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THE OUTCOME OF GENIUS.

The record in the number of methods included in a peal of Minor of only seven extents is steadily mounting. It has been raised now to no fewer than sixty-eight, and the ringing of this total goes to the credit of the Cheshire band. We continue to marvel at the skill which ringers of these multi-method peals display, especially when they have to change from one method to another nearly every lead. The end has not yet been reached of the performances of this kind, and we look forward to even greater achievements in the near future. In expressing richly deserved admiration of the prowess of men who can successfully ring a peal of such intricacy as that last Saturday and those recently accomplished in Lincolnshire, and particularly of the conductors, whose task requires an immense mental concentration, we must remember the man who has made these peals possible.

In increasing the record from sixty-six to sixty-eight methods, the Cheshire band used an extent increased from ten to twelve methods. The bare announcement of it is 'Arranged by A. G. Driver,' and to Mr. Driver are due several other of these extents which contain a large number of methods. Many people may reasonably ask, 'Who is Mr. A. G. Driver?' His name never appears in peal reports; in the past when he has entered into print on any question relating to methods he has done so under a nom de plume. Thus he has never sought the limelight, but the work which he has done has put six-bell ringing on an entirely different footing. Other composers have knitted together numbers of methods into extents, but most of them left the investigation when the maximum number that could be spliced into seven extents was thought to be about forty-five.

Mr. Driver's genius has, however, carried Minor splicing far beyond the bounds of anything that was conceived possible a few years ago, and it is by no means certain that he has reached the limit of the possibilities. The compositions which he has obtained, however, are still far ahead of what has yet been rung, so that ringers can go on in the knowledge that there are further fields to conquer. In Mr. Driver we have a rare phenomenon: Almost a non-ringer who has carried a branch of composition far beyond anything that expert ringers have done. It is, we imagine, the fascination of figures and a mathematical mind which are responsible for all the work he has done in the interests of ringers. We only know of one other case in which a man who did not participate in the practical side of change ringing entered so fully into the scientific investigation of it, and that was the late Mr. W. H. Thompson, who half a century or so ago carried out explorations into the construction

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of peals of Grandsire Triples, the results of which are to be found in Snowdon's publications. Mr. Driver's work deserves to rank with anything done by great composers of the past. What he has done indicates that there is scope for interesting investigation in unexpected directions, and should be an encouragement to others to seek new outlets for their enterprise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	EDGAR HUMFREY... .. 8
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	RICHARD A. POST... .. 10
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 5	GORDON CADDWELL 11
JOHN P. PELLOE 6	RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the eighth.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 7
HAROLD MARCON 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN WALDEN 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 10
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 5	JAMES BENNETT 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN 6	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

This composition, No. 36, is now rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY J. TOCKER Treble	FREDERICK BIRD... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT 2	FRANK BENNETT... .. 7
GEORGE GREY 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
STANLEY A. CARTER 4	ALFRED G. HOUSE 9
STANLEY CLARK... .. 5	*ERNEST W. ANSELL ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung on the 116th anniversary of the first peal on the ten bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOSEPH SOUTHALL Treble	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 7
ARTHUR E. WHAIMORE ... 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
MISS BETTY COPSON 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
JOHN SMITH... .. 5	JOHN ADDLETON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON.

Conducted by C. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Copson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 5
*JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 6
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 3	FRANK PRICE... ... 7
†STEPHEN LONG ... 4	WALTER G. SARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by Rev. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight bells. The peal was arranged for Mr. Long.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON. (Trinity) Treble	
REGINALD O. STREET (St. John's) 2	
E. MADRICE ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3	
STEPHEN H. WOOD (Magdalene) 4	
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catharine's) 5	
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 6	
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7	
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Tenor	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity).

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 6
*WILLIAM WATHEN ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Rumsey, daughter of the treble ringer.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BURTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
DOROTHY E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

This method, by G. Lindoff, is now rung for the first time.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*MISS D. M. HAWLEY ... Treble	†FRED TERRY ... 5
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... 2	†S. STEEL ... 6
†MRS. E. BRADLEY ... 3	†EDWARD BRADLEY ... 7
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. Harold Walker, who is shortly leaving the district.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	*HAROLD V. FROST ... 6
FRANCIS KIRK ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WALTER G. PAUL ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE SPERRING ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
FRED HARTMAN ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
*THOMAS PRICE... ... 4	EDWARD PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
REGINALD PAYNE... ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	*REGINALD PAYNE ... 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERT W. MAY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. COOKE ... 4
WILFRED L. RAYNER ... 2	FREDERICK J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. CHEAL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor by all except ringers of 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. T. Jull, of Newington. Mr. Jull is the esteemed instructor of the Bobbing band. First peal on the bells since rehanging by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The Rector kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven extents in 68 methods, viz. :—

1. Chapetow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Ely, Potheringay, Bogedone Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise and Nelson Treble Bob.
2. Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
3. Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Northury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Weth, Pontefract Delight.
4. Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise, Waltham and Bursley Delight.
5. Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
6. Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight.
7. Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER... ..Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
KENNETH LEWIS... .. 3	JOHN WORTH... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. There were 138 changes of method.

WEST DERPIG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz. : (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) London and Wells; (3) Beverley; (4) Surfleet; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Hexham and Berwick. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL... ..Treble	HORACE M. DAY... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS... .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT... .. 5
HARRY GIBBARD... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods. A birthday peal for H. M. Day.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes

AT THE (A.C.) CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... ..Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE... .. 4
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in four methods on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH... ..Treble	LEWIS BUSH... .. 4
WALLACE COUSINS... .. 2	WALTER FREEMAN... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Seven varied 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*WALTER H. RAXTER... ..Treble	*REGINALD WOODYATT... .. 4
GEORGE E. LARGE... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 5
*ALLEN MORGAN... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. Quarterly peal for the branch.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 2nd and 3rd, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT 180, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 1-2	
R. E. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 3-4	
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6	
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's.) 7-8	

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

A SOMERSET WEEK.

The following peals were rung during a week in Somerset:—

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOT... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOT... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

KEITH HART... ..Treble	KENNETH SNELLING... .. 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

KEITH HART... ..Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 8
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 9
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM BOB MINOR TO GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

There are some towers we know, which have had their bells augmented from six to eight, where the ringers, having previously rung little else than Bob Minor, have found a difficulty in turning to Grandsire Triples. Some, indeed, have failed to make anything of the task in their early trials, and have, therefore, contented themselves with ringing Plain Bob Triples. This method on odd numbers is, in these days, taboo in all the best ringing circles, although now and again a band who know better will ring a peal of it just to say they have 'rung one.'

There are, of course, quite good objections to ringing an 'even-bell' method on odd numbers; it makes it a lopsided affair, apart from breaking the now well-established canons of change ringing. But we can understand the difficulties which beset beginners and some of the less experienced ringers when they want to pass from Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples, not only because of the extra bell to be reckoned with, but because the dodging that has to be done comes on a different pair of bells—4-5 instead of 3-4, and 6-7 instead of 5-6, and appears to be done in the reverse way.

Let us try to smooth out some of these stumbling-blocks. First of all, look at the difference in Plain Bob and Grandsire in their simplest form:—

1243	21345 back
1234 back	21354 hand
2143 hand	23145 back
2413 back	32415 hand
4231 hand	34251 back
4321 back	43521 hand
3412 hand	45312 back
3142 back	54132 hand
1324 hand	51423 back
1342 back	15243 hand
	12534 back
	21543

In each case the figures between the lines consists simply of plain hunting, but across the line, when there are four bells, second's place is made, leaving two to dodge behind, and when there are five bells the place is pushed out to 3rd's, so that there are still two bells left to dodge behind. If you examine the relative places of the treble, however, you will notice that the changes both on four and on five bells fall at the same stroke, either 'back' or 'hand.' When the treble is in 2nd's and 4th's going up it is a handstroke change, in the other places, going up, it is a backstroke change. Coming down the position is reversed. In 4th's and 2nd's it is backstroke, in the rest it is handstroke.

As you go from Minor to Triples the same rule applies. If you are in the habit of remembering, for instance, that in dodging in 4-3 (down) and 6-5 (down) in Minor the blows in 4th's and 6th's are at backstroke, then recollect also that in dodging in 5-4 and 7-6 in Grandsire the blows in 4th's and 6th's are still at backstroke. Correspondingly in dodging up in Minor your blows in 4th's and 6th's are at handstroke, so in dodging up in Grandsire your blows in 4th's and 6th's will be at handstroke.

It is often because in dodging down in Minor the step backward is at backstroke that a ringer, going from Minor to Triples for the first time, finds it difficult to 'dodge the other way.' The reason for this 'dodging the other way' is the fact that he is dodging one place further back, and once this is realised, the technical difficulty of putting in the dodge should disappear.

As a matter of fact, it is a great advantage to know, in ringing any method, at which stroke the dodge is made; it saves many a bad blow and often a trip. Whether you are ringing on five or twelve bells in plain methods, at all events, the 'odd' places, 3rd's, 5th's, 7th's, etc., are backstrokes, the even places handstrokes, when you are hunting or dodging up; and the reverse when you are on your way down. If you know this when you are ringing Grandsire Triples, for example, it should prevent your trying to dodge with a bell in 5-6, instead of 6-7, because you will realise that your blows are on the 'wrong stroke'

for a dodge. The greater the number of bells the more helpful this knowledge is, particularly if the ringing is none too steady and dodging bells are hard to find.

Another thing to remember in going from Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples is that there are two bells in the hunt; that in going up and down when you pass the treble there is another bell to pass, at the next stroke, which is not a dodging bell. And it is the same bell every time until a bob or single is called.

Third's place is made in Grandsire, instead of the 2nd's of Bob Minor, and while in the latter you only concern yourself with the treble, when going to, making and returning from this place, in Grandsire Triples you have the treble and the other bell in the hunt to take into account, and you strike over them alternately in going to, making and returning from the place.

If, in ringing Bob Minor, you are in the habit of remembering the coursing order of the bells, and desire to do the same in Grandsire Triples, recollect that, while in the former the last bell before the treble becomes the first after the treble when the treble has led, in Grandsire treble and bell in the hunt work as one for this purpose, and the last before the treble becomes first after the bell in the hunt, when the treble has led.

What really happens as the result of this additional hunt bell is that the dodging is pushed out one place, and 3-4 becomes 4-5, and 5-6 becomes 6-7. Take the ordinary tables by which some ringers learn their methods and you will see how similar they are:—

	Minor	Triples
Pass treble in 5-6	dodge 4-3 (down)	dodge 5-4 (down)
Pass treble in 4-5	dodge 6-5 (down)	dodge 7-6 (down)
Pass treble in 3-4	dodge 5-6 (up)	dodge 6-7 (up)
Pass treble in 2-3	dodge 3-4 (up)	dodge 4-5 (up)
Pass treble in 1-2	make 2nd's	make 3rd's

The bob making is, of course, entirely different in the two methods, but if the bob caller does his job accurately there should be little difficulty in making the bobs in Grandsire. The bob should be called when the bell which has hunted down in front of the treble leads. The four bells in 4-5 and 6-7 are then in the places where they have to dodge for the bob, and they each have a double dodge. (A 'double dodge' is stepping back twice, instead of once, before hunting on.)

The bob puts the bells one place back in the dodging sequence, but that should not matter to the ringer, because he should be in his dodging place when the bob is called. What should be borne in mind, however, is that the bell that passes treble in 2-3 and was going to dodge in 4-5 up, if there had been no bob, makes 3rd's place, and, taking the treble off at lead, becomes the bell in the hunt.

The bell that was in the hunt is passing through 5-4 when the bob is called; it, therefore, stops in 5-4 for a double dodge and takes its place in the cycle of 'working' bells.

While on the subject of Grandsire we must correct an error which, by a rather inexcusable oversight, was made in our article a fortnight ago, on calling Holt's Ten-Part. We said, erroneously, that by the calling of any number of the parts, true touches in multiples of 518 could be obtained. This, of course, is not so. The first part-end is 246375; the second 267453, and so on, so that in any part after the first (except the 5th where a half-peal would be completed) there would be a repetition of leads of the plain course.

It is a testimony to the number of competent ringers who read these articles that so many of them have written to call our attention to this slip. Some of them also remind us that Reeves' variation of the peal, which, by the insertion of an additional call, brings the part-ends up in plain course order, will give a true touch, however many parts are called.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL BRANCH PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE.

In stormy weather, a meeting attended by about 30 members and friends was held at Haddenham on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and, except for the tea and meeting interval, were kept going until about 9.15 p.m.

A short meeting was held, as it was desired to extend the members' best wishes to the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland), who is president of the branch, before his departure to a new church at Hastings.

The District Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington, in voicing the feelings of the members, said the Vicar had helped in many ways to form the Central Branch. The branch would greatly feel his absence, but hoped their loss would be others' gain.

At present there is only one bell in the new church to which Mr. Kirkland is going, but the secretary informed the meeting that it might not remain so—information which Sussex ringers should note.

Mr. H. Collins (local secretary) supported Mr. Warrington in his remarks, and added that the ringers might get as good a friend, but not better.

The Rev. A. E. Kirkland, who was much moved by the remarks made, thanked all for their services. Nearly every Sunday, he said, Haddenham bells were rung for morning and evening services. Bells and bellringers did their duty in more than one respect. People who never attend church were moved by the sound of bells, and the ringers by their labours were helping. The Vicar added he would not forget them. There was much applause at the close of the Vicar's speech.

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WREINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
NELSON ELLIOTT 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

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First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the county and by the association.

WHERE THREE COUNTIES MEET.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT EGHAM, SURREY.

Tucked into an extreme corner of the county of Surrey, where the Thames divides it from Middlesex and Runnymede (where King John swore at his barons and then signed Magna Charta) separates it from Berkshire, lies the little town of Egham. Here on Saturday three associations held a joint ringing meeting—the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Over sixty ringers put in an appearance and spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. With the two rings of bells at Staines and the peal at Wraysbury available, in addition to Egham, there was plenty of opportunity for ringing, of which full advantage was taken.

The gathering brought together ringers from a large number of towers, and they attended service in Egham Church. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter), the Vicar of Stanwell took the service and gave an excellent address. He also presided over the tea, at which, among others, there were present Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretary) of the Middlesex Association, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. T. Fowler (District Master, East Berks and South Bucks Branch) of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District Ringing Master), Mr. F. Hawthorne (Chertsey district secretary) and Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford district secretary) of Guildford Diocesan Guild. Among the visitors were Miss V. Robinson (Wokingham), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Bolton, Lancs), Mr. R. G. King (Royston, Herts) and Mr. J. S. Mason (Oldbury, near Birmingham). Ringers were present from the following towers: Hillingdon, West Ealing, Willesden, St. Giles' and St. Lawrence Jewry, London, Cookham, Staines, Hersham, Leatherhead, Aldershot, Stoke Poges, Reading, Farnham Royal, Kingsbury, Uxbridge, Egham, Isleworth, Kingston, Chertsey, Chiswick, Twickenham, Streatley, Ruislip, Chalfont, Fulmer, Heston, Sunbury, Iver, etc.

There was no formal business to be done, but the Vicar of Stanwell was thanked by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne welcomed the visiting ringers. He emphasised the value of such meetings, which, he said, enabled ringers to realise that, although they were in different associations, they were all taking part in the same work. He hoped to see these joint meetings made an annual event, and he looked forward, with the co-operation of the other secretaries, to holding a similar meeting next year in Staines.

Mr. J. A. Trollope replied for the Middlesex Association. The spirit of brotherhood among ringers, he said, was the most important thing we possessed. If a man was a ringer he was a member of one great fraternity and was welcome wherever he went. He knew of nothing else like it throughout the land. If a man went into a tower in the uttermost part of England, the first thing the local ringers said to him was, 'Are you a ringer?' If he said he was, they asked, 'What can you ring?' and they would adapt themselves, if they could, to their visitor's standard and make him feel an honoured guest and friend. That spirit was a thing they should prize more than they did. Some of the younger people were inclined to take it as a matter of course, but that should not be so. They should appreciate the welcome they received when they went to a church as visitors. He expressed pleasure at the welcome received that day at Egham, and said meetings of that kind enabled them to meet people they did not come across in the ordinary way. Mr. Trollope added that they were specially pleased to see among them that day Miss Robinson, who bore an honoured name. To many of the younger people, the Rev. F. E. Robinson was only a name, but to the older generation it meant an extraordinary personality. Miss Robinson's father was the first man to ring a thousand peals, and that at a time when they were worth two thousand as they were counted to-day. He used to go all round England and there was something extraordinarily great about what he did. Mr. Trollope also specially welcomed Mr. Tom Hibbert and Mr. T. B. Worsley, and made mention of the presence of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. T. Fowler acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and put in an earnest plea for more support for 'The Ringing World.' He urged that regular subscribers should become agents to push the sale. In this connection he suggested that a subscription form should be printed in the paper every week, which those who were seeking new subscribers could use.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting with considerable zest, the towers at Egham and St. Mary's, Staines, being filled with eager ringers. The joint gathering was a great success.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Tuesday, September 1st, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. J. Hart 1, R. J. Dawe 2, P. S. Hart 3, A. F. Richardson 4, A. J. Turner 5, G. Wiggins 6, R. W. Dawe 7, J. A. Hart (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for the ringers of treble, third and fourth. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Hart and P. S. Hart.

At Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield, on September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Pickering 1, G. F. Swann (conductor) 2, W. J. Meers 3, W. H. Funge 4, W. H. Hall 5, F. Dickens 6, W. G. Anker 7, E. C. Roper 8. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Sir A. H. Evans, who for many years has been closely associated with the above church.

A RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would esteem it a favour if you would allow me the use of your columns to make reference to the service, as advertised in your journal, arranged to take place at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 7 p.m.

This service is being held at the kind invitation of the Rector of Cornhill, and, whilst it was originally intended for the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a cordial invitation is extended to all ringers and to their wives or friends to be present, in the hope that the attendance may be such as to justify making the service an annual event. I am desirous to make this fact clear to members of all ringing societies, and particularly those of London and the Home Counties. Having seen the printed order of service, which has been specially drawn up and which includes hymns and prayers specially applicable to ringers, in addition to 15 minutes of special music by the St. Michael's choir, I can say that all who attend will find an excellent service awaiting them.

Needless to say, I count upon receiving from the members of the Ancient Society their fullest support on this occasion.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

P.S.—It will be noted that the service does not commence until 7 p.m.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MOST INTERESTING FEATURES LOST BY TRANSPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I beg for a little space to thank my unknown friend for his kindly interest taken in my twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, also the many hands who have rung my poor old twelve-part. The peal is now 43 years old and has had a good run.

I must say that I feel that all this transposing simply robs the peal of its most interesting features, seeing that the original contains the 2.6, 3.6 and 4.8 twenty-four times one way. It also has the twenty-four 5.6.7's one way; that is, at backstroke. I consider those conductors who prefer the 7th for observation show a very poor taste indeed.

J. J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal.

DEATH OF TWO PETERBOROUGH RINGERS.

LOSS TO ST. JOHN'S COMPANY.

Death has removed, within ten days of each other, two well-known Peterborough ringers, Mr. Francis Davis and Mr. Frederick Cooke. Both had been in failing health for some time, and death in each case followed an operation in the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Davis was a native of the city, and for the last few years had been steepkeeper at St. John's Church. He was a member of the old Peterborough and District Association and had taken part in a few peals.

Several local ringers and friends were present at the funeral, and the service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Coupland in St. John's Church. In the evening the 'whole pull and stand' and various touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

Mr. Cooke was a native of Fakenham, Norfolk, and was a member of the well-known ringing family of that town. He moved to Peterborough 30 years ago and had been a member of St. John's company since that time. During recent years he had acted as conductor. He was often present at St. Mary's on practice night and proved himself quite a good Surprise Minor ringer. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and had rung several peals. He had a quiet, unassuming manner and was greatly respected by all who knew him. His death is a great loss to local ringing generally and his place will be difficult to fill.

His funeral was attended by all the local ringers, and in the evening the 'whole pull and stand' and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung with the bells half-muffled.

On Sunday, September 6th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evensong with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the two deceased members of the band: V. Butler 1, W. Rose 2, S. Wright 3, T. Vaughan 4, T. Little 5, H. Goakes 6, H. Beechey (conductor) 7, A. Joyce 8.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S PRESIDENT.

DEPARTURE OF THE REV. J. A. B. DAVIES.

The Vicar of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who is president of the Warwickshire Guild, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening last. He is leaving the parish to take up the living of St. James' Church, Hatcham, London. The service was preceded by a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), rung by: C. E. Rayson 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, P. Stone 4, A. Haswell 5, J. Gibbons 6, H. Harris 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar entered the belfry, and Mr. J. E. Moreton, the head ringer, presented him with a silver bell inkstand inscribed: 'Presented to the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., by the bellringers of All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, September, 1936.'

The Vicar, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the ringers for the gift and also voiced his appreciation of their efforts in the belfry and of the friendship they had always extended to him.

TOURISTS' TRY OUT.**A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO LINCOLNSHIRE.**

As a kind of preliminary to the more strenuous activities in Ireland next week, some of the tourists, who leave England for the 'distressful Isle' to-morrow, spent last week-end in Lincolnshire hardening their hands. These 'try outs' have been known in Lincolnshire in other years; this one was a complete success—for all but one man. But then he is not going to Ireland.

As usual, the arrangements, from peals and bands to board and lodgings, were in the hands, and much of it in the home, of the Master of the Lincoln Guild and Mrs. Richardson. There were three peals, Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday, Cambridge at Swineshead and Superlative at Spalding on Monday, and our peal columns testify to their satisfactory conclusion.

The one 'fly in the ointment' fell to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. He was to have taken part in the peal at Lincoln, but the Fates and the railways ordained otherwise. Grantham seems to play a sinister part in Lincolnshire peal arrangements sometimes. Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will recollect the commotion caused a year or so ago when two 'brass hats' went to Grantham instead of Spalding. In any case the two people concerned have not forgotten it. Last Saturday Mr. Morris wanted to get to Grantham and couldn't, so it seems that ringers, who do not want to get there, arrive, and those who want to arrive don't. Mr. Morris was to have been 'collected' at Grantham by the Surfleet bus, but he missed the connection at Nottingham. An extra man was 'dug up' at Lincoln, and at the finish of the peal the disappointed hon. secretary of the M.C.A. was found outside the tower. What he had said to himself in the meantime doesn't matter to anyone else, except, perhaps, the railway companies.

The president of the Central Council had the pleasure of ringing his first peal at Lincoln Cathedral—where the arrangement of the bells in the tower has a special interest for him as an expert on these matters—and the doubtful pleasure of arriving back in London at 3.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Monday's programme went off according to plan. In the interval threats to start for a handbell peal or peals did not materialise, but the guests at Surfleet were interested in the new provision which has been made to accommodate visitors—360 feet of glass houses heated with a mechanically stoked boiler. It is hoped by this means to 'force' short ringers into tall ones, and save the use of boxes in belfries and the trouble of lengthening ropes. This is a new experiment on the part of Mr. Richardson and will be watched with interest.

Once again the thanks of the visiting ringers are due to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SMALL ATTENDANCE AT WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

When the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their quarterly meeting at Batley on Saturday, the attendance was most disappointing. From such a hive of change ringing as Batley is the centre of, one would have expected the attendance to have overtaxed the accommodation, instead of which a mere 20 members sat down for tea.

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock, and ringing continued throughout the day in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise.

A delightful tea was served in the Schools, followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. P. J. Johnson presided, supported by the Rev. W. A. Taylor, M.A.

On the motion of Mr. T. W. Strangeway, seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior, Mr. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the removal of Mr. C. E. Lawson to Newcastle.

The Chairman, in moving that the best thanks of the association be accorded to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, pointed out how appropriate this was, seeing that Mr. Taylor was a very interested party, being a part donor of the bells. The Batley company were very fortunate in having a minister who took such an interest in their work.—This was seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon.

The Rev. W. A. Taylor, M.A., in replying, spoke of his early days when he learned to ring bells at college, and how his interest had always been in change ringing. He welcomed the association to Batley, and hoped the spirit of bellringing would continue to flourish.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the ladies for so efficiently preparing and serving the tea, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. John Edmondson.

Mr. W. H. Senior, in replying, said how disappointed he was at the very poor attendance, but that he was always pleased to welcome the association to Batley.

The Chairman once again reproved the members for failing to send in their notices for tea, and pointed out how discourteous this was.

The towers represented were Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Brighouse, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Headingley, Huddersfield, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Rothwell, Shipley, Sheffield Cathedral, Tadcaster and the local company.

The next meeting was proposed to be held at Rothwell in December, and it is hoped that members will rally round to make this meeting a success.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to restore the bells at Llanfihangel Rhydeithon Church, Radnorshire.

Mr. R. G. Cousins, of Woodford, Essex, who took part in the London County Association's peal of Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheap-side, earlier this year, has had a rather nasty motoring accident. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is progressing favourably.

The 'rope croft' in Broad Street, Birmingham, which now provides not only bell ropes, as was originally intended by the testator, but many hundreds of pounds per annum for the purposes of St. Martin's Church, has a rival at Great Bissington, Gloucestershire. The Parish Church there has held a piece of ground from time immemorial, the rent of which is devoted to providing bell ropes for the six bells hanging in the Norman tower. The piece of ground is called the 'Bell rope' field.

Mr. James George, we are sorry to say, is still far from well. He still has a distressing cough, the result of his attack of bronchitis and whooping cough. As a result he is not yet able to resume his wonted activities.

The Parish Magazine of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, has a sympathetic reference to his illness in the September issue. Mr. George is churchwarden and superintendent of the belfry at this church.

A party of well known ringers leave England to-morrow for a peal-ringing tour in Ireland.

The Chester Diocesan Guild meeting which was to have been held to-morrow has been postponed to September 19th.

CREDIT FOR FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised to read the Rev. J. Maurice Turner's letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Surely this gentleman cannot seriously know much about the matter. I heartily congratulate you upon every point from commencement to finish of your leading article, and am certain that any other right-minded person will do the same.

With regard to the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick and the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which have now been proved false, I am sure the College Youths feel as I do that we should be sorry to recognise them amongst our records.

JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

A PROTEST.

Sir,—I am entirely in agreement with your leader on 'False Peals,' and also I strongly protest against the term 'nosey parker' being applied to those who, by their interest and research, discover the falseness in compositions and variations. They deserve thanks and not abuse.

W. A. CAVE.

TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On August 7th, the following appeared in 'The Ringing World' from one of our experts in figures:—

'Treble Bob methods on six bells, provided they are symmetrical and do not contain four places made in the same change, will always give the extent of the rows.'

On the following Friday, August 14th, another of our experts with figures gives a lead each of four different six-bell methods with the following remarks after explaining their class, etc.:—

'Nos. 1 and 2 are both symmetrical methods and never have more than two places in any pair of rows, but they will not produce extents.'

'On the other hand, Nos. 3 and 4 both have four places in a pair of rows four times in each lead, and yet both will produce the extent of the changes.'

A reply to the above from another of our wizards in the figuring world would be very interesting to the ordinary practical ringer, as well as being an education.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

North Stoneham, Eastleigh.

A LOST PEAL.

BROKEN ROPE FOILS FIVE 'FIRSTS.'

On Saturday last, at Burnham, Bucks, a peal of Bob Major was started, but after 3,200 changes the 7th rope, apparently sound, broke below the sally: J. E. Taylor 1, T. Burton (first attempt for Major) 2, C. A. Burgess (first attempt for Major) 3, E. Barrett (first attempt for Major) 4, G. W. Limmer 5, W. H. J. Parker (first attempt for a peal) 6, G. H. Limmer (first attempt as conductor) 7, G. Gilbert 8. The ringing had been good, which made it all the more disappointing. The band afterwards consoled themselves with a good spread at the Five Bells, and threaten to make another attempt at an early date.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

(Continued from page 582.)

A NEWCASTLE RECEPTION.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

We reached the County Hotel, Newcastle, from Whitley Bay, on Monday evening, in good time to respond to the official but kind welcome to the North offered our party by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. A private room in this high building had been booked, and during the course of three hours' happy and brotherly association refreshments were handed round by the stewards.

The president of the Guild, Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P., wearing his Guild badge of office, took the chair and was supported by Mr. C. L. Routledge, who introduced the visitors to the president.

In offering them a welcome, the president hoped they would enjoy their visit to the capital of the North, and ring all the peals successfully. 'We have looked forward, for several months, to this visit, and it is a great pleasure to have you come to see us and to meet you all personally,' he said.

The Press has reminded me of some of the distinguished ringers from the South of England—Messrs. Williams, Simpson, Pye, Bennett, Shepherd and 'Twissell.' The President referred to the scattered towers in the diocese—some of which the visitors were to call at in the wilds of Northumberland—in a total Guild affiliation of 41 parishes, and to the difficulty in getting a large gathering in depressed areas.

when a heap of builder's rubbish was about to be burned. Seeing a dirty panel with lettering on it, he had it cleaned and restored and found a record of a performance by the ringers of 150 years ago: 'Gateshead, May 10th, 1790. A peal of Grandsire Triples by the Union Society of Gateshead and Newcastle.'

There were three Stephenson's in the band, it was conducted by John, and the members of the same family took part in another, rung in 1829.

The Vicar, Canon Stephenson, kindly came up to the belfry to welcome the tourists (he has done duty in the district 25 years), and he mentioned that the old bells, except one that went to another church, were sold in 1788 to pay for church repairs. The Union Society lost no time by ringing a full peal within two years of the new bells arriving from Whitechapel in 1788.

Around this church a considerable area has been cleared of old Gateshead property to make room for the new high level Tyne Bridge and its approaches, that served as a practical model and afforded data for the design and erection of the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, N.S.W., on a much larger scale.

Gateshead possesses a strong company of Sunday service ringers, who have recently scored their first peal with Mr. Barber's help, and here, also, was accomplished the first peal conducted by a ringer blindfolded.

A restful afternoon preceded the Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas (Patron of Mariners), but it was nearly



SOME OF THE TOURISTS 'UP NORTH.'

Left to right: G. Lindoff, J. W. Parker, W. Henley, G. R. Newton, (bottom), G. Martin, G. R. Pye, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, F. Bennett.

W. H. Fussell, G. Williams, R. L. Patterson (top), H. Wingrove
[Photo: 'Sunderland Echo']

In supporting the president, Mr. Routledge announced that Mr. Blacklock (Tyne Commissioner) had kindly offered the visitors a launch trip down the river for Tuesday afternoon to view the miles of engineering, shipping and coal works along the banks, but reluctantly the invitation had to be declined. It was cheering news to us Southerners to hear of the growing prosperity of the district.

The evening was enlivened by handbells by the Newcastle men, and a course of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Williams, Pye, Davidson, Barber and Anderson. Several songs were given: 'John Peel' by Mr. Routledge, and 'Blaydon Races, 1864,' by Mr. Owbridge, Mr. Keen putting a 'jerk' into the harmony by ably helping with the pianoforte.

Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the tourists, thanked the Guild for their warm reception. They one and all, he said, appreciated the efforts of the president (a busy citizen, who had taken part in 36 peals for the Guild) to spend an evening with fellow-ringers.

Amongst the company present were Messrs. Pickering, Patterson, Barber, Ditchbourne, Oxley, Gofton, P. Payne, Holmes, Lawson, of Leeds, Keen, Adam Deas, Davidson, Scott, Murray, Owbridge and the three Andersons.

'Auld Lang Syne' was sung by the whole company standing in a circle round the room with 'ringing hands' together, and the gathering closed, after singing 'God Save the King,' at 10.30 p.m.

The 'good nights' did not take so long as usual, for the members realised that two peals a day for a week requires conservation of energy whenever possible. The echo of 'The King' died away in slumber at the Queen's well before midnight, and, on going to bed, Mr. Martin and I well recalled our Melbourne and Sydney friends, who, like the lads of the North of England, wanted us to go everywhere and see everything.

ACROSS THE TYNE.

The morning peal on Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, went well, and we were met by Mr. E. Wilson and Mr. J. Stuart (now in his 72nd year), who for 55 years has been a ringer at this church and has scored 30 peals for the Guild. He vividly remembers the old tower, almost split into two, and the restoration of the church

six o'clock before Billy Barber called 'Go,' and it took the ringers half an hour to settle down to an odd-bell method after so much Major. The last hour's striking put a 'Birmingham finish' to the peal, and Mr. Bennett and I were much amused at the eager inquiries from the men, dressing as they came out, about the 'hour' and the nearest 'place'!

In the Squire adjoining some 20 ringers, from Chester and local towers, assembled to hear the peal finish, and it is possible the point policeman thought they were a political crowd, for they talked of nothing but working overtime, being locked in, or 'striking.'

Like St. Dunstan's, London, or St. Giles', Edinburgh, the tower has a graceful lantern terminal and is quite worthy of the praises of generations of City ringers for its internal and external design. It is 193ft. high by about 36ft. square at the base. The earliest campanile was built 1091, destroyed by fire 1216, restored 1359 and extended at later dates. In 1239 Henry III. first granted a Charter to the freemen of Newcastle to dig for coal.

The town is said to have been the site of a Roman station, but it was really founded by Richard, son of William the Conqueror, who, after a futile inroad into Scotland, built the New-Castle in 1080. King Charles in his flight from Oxford reached here in May, 1645.

ALLANDALE.

'And his banks open and his lawns extend,
Stops short the pleased traveller to view,
Presiding o'er the scene, some rustic tower,
Founded by Norman or by Saxon hands.'

Mark Aikenside, on his native Tyne.

Breakfast 7.30 on Wednesday and away at 8.30 for a long ride via Hexham to Allandale. We skirted the river amidst varied scenery, which beyond Hexham became wild and mountainous and sparsely timbered for miles. A quaint old-fashioned village built of local stone that has felt the loss of summer weather, a small church dedicated to St. Outhbert, a small square tower with a light ring of bells recently restored. Just the cosy little place in which to ring a new method for the county of Northumberland. It came into rounds at

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT AND ROMNEY MARSH DISTRICT MEET AT NEW ROMNEY.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at New Romney on Aug. 29th in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Although the weather was not conducive to much ringing, good use of the bells was made until 5 p.m., when tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served at the Church Hall. No service was held owing to the Vicar having an engagement elsewhere.

Mr. G. B. Anderson presided at both tea and the business meeting and welcomed the company in the name of the Vicar.

One new member was elected to each society, but other than this there was no business for the Kent County Association.

The Guild accepted an invitation to Stone-in-Oxney for a meeting on Saturday, September 12th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for allowing the bells to be used and for his hospitality, also to the ladies for so kindly waiting on the company.

During the evening, in much cooler circumstances, the bells were kept busy, and although the ringing was confined to the standard methods, it was of a high order. This most enjoyable meeting closed by lowering the bells in peal at 7.30. It has been suggested that the last train for a place best kept secret should leave ten minutes later than its scheduled time!

The district secretary wishes to apologise to any who were inconvenienced by the postponement of this meeting from August 8th, and to any who, through no fault of his, went to New Romney on that date for the meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACTIVITY IN AMPHILL DISTRICT.

A party of ringers, all members of the Bedfordshire Association, made an afternoon tour by car and cycle round the Ampthill district on Saturday. This is an outlying part of the county very seldom visited, and four towers were selected, Maulden, Flitton, Westoning and Eversholt. Each contains a good peal of six bells, and some excellent touches were brought round in a great variety of methods. At Flitton the tenor is about 8 cwt., and 120 Bob Minor was rung in 2½ minutes! How's that for a record 120? The last tower was reached in the dark, but it is so simple, even in outlying districts to-day, with electric light, that it is small inconvenience, and Eversholt bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

In every tower the company was met by the local ringers, and some good spade work put in. Another run is being planned and anybody may join in who can handle a bell, as all are catered for. Good ringing, an excellent tea at Ampthill, during which the services of a street musician were engaged to play to the company, pleasant riding through delightful country—what more can a ringer want? Best thanks are given to the incumbents and certain others for all they did.

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1 p.m. We were courteously received by local hands, let the bells down with thanks, and left for the 'next, please.' Our reserve man took off the part-ends in the daily paper and paid a visit to the inn, where the landlady complained 'she couldn't hear his order for those noisy bells!' Another customer then exclaimed, 'No more noisy than your loud wireless, and that you can shut off when you like!' She afterwards 'tuned in' to the Southern Regional when eight men walked in and demanded attention at the same moment.

HEXHAM.

The Abbey Restaurant gave us lunch at two o'clock, but the start for a peal of Superlative was delayed by a fashionable wedding until nearly 4 p.m. We found our missing links admiring the bridegroom and the bride. We had a good look round the ancient features of the Abbey dedicated to St. Wilfrid, and mounted the wide stone monks' staircase (room enough for a coach to pass) leading up to the ringing room. The whole building was teeming with visitors, none of whom guessed that 'Bob Singles' were being rung as a joy peal for a newly-married couple. This was Shepherd's 'masterpiece' with the locals.

Hexham bells were one of the first octaves to be installed in the North. They were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1741, and were followed by Berwick-on-Tweed in 1754.

The first appellation of the Tyne appears in early accounts of a religious house at Tynemouth. Under its present name it occurs in Bede's Church History in 685. The ancient episcopal dignity of Hexham was derived from Wilfrid, a monk of Lindisfarne, who founded the Cathedral in 673-4. The great St. Cuthbert, of whom so many legends are related, was the third Bishop. I remember the parish of Wistanstow, Salop, claims one legend about him.

Gabriel Lindoff, George Martin and I trained back to Newcastle, leaving George Williams to bring home the peal and his band in the two cars. All reached 'The Queen's' by 9 o'clock for supper, and were congratulated by Mr. Routledge, anxious to hear about the 100 per cent. belfry dividend, and no discount for 'smash.'

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BONVILSTON CHURCH BELLS RESTORED. REDEDICATION SERVICE.

In the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and visitors, the ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Bonvilston, Glamorgan, was rededicated on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff. The service opened with the hymn, 'Christ is our corner stone,' and during the ringing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the Bishop and the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Thomas), together with the churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church. The hymn being concluded, the Bishop, at the request of the wardens (Messrs. R. H. Williams and E. Thomas), rededicated the bells to the service and glory of God. Rounds were then rung by some of the local band with the aid of two visitors.

The Bishop preached a homely sermon on the use of bells in the service of the church. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' and the Blessing from the altar steps.

The bells were made full use of during the evening, being rung to various methods by the local band and other ringers.

The bells have been fitted throughout with new headstocks, clappers, ropes, etc., and rehung on ball bearings in the existing frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due. The whole job and the 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. in E flat, 'go' fairly well, and good practice was put in by some of the younger members.

The Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Yerbrough) conducted the Guild office in the grand old church, with Miss Bartlett acting as organist, after which adjournment was made to the village institute for tea.

The usual short meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. F. White. Mention was made of the passing of Mr. W. E. Greenland, of Devizes, it being stated that the members had been represented at the funeral by the Ringing Master, secretary and Guild assistant secretary. The meeting stood in silence, at the request of the chairman, as a tribute to the memory of the deceased.

Three ringing members and one life member were elected on the proposition of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Weeks.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bradford-on-Avon in October.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist for the service and use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Bartlett for having everything in readiness.

In his reply, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to have the Guild visit his parish, and hoped his ringers, who were practically all present at the meeting, would help forward the work of the Guild.

During the evening Keevil tower was visited, the members being met by the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Weller. These bells (six, tenor 21 cwt.) also go remarkably well, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

During the meeting methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were rung at both churches. Amongst those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Connolly (Southampton), Mr. H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), Mr. E. B. Hampton (Poole) and Mr. Darvil (Uxbridge), and representatives from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Hilberton, Scend, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Warminster, Melksham and Steeple Ashton.

A BERKSHIRE EXCURSION.

'DISTANT' BELLS AT HAMPSTEAD NORRIS.

Some members of the Soaring Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with wives and friends, enjoyed an afternoon outing on Saturday, August 22nd. Leaving Wokingham at 1.45 p.m., they first visited Midgham, Berks. The party was met by the Vicar and one of the ringers, and good use was made of this light ring of six until a broken rope put an end to the ringing. This modern church is situated in a most delightful spot, and the visitors would fain have spent more time there. Thatcham was the next call, and an hour's ringing enjoyed on this mellow octave. After an excellent tea, a beautiful run brought the party to the old-world village of Hampstead Norris. Here was found a nice six in good going order, and, ringing on the ground floor in this ancient church, the bells sounded beautifully quiet but distinct, as though the sound came from miles away. The writer has never heard anything quite like it in all his ringing experience. Bucklebury was the last call, and good use was made of this handy ring of eight, although the lighter bells proved difficult to handle for some of the visitors. Glorious weather prevailed, and everywhere the ringers were received with the greatest kindness and cordiality. Thanks are extended to all, both clergy and ringers, among others, Mr. W. Matthews and the veteran Mr. Wigmore, who greeted the party and had the bells ready.

W. J. P.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Jeffery 1, A. Gillings 2, C. Starley 3, G. Apps 4, J. Jeffery 5, T. Gasson (conductor) 6, T. Mitchell 7, G. Gasson (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 7 hail from Cuckfield.

MINOR RECORD RAISED AGAIN.

NOW 68 METHODS IN SEVEN 720's.

Only a fortnight elapsed after the Cheshire company put up a new Spliced Minor record of 66 methods in seven 720's at Marple before they raised the number once again. By the introduction of two additional methods into one of the 720's, making the number in this extent twelve, the methods included in the peal at Disley on Saturday was 68. They were all 'Treble Bob' methods and there were 138 changes of method.

The new 720 is again the work of Mr. A. G. Driver, to whom the Exercise owes so much for the time and patience he has bestowed on this branch of composition. To the band who rang the peal, ringers will again offer their congratulations.

It is not uninteresting to note the number of methods in each 720: 1, twelve; 2, fifteen; 3, thirteen; 4, eight; 5, eight; 6, six; 7, six. Appended is the new extent arranged by Mr. Driver:—

23456 Nelson	23645 Nelson	23564 Nelson
35264 Bourne	34256 Wilmslow	36245 Bogedone
42635 Ely	62534 Ely	52436 Ely
42356 Ely	62345 Ely	52364 Ely
25463 Chapstow	24653 Fotheringay	26543 Skipton
63542 Nelson	53462 Nelson	43652 Nelson
34625 Rostherne	36524 Bourne	35426 Knutsford
56234 Ely	45236 Ely	64235 Ely
56342 Ely	45362 Ely	64352 Ely
56423 Balmoral	45623 Hull	64523 Skipton
		23456

N.U.T.S. VISIT STRANGE TOWERS.

BELLS IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

The Warwickshire Branch of the N.U.T.S. visited a few towers in the South of Warwickshire on August 29th, and were very happy to have with them Mr. A. P. Cannon, the president and 'Chief Nut' of the Tower Snatchers' Association.

By means of car and motor-cycle, the party of six made their way to Studley, where they found quite a novel ring. Both the bells and the ropes by which they are rung are hung in a dead straight line, with the tenor at one end and the treble at the other. The 'ringing chamber' is merely a kind of footbridge, about 4ft. in width, which spans the tower. How does one ring 'rounds' with such a 'rope circle'? However, after initial difficulties had been overcome, several good touches were brought 'straight.'

At Salford Priors, the next tower visited, the trebles were practically unringable, but a course of Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished with the help of two ringers from Mickleton. After that, the ringers contented themselves with Minor for the rest of their short stay. Close to Salford Priors is Bidford-on-Avon, and here they found a very pleasing ring of six bells. Among other things, a course of Cambridge was rung.

From Bidford a twelve-mile ride brought them to Ullenhall, their last tower of the tour. There are eight bells in this tiny tower, closely packed together in three tiers. The estimated weight of the tenor is 4½ cwt. and none of the bells has a stay or slider. At first, when some of the lighter bells were rung up, difficulty was experienced in checking them, and they went right over, only to be pulled back by two ringers hauling on to the end of the rope. One ringer, with a few hundred towers to his credit, confessed he was really frightened of them. Very soon, however, the band got the 'feel' of the bells, and touches of Minor were successfully brought round, before a broken tenor rope put an abrupt end to any further ringing.

LATE NOTICE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me by Wednesday previous. Buses from Belgrave Gate.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 548, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

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RESTORATION OF A DEVON PEAL.

BELL FRAME STRENGTHENS TOWER AT HARPFORD.

With the sun shining gloriously, the ancient little church of Harpford, Devon, presented an animated scene on Saturday, August 29th, when the restored peal of bells was rededicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Crediton.

There was an exceptionally large attendance of parishioners and visitors, and many were unable to find room in the church during the service.

The bells, a ring of six with tenor 7 cwt., have been entirely relung with modern fittings, carefully tuned and fixed in a scientifically designed steel and iron frame. The work involved special consideration of the tower, and has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The girders are so arranged with concealed fish plates that the tower walls are now bonded together in all directions. It was remarked that, whereas formerly the tower rocked considerably when the bells were rung, there is now no appreciable movement. The 'go' is perfect, and the tone, although the frame is in two tiers, is quite even.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Greenslade), assisted by the Rev. C. E. J. Goyer, of Tipton St. John, and the Rev. F. Perry, of West Hill, an admirable sermon being preached by the Bishop. A large number of clergy were in attendance.

The bells were chimed during the dedication, and immediately following the service a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. They were kept going during the whole afternoon and evening. Forty ringers were present from Feniton, Collaton Raleigh, Ottery St. Mary, East Budleigh, Sidmouth, Exeter and Croydon, including Mr. J. Godfrey, district secretary of the Devonshire Guild. It is interesting to note that Mr. Godfrey was present when the bells were first installed in 1855.

The visitors and ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Willoughby Smith, one of the most generous subscribers to the bell fund.

The success of the scheme is principally due to the energy of the Vicar.

The bellfounders were represented by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

A SOMERSET TOUR.

NOT ALL PEAL RINGING.

Departing from the custom of making two peal attempts a day the feature of their tour, the company which visited Somerset last week spent a very enjoyable time. Our peal column record half a dozen peals of Surprise Major and Royal—London, Yorkshire, Bristol and Superlative Major and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

In addition the party visited and rang at Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna, Clevedon, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Queen Camel, Martock, Street and Congresbury.

ALDERSHOT RINGERS MARRIED.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM TAKE PART IN HANDBELL RINGING.

For the third time within 15 months two ringers associated with the band at Aldershot Parish Church have been united in matrimony. On Saturday the wedding took place of Mr. Percival L. Eldridge and Miss Marjorie Winifred Smith, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Aldershot. The bridegroom graduated to the belfry from the choir as a boy, and has been a ringer for some ten years or more. He is still a member of the choir. Miss Smith has been a ringer for about five years, and rang her first peal for the late King George's Silver Jubilee. Both bride and bridegroom are popular members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, whose meetings they regularly attend. They have also formed part of the 'mechanism' of a certain 'ringing machine' which was demonstrated in London after the last Central Council meeting.

The wedding ceremony, at which the Vicar, Canon H. le Fleming officiated, was fully choral and was attended by many friends, including the ringers. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by three bridesmaids, the Misses Joan Stillman and Molly Goode (old school friends of the bride), and little Miss Pauline Smith (cousin). The bride was attired in white satin, with wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaids were dressed in green silk crepe and carried floral muffs of yellow roses. The elder bridesmaids wore jewelled clips, and the younger attendant a bracelet, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of the Aldershot company) was best man.

After the wedding ceremony the bridal pair left the church through the belfry and passed under the crossed ropes held by the ringers. Then the bells rang out to speed the happy couple.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the guests saw the unique spectacle of bride and bridegroom taking part in handbell ringing as part of the celebration of their marriage. Afterwards the happy pair left, amid the good wishes of their friends and the clanging of handbells on the railway platform, for a honeymoon at Eastbourne.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring, and the groom's gift to the bride a handbag. The ringers of Aldershot tower presented them with a dinner service, and the choir gave a frameless mirror. From his colleagues in the office of the Farnborough Urban District Council Mr. Eldridge received a canteen of cutlery.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory. After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helens. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head). Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guiseborough, Yorks.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickleigh on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Poges on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Bus passes church for Slough 5.14 p.m., for tea, 1s. Slough tower (8) open 7 to 9 p.m. Buses from Slough station to Stoke Poges, 2.7, 2.49 and 3.19 p.m.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 12th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available from 3.30. Any person capable of handling a rope cordially welcome.—J. Porter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on September 12th at Todmorden Parish Church, bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend, and thus ensure a successful meeting?—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Send your card now to Mr. Cyril Wanstall, Pentire, The Groves, Snodland, if you require tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malt House, Egerton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dinton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

THORNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 19 cwt.), rehung in a new frame and tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Thursday, September 17th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. L. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ampert on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting is at Salle on Saturday, September 19th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at The White Horse. Service, probably, at 4.15. The presentation of gifts to me on the occasion of my marriage will take place at this meeting, and I hope as many as possible will be present.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 15th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by first post Wednesday, Sept. 16th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The delayed Summer meeting will now be held at Hanbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 15th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcestershire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, kindly given by the Rector (Rev. J. C. L. Raikes), at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by September 16th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th. St. Bene't's (6) available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service at St. Bene't's 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. I would like all outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—An open meeting on Saturday, September 19th, in connection with the rehangings of the bells, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, provided free to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 17th. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickingham (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelvettham (5). Tea at the school, free to all sending word by September 15th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 19th, instead of Adlington. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, September 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Secretary, Charlbury, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Braden on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Buses from Bridport every hour. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, September 15th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SKILLINGTON, NEAR GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, September 19th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 16th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone, King's Norton, 1542.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday afternoon, September 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Monthly meeting. By kind invitation of the Rector, the next meeting will be held at Old Bilton, near Rugby, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (5) available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided. Please come yourself, and so help to make this meeting a success.—M. Melville, Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (a nice ring of 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, September 19th. The bells are available from 5 o'clock, and all ringers are invited to take part in some good practice.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. G. Watts, The Barley Mow, Kintbury, near Newbury, by Wednesday next, September 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Jubilee Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, September 16th. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting at Woodford on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Meat tea nearby at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A half-day excursion into Essex is being arranged for Saturday, October 3rd. Start from London 2 p.m. Inclusive charge 6s. 6d. per head. Will would-be participants please notify the secretary by this meeting at the latest?—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles' on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous. Lincolnshire Guild friends invited.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 16th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, September 16th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on September 19th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the school at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow. Now, please send a card by Wednesday, September 16th, to Mr. G. Elsom, joiner, Elsham, Brigg.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 22nd, to the Rev. R. P. Rowan, Kingsclere Vicarage, Newbury.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, the Drewe Arms Hotel, 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. per head) obtainable until Tuesday, September 22nd, from any member of the Dinner Committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by September 21st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries and members generally please note that the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now Mr. Arthur D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, Bucks.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: *G. T. Rogers 1, *Mrs. C. Guy 2, L. H. Page 3, *F. W. Stemp 4, F. A. Burnett 5, G. L. Guy 6, *L. P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8. * First touch in the method, also first Surprise for Sunday service.

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