at that time?

Mr. Johnston: Yes.

SPECIFICATION THE BASIS OF THE OFFER.

Replying to the Chancellor, Mr. Johnston said his firm supplied a three-ton hour bell, four quarter bells and a clock for Mr. Selfridge's store in Oxford Street. Mr. Selfridge had seen the appeal for the restoration of Bow bells, and asked him what the cost would be. He (Mr. Johnston) had an interview with Mr. Selfridge and showed him a copy of the firm's specification which had already been supplied to Mr. Underwood. Mr. Selfridge dictated the letter which had been before the Court, and asked him to present it to the chairman of the Appeal Committee.

The Chancellor: Did it occur to you to tell him these bells had come from another foundry?

Mr. Johnston: No, sir; it did not enter into our conversation. My firm did some restoration work to the bells 30 years ago—in 1902.

The Chancellor: But for a great number of years the bulk of the work had been done by Mears and Stainbank?

Mr. Johnston: So I understand.

The Chancellor: The reference in the letter to 'the basis you and I discussed' referred to the specification?

Mr. Johnston: Yes; it referred to the specification.

Mr. J. H. L. Trustram detailed the steps taken by the Church Council after the offer by Mr. Selfridge had been received. He said they discussed the offer and considered whether they should accept it in view of the fact that Mears and Stainbank had for so many years done the work connected with the bells and were the original founders. The meeting was adjourned to see if it was possible to get someone else to put up the money without a condition. However, no one was found, and it was therefore decided that Mr. Selfridge's offer should be accepted with its condition.

The Chancellor: The general result was that the committee would have been glad to give the contract to the firm who had had to do with the bells for so long, but owing to the difficulty in collecting the money they accepted the offer and its condition?

Witness: That is so.

This concluded the case for the petitioners, and there was no opposition.

The Chancellor said he felt about these bells that it was not quite like an ordinary contract. The bells were not only themselves famous, but they hung in a famous church, and he had to see that the best possible arrangement had been made for raising the money for dealing with the bells. From that point of view he felt he must take time to think over the matter. He did not at all wish to delay matters, and he would therefore deliver judgment on Tuesday.

Mr. Blagden said Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were not only one of the most celebrated firms of bell founders in England, but in the world. It was not a question of taking the matter from a firm well qualified and going to one ill qualified.

The Chancellor: They are both fully qualified people.

The Court was then adjourned until Tuesday at 2 p.m.

THE FACULTY GRANTED.

When the Court reassembled the Chancellor gave his judgment, and indicated that the faculty would be granted.

THE BELLS.

Bow bells, which the legend of Dick Whittington first made famous, have a long history. In the time of the former church, which was destroyed in the Great Fire, 'the great bell' was rung at nine o'clock every night, under an order of the Common Council, and lights were exhibited in the steeple to direct travellers to the metropolis. 'The great bell of Bow' was, according to Stow, given by William Copeland, tailor, the King's merchant, who was churchwarden in 1515, and it was, tragically, rung for the first time as a knell for the death of the donor.

Both steeple and bells perished in the devastation of 1666, and the church and steeple were rebuilt by Wren. Afterwards, a peal of eight bells was provided by funds derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire. The bells were cast by John and Christopher Hodson. In 1738 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Phelps died in the same year, and the foundry was carried on first by Lester, and later by Lester and Pack, who in 1762 recast the other seven bells and added two trebles. The two additional bells to increase the ring of ten to twelve were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1881. The tenor, which is the oldest bell in the peal and weighs 53 cwt. 22 lb. (the weight is engraved on the bell), is still considered one of the finest bells in the country.

Our picture is from a photograph by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

THE 'ALL ENGLAND' MEETING.**A PARTY OF 2,500 EXPECTED AT CROYDON.**

A gigantic party of ringers and friends is expected at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, in response to the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There have been about 2,500 applications for tickets, and the arrangements for feeding and entertaining this enormous gathering are being perfected down to the last detail.

As visitors concentrate upon Croydon, they will be able during the morning to ring at a number of churches. In Central London, the ring of twelve at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, and the eight at St. James', Clerkenwell, will be available from 11 to 12.30; further out St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, both peals of eight, will be open during the same time, as well as the Surrey towers of St. Mary's, Beddington (10), and Banstead (8). In Croydon both rings of bells, the eight at the Parish Church and the ten at St. Peter's, South Croydon, will be open from 11.30 to 1, and also 3.30 to 4.45, and again in the evening.

On account of the large number of visitors expected, the foundry will be opened at 1.30, instead of at 2 p.m., as originally announced. There will be a great deal to see that will interest ringers and non-ringers alike, the chief attraction being the carillon of 72 bells destined for Chicago University. The total weight of the bells in this carillon is 90 tons, and the big bourdon bell is 17 tons. Five of the larger bells are hung so that they can be swung, and they will be heard, sounded in this manner. The carillon will be played by well-known carillonneurs.

No single hall in Croydon will accommodate the huge tea party, and the meal will therefore be served in three or four buildings, and the company will immediately afterwards concentrate on the Baths Hall, where there will be a little brief speech-making, and subsequently a concert and dance.

The concert will begin at 7.30 (instead of eight o'clock), and will include community singing under the direction of Capt. T. T. Ratcliffe, of Wembley Cup Final and Aldershot Tattoo fame.

Rooms have been set apart for use in the afternoon and early evening for handbell ringing, and the convenience of visitors is being further provided for by special buses, free of charge, which will run during the afternoon between the Foundry and the Croydon towers and tea halls.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

On Saturday, March 12th, the annual meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield, where the towers of the Cathedral and St. Marie's were open for ringing. About 40 ringers were present from Rotherham, Dore, Norton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Wortley, Ecclesfield, Killamash, Nottingham, Ashton-under-Lyne, and the various Sheffield towers.

Ringings in various methods was carried on during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of in the Church House, a goodly number sitting down to feast on the excellent things provided.

The business meeting was opened by the Provost, the Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, D.D., who gave the ringers a warm welcome to the City of Sheffield, and a course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on the handbells by the members of the society.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Lewis, the vice-president. A letter was read from the secretary (Mr. F. Clark) apologising for his absence owing to illness, and the meeting directed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the secretary with the hope for a speedy recovery.

Three new members were elected from Handsworth.

It was arranged that the joint meeting, to be held on Saturday, June 4th, be at Handsworth.

Mr. F. Clark was re-elected as hon. secretary, and the following elected for the committee: Messrs. G. Holmes, C. Haynes and M. Wilson.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey to the Provost, wardens, and the local companies for the excellent arrangements which had been made. The opportunity to ring on the 12 bells was, he said, a privilege not to be missed by the members of the Southern District.—The Rev. E. J. Dodge suitably replied.

Mr. S. Palmer, in replying for the local company, said how pleased they were to entertain the visitors, and in doing so they felt that it was only carrying out the tradition of their forefathers.

SAD DEATH OF PREBENDARY MACHEN.

Members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will hear with deep regret of the sad death of the Rev. Prebendary Machen, a graduate of Keble College, Oxford, ordained in 1892. After service at Rondesbosch, S.A., he became Vicar of Ludford 1903, Clun 1908, Bromfield 1927, and last year of Acton Scott, near Church Stretton. Following acute influenza, depression led to his disappearance, and his body was later found in a pool near his home.

Three peals were rung at Clun during the visit of the Birmingham Society in 1918, and the visitors will remember Mr. Machen's kind hospitality at the Vicarage, and the care he took to guard the handbell peal rung in his study by pinning a notice on the door, 'Please do not disturb the ringers.' W. H. F.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Your most excellent 'leader' in the issue of the 19th ult. brought forth three letters from ringers whose enthusiasm and work for the art is well known. Modesty probably prompted you to publish these letters in the order they appeared in the succeeding issue. I would echo the sentiments expressed by my friends, Messrs. Davies and Lewis. To my mind, as I often tell some of my ringing friends who do not take 'The Ringing World,' your leading article is invariably worth the whole of the 3d. we pay.

It surprises me, however, to read the first part and also the latter part of Mr. Gilbert's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 26th. I can hardly realise that instances such as he refers to can exist at practice meetings of to-day. Certainly they are contrary to my experience. Perhaps it was the letter in your issue of yesterday from Mr. Amos, of Wellingborough, which most surprises me. Of course, I cannot say what he may have in mind, but anyone who knows the district in which Mr. Amos lives must be aware that within a few miles of Wellingborough are living some of the most proficient ringers in the more advanced methods to be found in any part of the country. Now I know that these same ringers would be most anxious to assist the learner, whatever the method might be.

Writing as one who has had some acquaintance with ringing circles in different parts of the country during the past 20 years, I have to say that I have never yet observed anything so bad as that of which Mr. Gilbert complains. As an association officer, having had experience with more than one association, I say it is the young ringers themselves who are the disappointment. Long before they get past the drudgery stage of the art of ringing so many have yielded to the call of some counter-attraction which prevents their continuing to attend ringing practices.

I sometimes am inclined to take exactly the opposite view to Messrs. Gilbert and Amos, and to think that in many instances our younger ringers, who are fortunate enough to live in areas where high standards of ringing prevail, get their opportunities much too easily for them to appreciate them. How many instances there are of young ringers of real ability who rapidly become proficient through practice with experienced hands, but, alas, having in a very short space of time accomplished peals in a variety of advanced methods, pass out of ringing altogether?

Perhaps it would have been better for such young ringers had their early opportunities been more like mine. For the first ten years of my ringing career I did not at any time live within several miles of a tower with a competent change ringing band. My first peal was one of Bob Major rung eight miles away from my own tower, which contained a peal of five bells only, and this peal was rung following my attendance there, in company with other members of my family, for practice extending over several months in this simple method with a company of ringers practically every one of whom had rung peals in three or four Surprise methods. I shall always be grateful to those who had the patience to see me through my first stages of ringing, particularly so when I remember that for the most part it was gained at towers possessing a full company of advanced method ringers and at towers where I could not attend to assist with Sunday service ringing since I was required at my own tower.

Right up to the time that I had rung peals in the four most popular Surprise Major methods, and also rung peals upon the higher numbers of bells, I had never lived within easy reach of a peal of eight or more bells, so I have to thank some band or other, each of which I was not a member of, for practically the whole of my practice in change ringing. I have in the past acknowledged my sense of gratitude to those who have been so painstaking with me, but it affords me real pleasure to do so again.—Yours faithfully,

Colchester.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Youghave on Saturday last. About 25 ringers, including several ladies, attended from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Dore, Duffield, Great Longstone, Norton-on-the-Moors, and Youghave. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 27 cwt.) were raised before 3 p.m., and were kept going till late in the evening. Various methods were attempted with varying results, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, some of the striking being quite good, and a number of the locals obtaining some practice on Grandsire.

A substantial tea was partaken of at the Bull's Head Hotel, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell). The forthcoming jubilee meeting at Derby was discussed, and members were urged to attend and make it a success. It was decided to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Hathersage on April 23rd.—A welcome to the visitors was replied to by Mr. Dean, who expressed his pleasure at being present, and offered ringing facilities to any of those present who might care to visit his district.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the local company, and the landlady for providing such a substantial tea, was proposed by Mr. A. G. Wallace and carried with acclamation. Further ringing, both at the tower and on handbells, concluded the proceedings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.**FIRST MEMBERS STILL ACTIVE.**

It was most appropriate that the monthly meeting of the Bedford District should have been held at Biddenham on Saturday, March 12th, the eve of the jubilee of the association, for it was in this tower that the first peal for the association was rung in 1884, conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke, who is still on the active list, while Mr. Harry King, a member of the local band, who helped to form the association 50 years ago, and has been a member ever since, was present at the meeting. Another Biddenham veteran, Mr. William West, who appears to get 'younger' every day, was also present at the age of 84. He still rings every Sunday, and showed he had lost none of his masterly style by leading up the treble in peal and ringing this bell to a 360 Plain Bob to open the proceedings. The bells were kept going to a variety of Minor methods, some good touches, some otherwise, also rounds and 'queens,' so that everyone was fixed up. Mr. Frank Tysoe acted as Ringing Master.

An excellent tea was awaiting the company in the Village Hall, where the members were joined by the Vicar (Rev. W. B. Norman), who welcomed the members to his tower and congratulated the association on attaining the jubilee on the morrow. Continuing, the Vicar said he had found in the course of his 42 years as Vicar of Biddenham that it was quite easy to start something new, but the trouble was to keep interest after a time. He thought, therefore, that the association was to be congratulated on being able to celebrate 50 years of continued success and good work. It showed the wonderful keenness and enthusiasm ringers had for their art.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his good wishes and for the use of the bells.

At the short business meeting it was decided to visit Cardington (eight bells) for the next meeting on Saturday, May 7th.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8 p.m., and it was interesting to note that Master Smart, son of Mr. Amos Smart, of Wollaston, a regular attendant at the district meetings, was piloted through his first touch of Plain Bob.

Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the bells going like the proverbial 'tops.' Members were present from Bedford (St. Peter's), Bromham, Biddenham, Kempston, Stagsden, Clapham, Cardington, Elston, Roxton, Hemlow, Great Staughton, Wallaston and Bozeat.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**PRESIDENT RETIRES.**

The annual meeting took place at Ranmoor, Sheffield. The bells at this beautiful church were rung in various methods in the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar), who gave an address, and afterwards Mr. Clarke, the organist, gave a short organ recital, which was greatly appreciated by the members. A splendid tea was provided by the local ringers, and at the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Vicar.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand, was adopted. The hon. secretary gave his report on the year's work. He stated that the society had elected 32 new members during the year, 50 peals had been rung by the members of the society, and an average of 24 had attended the monthly meetings.

All the officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. R. Harrison, sen. (president), were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. Harrison said he wished to retire as, having been president for three years, he thought someone younger should take over the office.—Mr. C. Haynes was then elected president.

The Vicar of St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, the Rev. W. C. Thomas, and his curate, the Rev. A. R. Denue, came to the gathering with the newly-formed band, who brought seven new members for election—a very pleasing feature, showing the interest taken by the Vicar and curate in their ringers.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar of Ranmoor and the local company for the use of the bells and their welcome to the members. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies who had provided the tea.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

THE BACHELORS' PEAL.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I think I rang some peals with Kate twenty years ago, and she was a peculiar sort of an old maid then; and whatever Kate says about seven of those 'wily birds,' I am of opinion that any one of those seven would make an old maid a better husband than Kate would a wife. Carry on, bachelors; never mind what Kate says.—Yours truly,

HAPPILY MARRIED.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

On Monday evening, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Knebworth, Herts, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. Gilbert, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the same date. Mr. Gilbert, who had reached the advanced age of 85, had been a ringer at this church a great number of years. The ringers were: A. Childs 1, F. Turner 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, W. Scott 4, J. Ferris 5, A. Turner 6, W. Scott 7, L. Phillips 8, 7-6-8 covering.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

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E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Otter 1, T. A. Cooper (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. V. Bennett 4, J. O. Laudan 5, W. A. Day 6.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Spencer 1, R. Perry 2, C. Nash, jun., 3, C. Nash 4, G. A. Spencer 5, F. Currell 6, F. Nash 7, W. Nash (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major rung by an entirely local band at this church.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *J. Clifford 1, A. W. Coles 2, R. E. Geare 3, A. Hawkins 4, *W. E. Troke 5, J. Bennett 6, A. J. House (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *A. Morris 8. *First in the method.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 13th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (composer and conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to Canon J. L. White, Vicar of Nunenton, who was curate at this church 15 years ago, and was the special preacher at this service.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Robinson 1, T. W. Kimber, Rugby (first 720), 2, W. Steward 3, A. Knight 4, L. Wyman 5, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—For morning service, at St. Lawrence's Church, on March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Berry 1, Miss G. Church 2, A. J. House 3, G. Thurgood (conductor) 4, W. D. Dickenson 5, H. Ellis 6, G. Radley 7, W. Perry 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On February 14th, at St. Helen's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers: R. Allsop (first away from tenor) 1, B. Allsop 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (first 'inside') 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, E. Derbyshire (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. C. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford and Mrs. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Danes.

RISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Harold Waey 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1 and 2, and first quarter away from the treble by the ringer of the 3rd.

ORWELL, CAMBS.—For evening service, on January 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. L. Lathbury (conductor) 2, J. W. Ward 3, F. Harper 4, J. Quinney 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging, and by the same band that rang there on Christmas Eve for the re-opening.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. C. Wardell (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Fenn 2, S. J. Holgate 3, E. G. Cottis 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. Moore 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. Lucas 8.

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ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING.

CROYDON, APRIL 2nd.

There will be over 2,500 visitors.

RINGING during the morning at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, South Croydon, will start at 11.30 a.m. instead of noon.

THE FOUNDRY will be open to visitors at 1.30 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY SINGING will be conducted by Capt. T. T. Ratcliffe (Wembley Cup Final and Aldershot Tattoo) at the Evening Concert, which will commence at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. onwards, St. Peter de Merton (6) afternoon and evening. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting in St. Mildred's Church Vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. L. Man; Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover. Luncheon in the Drill Hall at 1.15, presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Tenterden (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. The following towers will also be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting: Rolvenden (8), Benenden (8), Biddenden (8), Appledore (8), Cranbrook (8).—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting (Jubilee) will be at Derby, Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 10 a.m. to 2.30, 4 to 5.15; Alveston (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; committee meet 11 a.m.; general meeting 12 noon; both in St. Andrew's School. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m.; preacher, Lord Bishop of Derby. Dinner 6 p.m., followed by social in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Admission to dinner by ticket only, and seats reserved not later than 5.45 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge on Easter Monday. Plenty of ringing. Short service and meeting. Tea. Full details by circular.—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by Canon Belcher, Diocesan Missioner. Tea and business meeting in Abbey Institute at 5.30. Sumptuous meat tea (and other delicacies) by Slaters, 1s. 6d. per head. Notification of attendance would be a great help. Please send a card.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Dean, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithin (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 28th, at Dursley, Glos. Ringers' service at 2.15 p.m. Meeting in Town Hall at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. Cam (6), Stinchcombe (6), and Dursley (8) bells will be available at all times except during service and meeting.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m., members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Rectory (free) by the kind invitation of Dr. Banham.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Colyton (6), Seaton (6), Axminster (8). All ringers welcome. Arrangements made by G. C. Woodley, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at The Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 29th at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, April 2nd.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Priory Church, Worksop. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea and service will be made.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m., tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow.—Please notify regarding tea to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on April 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. in the Ring o' Bells. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Kepier School. Please advise Mr. C. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, by March 31st. If Croydon is too far, do the next best thing and come to this meeting. We hope for a bumper meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note that the next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild (Northern District). For tea please notify Miss Cawthorne at meeting.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea, 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Billings, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before March 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—First meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15, with an address. Tea 5 p.m., in Vicar's room, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Dannett, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, March 30th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Come and make this meeting a big success.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, April 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m., and also practice, Monday, April 18th, 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly advise me by April 6th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, April 9th. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. A good muster is requested. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, April 9th. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Joint Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—A. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst (8 bells) on Saturday, April 9th. Service 4 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly send numbers for tea by April 4th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea provided at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all members please notify me of their attendance?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, April 9th. The peal of 10 (tenor 25½ cwt.) at the Abbey will be available for ringing from 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. in the choir, followed by tea, which will be served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to inform Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, by Thursday, April 7th. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the Sacristy.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. S. Percival, 71, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, before Wednesday, April 6th.—Claude I. Davies, J. Grounds, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, April 6th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Pattingham on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Scott Rogers). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Wolverhampton: Queen Square at 2 and Railway Street at 2.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on April 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 11th.—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, April 16th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells of St. John's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Margaret's (12) will be open for ringing 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, must be applied for before April 12th, latest.—Ernest Bagworth, Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A monthly practice will be held at Coggeshall, Essex, on the first Saturday in each month. Ringing commences at 6 p.m. All visiting ringers will be welcomed.—F. Ridgwell, Hon. Sec.

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At Laverstoke, near Whitechurch, Hants, 720 Bob Minor was rung on Saturday, February 27th, with the bells half-muffled, for the Bishop of Winchester, who passed away that day: C. Munday 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, Miss M. R. Cross 3, E. Austin 4, W. Hunt 5, J. Chesterman 6.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, after the memorial service to the late Dr. Woods, Bishop of Winchester, and with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Wells 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, T. Upshail 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshail 8.

At St. Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill, after evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Robbins 1, S. Bayan 2, A. Challis 3, J. Berry 4, J. Scott (conductor) 5, J. Dodd 6.

On Thursday, March 3rd, at Brookenhurst Parish Church, on the occasion of the burial of the Bishop of Winchester (president of the Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in Miss Jean Tucker 1, L. Bunning 2, J. Hull 3, C. W. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Tucker 5, E. Pike 6. The ringer of the 5th is son and of the treble granddaughter of the conductor. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

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