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PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION.

The coronation of King Edward VIII. next year will provide a great opportunity for the use of the church bells of the land to play a part in the national rejoicing which will surround the occasion. Speaking at the annual dinner of the Surrey Association on Saturday, the President of the Central Council made this the subject of a double appeal to ringers. He urged them to seize the opportunity to get back into towers where peal ringing is at present banned for various reasons, and stressed the importance of paying special attention to the performance of good ringing. In these two things the president should be warmly backed up by all the ringing associations. His words of advice will be read in the ranks of every ringing organisation, but ought not to be left at that. Mr. Lewis speaks not merely in a private capacity, but with the authority of the holder of the principal office in the Exercise, and particularly on matters relating to ringing for national occasions his utterances have special weight. There is ample time between now and next May for ringing to be thoroughly organised for the Coronation, and it should be the duty of the various organisations to see that plans are properly laid. Unless there is a local band in active occupation of a tower, there should be no hesitation on the part of associations to make every effort to get the bells rung. Steps of this kind would probably lead in many instances to a reopening of a ring of bells.

It is, however, equally important, if this end is to be secured that such ringing as is done, shall be of a quality above reproach. Most of the objections to ringing arise from too noisy bells or bad striking. There are various means by which the former can be obviated—and should be obviated not only for the Coronation but for all time—but the latter rests upon the ringers themselves. Indifferent strikers have all the winter before them in which to improve their capabilities, while bands can make themselves more efficient as a 'team.' There is more need for team cohesion in ringing than, perhaps, in any other pursuit, and only assiduous practice will make a band as perfect in their ringing as human failings will allow. There is special reason, therefore, why activities in the belfry this winter should be conducted towards a definite end, and it is an incentive which should help to raise the quality of ringing generally. Good ringing is demanded at all times, but when our towns and villages are to be drenched with the sound of bells ringers should ensure that their performance is of the highest standard possible. There may be some who think that on an occasion of national rejoicing the more the bells are

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clashed and banged about the better, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Some good 'firing' may be appropriate, but it should be concerted 'firing' and not done individually, promiscuously and involuntarily, in the middle—or any other part—of what should be a well-struck touch. We hope that all Mr. Lewis had to say on this subject at Croydon will be carefully thought over and acted upon in every department of the Exercise.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, THE STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIE ROUGHTON 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	HENRY G. MILES 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
THOMAS LANGDON 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ERNEST J. KING 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	RONALD H. DOVE 7
*WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM 3	†ROBERT C. HEAZEL 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	ERNEST FURBANK 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells and first peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	†SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
RICHARD F. ROE 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 250th peal. Rung on the eve of the dedication festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	*HAROLD P. REED 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 7
*ANDREW I. CORRIGAN 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 8
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9
*REGINALD A. REED 5	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the town of Eastleigh becoming a borough. The Royal Charter of Incorporation was presented on behalf of His Majesty the King by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Lord Mount Temple of Lee, P.C., to the Charter Mayor, Councillor E. J. Bradshaw.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CECIL KAYSER Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each Cambridge and Superlative. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. A. St. J. Thorpe to this living and also the induction of the Rev. H. Earnshaw-Smith, late Vicar of Watford, to the living of All Souls', Langham Place. Both ceremonies took place on this day.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 64.

Tenor 15½ (approx.).

ALFRED BACON Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
WALLACE COUSINS 2	FRED WIGMORE 6
*ALBERT HOUGHTON 3	LESLIE HOUGHTON 7
*HORACE TUTTLE 4	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal of Major.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

STANLEY BRITTON Treble	GEORGE BROMLEY 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	ERNEST B. BETTS 6
WILFRED BRITTON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
EDWARD CRABTREE 4	HERBERT PERL Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by F. HODGSON.
Specially arranged as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. William Clark, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JAMES MORGAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
Rung on the occasion of Sandbach 'Wakes,' also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Crawley.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, SEN. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by G. WHITING.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	ALFRED KING 5
THOMAS W. CHAFMAN ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
†JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	ERNEST STONE 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGVIE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by an entirely resident band.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	HORACE FOX 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	HARRY NEWTON 6
FRED NEWTON 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
WILLIAM PEARSON 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RONALD V. J. CATTLE ... Treble	JOHN R. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	FRANCIS E. MAY 6
ARTHUR HAWES 3	GEORGE HORWOOD 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	*CHARLES EUSTACE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. C. M. Gough, who is shortly leaving the parish.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WILKINS Treble	C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	REGINALD BLASY 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
Rung immediately after the induction of and to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Miller; also as a birthday compliment to Miss D. R. Fletcher.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtud,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	D. REES JAMES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
HARRY BOYCE 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. Specially arranged for R. H. Dove, of Leeds. The conductor's 151st peal. J. W. Jones' 450th peal.

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FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 1, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	*JOHN W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

REV. R. P. FARROW ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 6
*HENRY G. KEBLEY ... 3	*FRANK PRICE ... 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	*E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
H. JIM RALPH ... 4	*WALTER J. GOSNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This peal was arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. G. L. Coward, Assistant Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch, and Miss Elsie Harcourt, which was solemnised at Bourton Church on the above date. Also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Guy. Mr. Guy is captain of the local band.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALWYN TAYLOR ... Treble	JOSEPH HALL ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... 2	JAMES H. BASTOW ... 6
OGDEN MOORES ... 3	STEPHEN PARRY ... 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... 4	*IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. W. Berry's 50th peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MRS. J. CRAMPION ... Treble	JAMES CHALE ... 5
WILLIAM BUTLER ... 2	J. CRAMPION ... 6
MISS WALDOCK ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7
WILLIAM MELLIN ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on the previous Tuesday. The ringers of treble, fifth and sixth are from Wanstead, third and tenor from Maldon; the remainder are of the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, September 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings).

*JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE ... Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... 4
†HARRY V. FARDOW ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ALBERT J. HUBELE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' Arranged for the treble ringer, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. William Gill and Miss Edith Fallon, who were married at Rushall on Saturday, September 26th.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Plain Bob, eight of Old and 36 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings.

*CHARLES ROUSE ... Treble	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 4
RAYMOND W. RHYMER ... 2	EDWIN H. NASH ... 5
RONALD G. BECK ... 3	*ALEX YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. RHYMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY LAWRENCE ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 3
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
HERBERT SHERMAN ... 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First attempt for a peal and a local ringer.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... Treble	*JOHN GROVE ... 4
MRS. DORICE KELLY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells. Rung with the clappers half-muffled in memory of Robert Stockdale, the esteemed late secretary of the North Notts Association, who met with a fatal road accident whilst returning from the dedication ceremony of these bells on October 1st, exactly a year ago.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

*PERCY SMITH Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
STANLEY MURPHY 2	DUDLEY PAUL 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal with Treble Bob method.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 St. Clement's, two 720's Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	EDWIN CRACKNELL 4
FRANK RAPER 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
JACK STEED 3	ARTHUR RAY WOODARD Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN B. WARD Treble	*RONALD RUSSELL 4
*ALBERT L. WARD 2	*JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' First in six methods on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	JOSEPH THACKRAY 4
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
FRANK ELLIS... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

The band are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BLACKPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1936 in Two Hours and Two Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

BERNARD H. HALL 1-2	JOHN H. FOSTER 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Umpire, S. Lawrenson, of Poulton, who checked off every lead end. Rung with the correct open handstroke lead.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

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

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	PETER LARLIN 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Washbrook and Miss Winifred B. Ladin.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GETTING THE TENORMAN INSIDE.

In trying to make a forward move this winter among all the members in the tower, there is one who must not be forgotten, although we are afraid he has, in the past, often been 'given up as a bad job.' We mean the ringer whose limitations have confined his efforts to ringing the tenor behind. A good tenorman is a valuable possession, for nothing makes for poor striking more than a tenor ringer who cannot keep a beat. But it does not follow that even a good tenorman should never ring any other bell or acquire the skill to ring changes.

Sometimes his failure to get away from the tenor is due to an obstinate belief in his own incapacity to learn change ringing. He says he cannot learn, and because he believes it, he won't try. Eventually his colleagues give up their efforts of persuasion, and the tenorman remains content with his job of 'blowing the drum.'

Where there are such cases, may we suggest another attempt to get the tenorman to take up change ringing by explaining to him that in 'covering' he has already learnt something about it? Unless he is purely a blind machine, he has learnt that he has to pull over different bells as they come up behind. If he 'covers' to Grandsire he has observed, if he has any eyes at all, that he rings a whole pull after first one bell and then another, and, unconsciously perhaps, he has learned to look for the bell he has next to follow. Then he has doubtless noticed that at intervals—when the dodges are made—he has only half-pulls alternately over two bells.

This knowledge should stand him in good stead in learning to ring one of the other bells. In striking over the bells as they come up behind, he is taking them in coursing order, exactly as if he were ringing one of the working bells, the difference being that he has two blows, instead of only one, over each.

If this is explained by the aid of figures on paper, many ringers will see how similar in ropesight change ringing is to covering in a method like Grandsire.

But assuming that at first the problem is not clear, the others in the band might go a step further to help their colleague up the ladder by ringing, say a plain course by whole pulls. Then their pupil will be doing exactly what he has done in covering. He will take each bell in the same coursing order and strike a whole pull over each, exactly as he had done when ringing behind, except that he has to pull down, or hold up a little, as he moves. A beginning could be made with Original, which would not involve place-making or dodging, and when the learner has grasped the idea there should not be much difficulty in instructing him how to do the same thing in half-pulls.

Ringing by whole pulls may not be orthodox in these days, but any device that will enable a ringer to grasp what has to be done in change ringing is justified. And whole pull ringing may also provide a bit of fun for the rest of the band just by way of a change.

THE BELLS OF BUCKFAST ABBEY.

As will be seen in the advertisement columns, there is to be a joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devon Guild at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Those visitors intending to be present are able to do so should be at the Abbey to take part in the ringing from 1 to 2 o'clock in order to avoid any confusion later in the afternoon. Buckfastleigh Parish Church bells are also available for the use of visitors, but visiting hands should make their own arrangements if they desire to ring elsewhere.

PENDLEBURY RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

At Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hour 26 minutes by F. Sharples 1, T. Lingard (conductor) 2, F. Green 3, A. Wallwork 4, C. Seddon 5, N. Tompkins 6, A. Lomas 7, F. Jones (St. Peter's, Swinton) 8. The ringing was to commemorate the 79th birthday of the conductor, who has been a bellringer for 63 years.

Refreshments were afterwards provided and the ringers extended their good wishes to Mr. Lingard. They expressed the hope that he would live to see and ring for many similar occasions. This was the longest touch ever rung by F. Sharples, F. Green, N. Tompkins, A. Lomas and F. Jones.

RECTOR'S FIRST RING FOR 25 YEARS.

A very enjoyable monthly practice meeting was held at Beauchampton by members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, September 26th. The ringers were met at the church by the new Rector, the Rev. Marmaduke Warner, who was keenly interested in the ringing and surprised the local band by standing in for a few rounds. He remarked afterwards that it was 25 years since he last had a ring. During the evening a visit was made by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild. About 20 ringers were present from Beauchampton, Buckingham, Cosgrove, Little Horwood, New Bradwell, Stony Stratford and Wicken. The next monthly practice was arranged to take place at Maids Morton on October 31st.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY S. ELLIS.

MEMBER OF FAMOUS BAND.

One of London's oldest ringers passed away on September 26th in the person of Mr. Henry S. Ellis, who was 78 years of age. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a past Master of the London County Association.

A native of Brighton, Mr. Ellis first became interested in ringing while working on the restoration of part of St. John's Parish Church, Croydon, where it is now intended to instal a ring of twelve bells. The opportunity to learn, however, did not come until a little later, when at the end of 1883 a band was formed at St. Stephen's, Westminster. Under the instruction of Mr. J. M. Hayes, this young company made rapid progress, and their first peal, Grandsire Triples, was scored in September, 1884.

The older readers of this journal will recollect to what prominence the St. Stephen's band rose. They became the most accomplished and enterprising company in London. They included Bob Newton, John Oxborough, John Golding, Charles Brice, Sam Andrews, Henry Ellis and his brother Arthur. Harry Pasmore, too, learnt his ringing with them. What they accomplished may be gathered from the outstanding performances in which Henry Ellis took part in the year 1901: The first non-conducted peal of London Surprise and non-conducted Cambridge. Three Surprise peals in one day with three different conductors—London at Old Windsor, Superlative at Wraybury, Cambridge at Staines.

Mr. Ellis took part in 1904 in the peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, when Bob Newton rang the tenor single-handed, and in the peal of Superlative on the back eight at Southwark Cathedral. He rang in peals of Westminster and St. Stephen's Surprise—at a time when peals in new Surprise methods were something to talk about.

Altogether he rang over 200 peals. Apart from the two 'silent' Surprise peals, Mr. Ellis called only one, Holt's Original. He was elected Master of the London County Association in 1912, when he had been a member for 25 years. He had been a member of St. Margaret's, Westminster, band for a great many years and had rung there for more than 500 weddings. He also used to ring at Westminster Abbey, and rang there for the Coronation of King George V. and on the last occasion the old six were rung—Armistice Day, 1918.

The St. Margaret's band hoped to ring a muffled peal in memory of their old colleague, but in the absence of the Rector, permission could not be obtained.

At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, however, 720 Boh Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect on Wednesday, September 30th, by H. Kemp 1, P. Carter 2, C. Meyer 3, R. Kemp, jun. 4, T. Wyatt 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6, R. Kemp, sen. 8. Minor was rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Ellis' brother Arthur died last October.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ASHBY.

The ancient and historic village of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, was the place chosen for the second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 26th. The old church, so picturesquely situated, was patronised by many visiting ringers, and the bells—very awkward to handle comfortably owing to long draft of rope, and not too good going—were rung to many methods with varying degrees of 'striking'.

The committee met in the Parish Room at 3.45 p.m. and carried through their usual routine and other business. On the recommendation of local committees, two old-standing members were placed on the hon. life members' list, viz., Mr. James S. Hutchby, of Loughborough, and Mr. Alfred Cullin, of Austey. At the tea which followed, between 40 and 50 members and friends sat down. It was pleasing to note a number of ringers' wives present—evidently to make sure that their spouses got home early!

The general meeting followed tea, and the president (Mr. F. Denison Taylor) was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Hanford), the curate (the Rev. — Dunn), churchwarden (Col. J. German, D.S.O.), Mr. Riley, late headmaster of Appleby Grammar School, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris).

The president gave a brief review of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc., and said it was a delight to have the clergy, churchwarden and other distinguished friends present with them. Each of those mentioned very happily and suitably replied.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., six life, three ringing and three honorary, were duly elected.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield stressed the need of better support of 'The Ringing World,' and the President stated that it would be indeed a calamity if they lost their only ringing paper, and urged all present to do all they could to increase sales.

The Rev. Dunn said it would be a good idea if all theological colleges were approached and asked to take copies. This might do much to inspire 'future' clergy!

Hearty votes of thanks to the local committee for the arrangements made brought the meeting to a close.

Before leaving, the company were entertained to courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Boh Major by A. Ballard, J. Pagett, E. Morris and C. Harrison. Further tower-bell ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m., when a most successful meeting terminated.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Seventy-four members and visitors attended the fifth annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th—a record number since the first dinner was held in the jubilee year of the association. The chair was taken by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical vice-president), and among those present were the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop (Rector of All Saints'), Messrs. J. R. Newman and R. G. Knowles (lay vice-presidents), W. Short (Master), J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary), W. H. Johnson (treasurer), E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt (auditors), G. Camm and J. W. Heath (Branch Ringing Masters), W. B. Cartwright, J. E. Newman and G. E. Large (branch secretaries), W. Ranford (Central Committee), C. Woodberry (C.O. representative), etc. Visitors included Messrs. F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), A. Walker, E. T. Allaway and G. E. Fearn, all of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; J. Austin (Gloucester), L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), George Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, of Sheffield. Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (patron), the Dean of Worcester (president), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary) and Mr. James Hemming (Central Committee).

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' He declared that bellringers are proud of their connection with the Church, and, as loyal citizens, are associated with both Church and State. Among other things, Mr. Haynes, in an original and provocative speech, said, in reference to a recent Lambeth Conference, he thought the Church might attend more to its own business, which was spiritual, and leave politics to statesmen.

The Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, replying to the toast, said the ground had been rather cut away from under his feet by Mr. Haynes' unexpectedly critical speech, and felt himself at a loss to answer the challenge immediately. He wondered what would happen if the toast 'Church and State' were proposed in Germany or Russia to-day. Bellringing was intimately connected with the State, as was shown at the Jubilee and death of King George, and would be demonstrated at the Coronation next year.

Continuing, he said that the Church and the State could do without bells, but they would feel the loss keenly. He thought of bellringers as having a great part to play in raising men's thoughts to higher things, and the highest things are spiritual. He felt sure their high mission brought the Church and State closer together.

RINGERS' STATUS IMPROVED.

The next toast was 'The Worcestershire Association,' proposed by Mr. T. H. Reeves, who remarked that the status of ringers had improved and that some 53 years ago the first rule of the association was 'To promote belfry reform.' To-day that rule came last in the three major rules, and the words, 'where it is needed,' had been inserted. Mr. Reeves recalled some of the names of those who had helped to make the association what it is to-day: Sam Spittle, W. Rock Small, John Smith, W. Micklewright, and of our own day William Short, or, as most of them called him, 'Bill' Short. Then again there was Mr. J. R. Newman, who had served faithfully for 30 years as general hon. secretary, and Mr. James Hemming, who had been Southern Branch secretary for 25 years. These men had worked hard for ringing in general and for the advancement of the Church. He was glad to say that the present secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson, was carrying on with the good work and expressed the hope that all members would give him their loyal support and co-operation.

Continuing, Mr. Reeves said he was distressed to read recently in 'The Ringing World' a letter from a clergyman regarding false peals, and he felt sure that no one there that night would agree with what the clergyman had written, however great the disappointment might be of having rung a false peal. 'Every composition ought to be definitely proved correct before being rung,' declared Mr. Reeves, adding he knew it was a difficult matter, but thought it could be overcome. He suggested that a man composing a peal might find two other competent composers to testify to the truth of the figures.

'PAROCHIAL MIND' DEPRECATED.

Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary), in reply, said he was glad of a suggestion for a complete change of speakers this year, though he himself had still to get up and speak. He had been told that, as general secretary, it was his duty to do so and that tradition demanded it, but he would have preferred not to have done so. Mr. Johnson welcomed the presence of so many ladies. There had, he said, been much ill-advised correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about ladies in the belfry, but his opinion was that ladies had done much to refine belfries.

He went on to say that when the association was formed over 50 years ago one of its chief objects was to give local bands a diocesan outlook, and he deprecated the attitude of hands who still have the 'parochial mind.' Mr. Johnson then mentioned the Australian tour, bell restorations in many parts of the Empire and the new peal of bells recently installed in British Columbia, and said that any departure from the wider outlook was a retrogression to more than 50 years ago.

The Worcestershire Association had no illustrious name, continued Mr. Johnson, like Henry Johnson of the St. Martin's Guild, but they had men who spent most of their lives in teaching beginners methods from Grandsire Doubles upwards.

The toast, 'Kindred Associations,' was proposed by the Chairman, who said it was a great pleasure to him to hear such good speeches as had been made. He particularly liked the first speech and would very much have liked to have had a talk with Mr. Haynes to prove, among other things, that the State originated from the Church.

The Rev. G. W. Webb said they heard nowadays much about complexes, the commonest one being fear, but at gatherings like that all complexes disappeared and they got perfect harmony. It was refreshing to meet together and exchange ideas, for thought was always good for them. He said it must be a source of gratification to everyone present to see such a splendid muster, and he hoped to see them all again next year.

The Chairman ended in a humorous vein, causing merriment by saying he had some years ago rung the tenor behind to a quarter-peal in 20 minutes!

A HAPPY ATMOSPHERE.

Mr. A. Walker, who replied, said that evidently the bells did not need rehanging at the church where the chairman had rung his quarter-peal in 20 minutes, and suggested that he (the chairman) had made a mistake in the time. Whereupon the chairman, amidst laughter, admitted his mistake, his memory being at fault, and declared the quarter-peal had taken double the time he had first stated.

Continuing, Mr. Walker said it was a happy atmosphere there that night, and hoped next year to see an even larger number. He urged young ringers to support the meetings and the dinner, for it was at such places that those who thought they knew it all found out how little they really did know. On behalf of the St. Martin's Guild he extended a hearty invitation to all for the Henry Johnson Dinner next February at Birmingham.

A programme of music and songs, with the inevitable handbells, was given between the toasts. A good course of Grandsire Caters was rung by G. E. Fearn 1-2, George Lewis 3-4, F. E. Haynes 5-6, L. W. G. Morris 7-8, A. Walker 9-10. Songs were given by Messrs. W. C. Dowding, G. J. Hemming and E. C. Barber. Miss C. Heath gave a pianoforte solo, and later partnered Mr. J. Buntin in piano and accordion duets, which earned prolonged applause.

Tunes on handbells by Messrs. J. D. Johnson and G. J. Hemming with Mr. A. Walker at the piano also added to the enjoyment, while the Misses Amy and Florence Johnson, in a short dialogue, had sly digs at certain members of the association, causing much fun and not a little blushing.

A very happy and memorable evening closed with community singing. Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

The arrangements of the programme and the dinner itself left nothing to be desired, and in the capable hands of the committee concerned one may safely say that the Worcestershire annual dinner has become an institution.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Kendal on September 26th, and, considering how far north the town is situated, an attendance of about 50 was very fair. Ambleside bells were also at the service of the members, but Bowness bells are not available on a Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Lee Nicholl (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. A. Scott (Bolton). Tea was served in the Schools to representatives of 22 towers from seven branches.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. H. Davenport) by Canon Nicholl. The committee's report was presented, as were also the balance sheet and auditors' report.

The Chairman afterwards announced that the Rev. A. Scott was the only nominee for president, and invited him to take the chair, which he did. He thanked the members for the honour.

Mr. W. H. Shuker was re-elected for two years as secretary. Five nominations were received for the vacancy on the Central Council, and in a ballot vote Mr. L. J. Williams, of Church, was elected.

The chairman and Mr. T. B. Worsley gave an account of the progress of the Canon Elsee Memorial.

Bolton was chosen for next year's annual meeting, with the name of the church left to the committee to decide.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist and local ringers for making everyone comfortable and happy.

Ringings ceased about 9 p.m., as early trains had to be caught by long distance members, some of whom could not get home before midnight even then.

VICAR'S SILVER JUBILEE.

The peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Pontefract, on Monday, September 28th, recorded in this issue, was rung to mark the Rev. A. G. Shipley's silver jubilee as the Vicar of All Saints' Church.

The Vicar is held in high esteem in the town, and on Sunday, September 27th, the Deputy Mayor (owing to the illness of the Mayor) and members of the Corporation, parishioners and friends in large numbers attended divine service on Sunday morning.

During Mr. Shipley's 25 years of ministry in Pontefract he has always shown great interest in his bells, which he claims are one of the finest peals of eight in Yorkshire.

He has always been most willing to place the bells at the disposal of members of the association and visiting companies, and 44 peals have been rung on them during his incumbency.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to recast the tenor and restore the bells at Halberton Church, Devon.

A congregation of over 300 attended the dedication of the restored bells at the village of Thorncombe by the Bishop of Salisbury. The work, which included the recasting of the tenor and the tuning of the other four bells, was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The five bells at Paulerbury, Northants, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were rededicated on Sunday week by the Bishop of Peterborough. A chapel in the south aisle was dedicated at the same service.

Mr. Albert W. Coles, Master of the Middlesex Association, is at present in hospital, where he has undergone a minor operation. We are glad to be able to say that he is going on well and hopes to be out in a few days.

The footnote to the report of the peal at Aston Abbots in our last issue was inaccurate. The first peal on these bells, which were augmented from five to six, Mr. H. B. Whitney, of Linslade, writes, was rung on Saturday, October 4th, 1930, and was conducted by Arthur E. Sharman, of Dunstable. The Oxford Diocesan Guild have rung a peal there in recent years.

As Walthamstow is not available for the quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths in October, it has been arranged to visit Romford instead on the 24th. Particulars will appear in our advertisement column next week.

In the peal of Bob Major at Coddensham on September 28th, the ringer of the 5th was Arthur R. Woodard, not Claude as reported.

Many ringers are anxious to see the skill of the talented Oxhey handbell band, who have made history by ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major. They will have an opportunity at Hillingdon on Saturday, when they will demonstrate their skill during the social in connection with the joint meeting of the Middlesex Association, Ladies' Guild and Oxford Guild.

At the baptism of the Wimborne Branch secretary's baby, Eunid Esme, at St. John's Church, Parkstone, on Sunday week, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild, was a godfather. As he was prevented from attending, a Double Norwich ringer from Poole kindly acted as his proxy.

In our article on the tour in the North, reference was made to the bells of All Saints' Church, Gosforth. The original eight bells were cast and installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1901, and the same firm added the two trebles to make a peal of ten in 1920.

We regret that pressure on our space again makes it necessary to hold over the publication of several reports.

MORE PEALS WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 32 Surprise methods peal referred to in your last issue, I wish to withdraw the three peals called by me at Fordingham, Market Deeping and Alford, as I used the extent referred to by Mr. Relfe in last week's issue exactly as it appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, 1935. However, previously I called a true one for these particular six methods, but as the one in 'The Ringing World' seemed less complicated, I used it for the 32-method peals, so that anyone who has rung with me with these methods included before May 23rd, 1936, may rest assured that they are true.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

[This deplorable result of the error in published figures shows how necessary it is that compositions should be carefully scrutinised by correspondents when their figures are printed.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT'S 'STRIKING' REQUEST.

The September meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Rothwell on September 26th. Owing to a wedding and a funeral, ringing was delayed until 3.50 p.m., but afterwards went in full swing in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Institute, over 30 members and friends, including the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Branscombe) sitting down.

The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair at the business meeting, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Sharow, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

One new member, Mr. George Ward, of Rothwell, was elected.

After discussion it was agreed to hold a ringers' Communion service in place of the usual service at the annual nomination meeting in March, which will be held at Christ Church, Armley.

The President appealed to the members to attempt to obtain a better standard of striking at the monthly meetings, and reminded members that the public were unwilling listeners, and it was up to them to make the ringing fit to hear.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies on the motion of Mr. W. H. Senior, seconded by Mr. L. Drake.—Mr. T. W. Strangeway and Mr. H. Homer replied.

The next meeting is due to be held at Bradford Cathedral on October 31st, 1936.

The business meeting was then declared closed, when the handbells were successfully rung, while others returned to the tower for further ringing, which continued until 9 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

CROYDON TO HAVE TWELVE BELLS. Opportunities of the Coronation.

Ringers and their friends, numbering nearly a hundred, gathered in Croydon on Saturday for the second annual dinner of the Surrey Association. Many of the visitors took part in ringing on the ten bells of St. Peter's Church during the afternoon before assembling round the festive board at the Greyhound Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, curate at Croydon Parish Church. In the course of the proceedings 'the cat was let out of the bag' that the restoration of the bells at Croydon Parish Church is to include the installation of a new ring of twelve. The announcement did not come altogether as a surprise, but it was received, none the less, with gratification.

Among those present at the dinner were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. Shelton (Reigate), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the association) and Mrs. Kippin, Mr. E. G. Talbot (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer, Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. W. Claydon (hon. secretary, Southern District), Mr. D. Cooper (Ringing Master) and Mr. F. G. Woodiss (hon. secretary, North-Western District), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. G. Bannister (Hampstead), Mrs. W. Melville (Guildford), and a representative gathering of ringers from Croydon, Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Beckenham, Carshalton, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate, Wimbledon, etc.

After dinner, the loyal toast was honoured and Mr. Maurice Northover proposed 'The Church.' He expressed the indebtedness of ringers to the clergy for their assistance. Ringers, he said, knew that in some parishes it was difficult for the clergy to grant permission for peals, on account of the populous areas in which the churches stood, but the majority of the clergy did grant facilities as far as they were able and the ringers appreciated it. Ringers, he added, would be glad to see more of the clergy in the belfry, just as there were cases where the clergy would like to see more of the ringers in the church, although he did not think there was much to complain of in the church-going of ringers in these days.

CLERGY 'TOE THE LINE.'

The Chairman, who responded to the toast, referred to the fact that the 'Church' did not consist of the clergy alone; it was made up, he said, of all kinds of important people, including the dear old ladies of both sexes (laughter), who tried very often to rule the clergy with a rod of iron (laughter). Then there were the vergers. They had a delightful couple at St. John's Church, and he would assure them the clergy had to 'toe the line.' There were certain things which 'were not done' and other things which 'were done.' They had a delightful institution at the Parish Church of morning tea at 11 o'clock in the stokehole (laughter), but all the clergy were not invited. Before they were they had to pass a kind of test (laughter). Then there were the bellringers. In the belfry he was very far from being an important person as he tremblingly seized the rope of the treble and did his level best to get through a plain course. They knew the horrible feeling one had when one made a mistake. He was strong enough in the ordinary way, but there were times when he hardly had strength to pull; it seemed as if the bell weighed tons instead of a few hundredweight (laughter). Yes, he was a very unimportant individual at such times (laughter).

CROYDON BELLS MISSED.

Passing on to refer to the work which is being undertaken at Croydon Parish Church, the Chairman said for some time the bells had been dumb and everybody was asking when they were going to be rung again. 'It feels lonely, strangely lonely,' he said. 'Year after year we have had half an hour of bellringing on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, and the Tuesday night ringing. We miss them tremendously; young and old miss that wonderful call of the bells. My brother bellringers—I may call you that, although I am but a duffer at it—you don't know what a tremendous value there is in this call of the bells to the people. We at the Parish Church of Croydon,' he continued, 'value the work of the ringers, and I only hope that the happy relationship between the clergy and ringers at our church may be the same between clergy and ringers throughout the land' (applause).

They were looking forward, continued the speaker, to having their twelve bells soon (applause). He hoped, and he thought Mr. Johnston was going to see, that they had the best peal of twelve in the South of England, and, indeed, in the whole country. They had a band, or pretty nearly a band, that would be able to ring them, and they would welcome visitors to their belfry on Sundays and practice nights. They wanted ringers to feel that Croydon bells and belfry were free to them. They wanted them to bring their knowledge and gifts to help the men in their own tower. It was not always easy to get twelve men together, but none of them wanted to see those top four bells dumb too much. So there would be a warm welcome for visitors (applause).

OVERLAPPING DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Lewis proposed 'The Surrey Association,' and referred to the overlapping of ringing organisations which exists in and around Surrey. As a member of the Kent County Association, he was asked to meet representatives of the Surrey Association on this subject some time

ago. Surrey wanted to get the whole of the diocese of Southwark, which went into a little bit of Kent. As a member of the Kent Association he had to say that his association wanted to stick to the county of Kent. He did not know what had happened finally about the Surrey territory. There were difficulties in this question of territory, but he did not think they were serious as long as the officials of the different associations worked together in a friendly spirit. The reason he mentioned this was that at the present time practically every association in the country was affiliated to the Central Council, and, therefore, instead of having entirely independent associations, they were more or less branches of one great body of change ringers. If the various associations would bear that in mind and, when there was any difficulty of overlapping, meet in a friendly spirit with the intention of not being too parochial, but doing what was best for the ringing Exercise as a whole, he was certain there would be no difficulties and he could foresee in a few years' time, if they wished to get diocesan status, that they would be able to do so, and possibly as far as Kent was concerned they would not be so 'pig-headed' as they were a year or two ago (laughter).

CORONATION RINGING.

To-morrow morning, continued Mr. Lewis, we shall have another hour in bed. It has something to do with ringing, for it means that to-morrow night and on succeeding evenings it will be dark an hour earlier, and it should be much easier to get ringers, in country places at any rate, into the tower for practice. There is a very special reason why we should make an effort this winter to make our practices as successful as possible and practise as diligently as possible, for next year should be one of the greatest ringing years we have ever had. At the Jubilee of King George there was a wonderful response by ringers to the general feeling of the public in the desire to express their love and veneration for our late King. Again, when we lost King George, the ringers, in a wonderful manner all through the country, expressed the deep feelings of the public on that occasion. Next year we are looking forward to the Coronation of our new King and there will be another great opportunity of ringers expressing the feelings of the public. I trust they will do it in no less manner, indeed in a greater manner, than at the Jubilee. In that connection I want to make a suggestion. I do not know whether in your district you suffer from having towers closed for peal ringing. I think very likely you do. One can understand towers being closed for peal ringing. Sometimes it happens because ringers themselves act a little unwisely; or it may be that the bells are too noisy outside the tower and want modification, although that is a matter that can be fairly easily put right. But next year there will be a great chance for getting into towers where bellringing has been stopped, because it would be very difficult for anybody to object to the bells being rung on Coronation Day. All ringers should make a special effort to see that the bells are rung on that occasion at those towers where it has been difficult in the past either to ring at all or to get permission for peal ringing. I do not say they should necessarily try to ring a peal in every tower—you must look at each case on its merits—but it is the opportunity for getting back some of the ringing that has been lost. But having got in for that day, you must keep in, and, if you want to keep in, you must be very careful that ringing on Coronation Day is of the very best quality you can possibly get. I should like to take the opportunity of expressing the hope that ringers will not make it the occasion for practice, but that they will make it the occasion for performance, and that they only perform what they can perform well. In other words, they should not try and ring a method they do not really know on the chance of getting a peal, but be content to ring a method they know and can strike, and thus make certain the quality of the ringing on that day is the very best possible (hear, hear). If you want to keep the towers you get and do away with complaints, concluded Mr. Lewis, be sure of two things: Be sure that the sound outside is not unduly loud: take a little trouble to block up the windows, which does not cost very much. The other and even more important thing is to try and keep up a standard of perfectly accurate striking and rhythm (applause).

SURREY'S UPS AND DOWNS.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who replied to the toast, said the Surrey Association was among those elect societies that held an annual dinner, and they were glad to have the support of the leading lights of other associations who were good enough to come there. They would all endorse what Mr. Lewis had said about the efforts that should be made to secure proper ringing on Coronation Day and to get those towers once more into their grip that had slipped out in recent times. In the Surrey Association they had had their ups and downs. As one of the very old members of the association, he could tell them stories of 30 years ago, of the days of Dr. Carpenter and Edgar Bennett and Bill Smith, and other people famous for composing, conducting and ringing, and rising stars like Charlie Jackson, who rose in the firmament. Ringing was at a high state in Surrey then, but afterwards it fell away. But since the war, things had looked up again, and he made bold to say ringing had never been on a higher plane in Surrey than it was to-day. They had a lot of keen young enthusiasts who were ringing methods which would have made the hair of the old fellows of a generation ago stand on end (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Johnston said that owing to diocesan geography the territory of the Surrey Association had been invaded, but it had been an invasion by friendly neighbours, and, he thought, it had been all (Continued on next page.)

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DINNER. RETIREMENT OF MASTER AND TREASURER.

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to the good. It had, perhaps, given an added impetus to ringing and greater skill in the art in the county. Mr. Johnston recalled that long before the Surrey Association was formed, change ringing was practised in the county, and mentioned peals rung in 1846 and 1857 at Camberwell by the Surrey Youths, and in 1734 at Croydon by the Croydon Youths, in which the tenor at St. John's Church was rung by two men. They thought they were a very respectable lot at Croydon Parish Church, said Mr. Johnston, for they had three curates who were ringers there, and they had been told that if there was a ring of twelve there, as they believed there might be in the near future, then the ringers deserved it (applause). A local paper that week had spoken of the casting of six of the bells for the ring and had referred to the 'pouring of the fiery metal into the cauldron to the weight of 40 tons.' As these bells represented about one-third of the weight of the peal, it meant that there would be about 120 tons of swinging metal in the tower, with approximately a 30 ton ringing tenor (laughter). If that actually happened, he knew they would all wish with him that the famous Mr. Jimmy George would be well enough by that time to ring the tenor on the opening day (laughter). As he did not wish, however, to raise unnecessary fears in the minds of the ecclesiastical authorities, he had better say that he thought the local Press had 'slipped up' and mixed tons with hundredweights (laughter).

In conclusion, Mr. Johnston referred with regret to the pending resignation of the Master owing to ill-health, and of the treasurer (Mr. C. Dean). They wished Mr. Burt a speedy recovery. Mr. Dean had served almost a lifetime in the Surrey Association as assistant secretary, secretary, treasurer and representative on the Central Council. They extended to him their warmest wishes and hoped he would not disappear entirely from their Surrey belfries (applause).

The Rev. G. Hart proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. E. W. Housden responded. The latter said they did not think of themselves as visitors, but as part of the whole body of churchworkers. Perhaps one day, instead of so many different associations, they would have one national association, working for one common cause—service ringing for the Church. They should remember that the bells belong to the Church; they were there for the special purpose of Sunday service ringing, which was sometimes a little lost sight of and peal ringing was put first. It should be their first object to see that the bells were rung properly for service on Sunday mornings and evenings.

Mr. A. Shelton submitted 'The Ringing World' in felicitous terms and wished the journal long life and prosperity.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied and took the opportunity, as hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of referring to the harmony existing in the district where the two associations overlapped. This was due to the kindness and courtesy of the officials of the Surrey Association, which the members of the Guildford Guild endeavoured to reciprocate. They both realised that there was no need for clashing interests, but that both were working for the same ends (applause).

The programme included a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, Leslie Cowham in 'Sense and Nonsense,' with Nora Rule at the piano, a demonstration of conjuring by Kenneth Mills, and community singing with Mr. Harold N. Pitstow at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

JUDGES' COMMENTS ON CUP COMPETITORS' RINGING.

On Saturday, September 26th, members of the North Notts Association met at Gamston for the ninth annual cup competition. The prospect of being possessors of the Crawford Silver Cup for a year induced four teams to compete, viz.: Barnby-in-the-Willows (who entered for the first time), Shireoaks, veterans of the contests, and Ordsall, two teams, known generally as 'A' and 'B' respectively. There was a good company of other ringers as well as the competitors when the first team went up to ring at 3.15. The draw for positions had resulted as follows: (1) Ordsall 'B,' (2) Shireoaks, (3) Barnby, (4) Ordsall 'A'; but as the first team were not ready, owing to their being a man short, they gave place to Shireoaks, who got a good standard and seemed to have won the cup before the others had rung, except for a lapse when the tenor rope came off the wheel. Barnby, with open leads, came next, followed by the two Ordsall bands, and as it was now 5 o'clock, tea was taken and the meeting held.

The Rev. S. M. S. Salt, the Rector of Gamston, took the chair, and gave the association a very warm welcome. He read the result of the competition, which was: Shireoaks, 192 faults; Barnby, 252 faults; Ordsall 'A,' 186 faults; Ordsall 'B,' 288 faults, penalties 10 for not setting bells after practice piece, and 30 for not being ready to ring in their turn, 328 faults.

The cup was thereupon presented to the captain of Ordsall 'A' team, Mr. J. Hurst, by Mrs. Rowsell (whose brother-in-law gave the trophy in memory of his father).

The judges, Mr. J. Flint and Mr. J. Moss, who had kindly come over from Bolsover, reported on the ringing. It had, they said, been fairly good on the whole, but a lot of faults had been incurred by bad leading. They suggested that new bands should learn to ring open leads.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells pealed out for three more hours to methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise. Thus ended 'a perfect day.'

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

AN APPRECIATION.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) was one of those who, while in residence at Cambridge, came under the influence of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's tuition in ringing. Mr. Lewis has written for 'The Ringing World' the following appreciation of Mr. Boughey's services to ringing and to the Cambridge University Guild:—

'Apart from his own achievements as a ringer, Mr. Boughey's great work for the Exercise was the teaching of the rudiments of change ringing to generation after generation of undergraduates.

'As president of the Cambridge University Guild from the middle of 1879, a few months after the Guild was founded, he carried on this good work as long as his health allowed. It was not an easy thing to do. Undergraduates come into residence normally for three years. The terms are short and in the summer term it is difficult to find time for ringing. So that it is hard for undergraduates who have no previous knowledge of ringing to get very far before they take their degrees and "go down."

'Each October the president, with unfailing patience and unfailing good humour, started to teach a fresh batch of beginners, knowing that only a small proportion would get very far, at least while they were at Cambridge. The work among those who did not progress very far was probably not wasted. A number of them were subsequently ordained, and they at least knew something of our art, and would be sympathetic with the ringers of the bells of which they might subsequently have charge.

'As a teacher Mr. Boughey was excellent. On tower bells he was most particular about the proper handling of the rope. His constant advice to the recruit, "down, right to left; down, open fingers," will not be forgotten by his pupils. If there are members of the Guild who have not "an agreeable pull," you may be sure that they learnt to handle or mishandle a bell before "coming into residence." There was never much chance of really good striking in the tower, with practices on the "Seage" and with too many beginners ringing together; but Mr. Boughey laid the foundations in such a way that members could become good strikers when they got the chance.

'It was easier to get on quickly with handbells. A good handbell ringer himself, Mr. Boughey was always ready to start again at the very beginning, first single-handed, then double-handed, with each new batch of members.

'It was largely due to his untiring patience that the Cambridge Guild made and kept its tradition for handbell ringing. In addition to the regular practices, he used to ask the more advanced members to come to his rooms on Sunday evenings, when new methods were tried, or longer lengths attempted. He was always ready to take a pair for a peal if he could fit it in with his many engagements, and if necessary to use his office as Senior Dean to give "permission for music" in prohibited hours.

'The Cambridge Guild has been doubly fortunate in having as president one who was so excellent a teacher and one who was continuously resident in Cambridge. He will be greatly missed, and it is sad no longer to be able to think of "B, Great Court" as headquarters.'

E. H. L.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CONTEST AT BRIGHOUSE.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell prize contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Brighouse on October 3rd. Five teams entered the contest, to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: No. 1, Liversedge; No. 2, New Mill; No. 3, Friezeland; No. 4, Holmfirth; No. 5, Meltham. New Mill rang Woodbine Treble Bob, Liversedge rang Cambridge Surprise, and the others rang Oxford Treble Bob.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, to which about 60 sat down. After ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the Parochial Hall. The curate of Brighouse apologised for the absence of the Vicar and asked to be excused himself, as he had to attend a service, but he left a good substitute in the Vicar's warden, Mr. Mortimer.

After the business had been disposed of, the judge (Mr. W. Idle) gave his decision as follows: Liversedge, 141 faults, 5 penalty, total 146; New Mill, rang out; Friezeland, 55 faults; Holmfirth, 58 faults; Meltham, 50 faults.

Meltham were, therefore, declared winners. Mr. Mortimer presented the cup to Mr. Whiteley, the Meltham conductor, and a chromium-plated ash tray and stand to each of the Meltham ringers.

Mr. Mortimer, in presenting a prize to the president of the association, who is a prominent Meltham ringer, said he was delighted to hand it to him, as, besides occupying the chair, he also filled it.

Mr. Whiteley, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to receive the cup. He sympathised with the other teams who had been so near and yet so far. Members of the Halifax Association are asked to note that their annual subscription also covers a free guessing competition on the weight of the president. Result of competition in 'Billy's Weekly Liar' on June 31st, 1937.

Further ringing on the bells brought an enjoyable day to an end.

THE IRISH TOUR.

STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

As will have been gathered from the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' the tour which took place in Ireland met with a considerable measure of success. This success was not confined to ringing; socially the tour had happy results: as a sight-seeing expedition it certainly was very enjoyable; and its effect on ringing in the parts of Ireland visited will, we feel sure, be of good value.

During the evening of Friday, September 11th, eight members of the party met at Euston to catch the Irish Mail to Holyhead, and to enjoy a pleasant journey across to Dublin. All went well until Holyhead was reached. It was then found that rough weather was ahead, and it turned out to be too rough for more than one member of the party. Over what actually happened it is best to draw a veil, but vows were made that even a free trip would not tempt one at least to go to Australia. It was with great relief that the boat was left behind, and the train at Kingstown boarded for the short rail journey to Dublin. At their hotel the tourists found that, with one exception, the party was complete, and by 11.30 a.m. the first peal of the tour was commenced. This was at Christ Church Cathedral, and in just over 3½ hours a good peal of Stedman Caters had been rung. There are twelve bells in this tower, eight by Rudhall and four by Murphy. Two of the bells are semi-tones. The whole peal was rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1931, and the peal rung was the first on them since that date. The composition, by Gabriel Lindoff, was a new one, and has now been rung twice, called by a Dublin man at Walthamstow, and by a Walthamstow man at Dublin!



ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL,
where the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Ireland was rung.

At the invitation of Mr. Robert S. Murphy, Mr. W. H. Wilson and other members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, the whole party visited a certain place during the evening, and met old (and new) friends. A very pleasant hour or two was spent reviving memories and retailing all the latest ringing gossip, as well as drinking the health of the hosts.

Next morning Jim Bennett, the last of the band to arrive, turned up in time for breakfast. The first item on the day's programme was service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Here Dr. J. C. Cherry, son of the late Lord Chief Justice Cherry, welcomed the tourists. Stedman and Grandsire Cinquies, and a few rounds on the minor twelve, just to hear how they sounded, completed the morning's ringing, but a further visit was paid to this tower for ringing early in the afternoon, when the party was welcomed by Dean D. F. R. Wilson.

In the interval between these two visits to the Cathedral, a little sightseeing, under the conductorship of Bob Murphy, T. McMorran and others, ended in a surprise, and a very pleasant surprise, too. Something that is advertised as being good for you, served where? You are wrong, guess again!

Bray was visited as soon as the afternoon's ringing at the Cathedral was over. The first item was tea, but J. H. S. couldn't wait. He managed to get his, and finish it off, before the others had started. The ringers at Bray Church kindly gave up their ringing to the tourists, who much enjoyed some Bristol and Cambridge Surprise. The bells, tenor 28 cwt., are by Messrs. Taylor and Co. (1880), and are a magnificent peal. The tenor was rung in 1929.

On Monday, September 14th, the long trek began, the first objective being Enniskillen, 116 miles away. J. H. S. was off early; he did not intend to miss the train. On arrival at the station it was found that

the compartments reserved for the party were at the wrong end of the train, and consequently a change had to be made en route. We suspect J. H. S. of reserving these compartments; most railwaymen manage to mess up matters connected with railways. If you do not believe this, think of Grantham!

After a stop at Newtown-Butler for Customs, and many other stops for no apparent reasons, Enniskillen was reached at 12.30. Here the Rev. H. MacManaway, Dean of Clogher, met the tourists with a small fleet of cars. After an excellent lunch at the invitation of the Dean, 'quick work' was made for the belfry—to find J. H. S. already there, measuring the tenor. There are ten bells at Enniskillen Cathedral. It is stated that two bells were made from the metal of cannons captured at the battle of the Boyne, 1690, which bells were named 'William' and 'Mary.' These two bells were recast at Whitechapel in 1856 to make the 6th of a ring of eight, and only last year Messrs. Taylor recast three of this peal, and added two to make a very fine peal of ten, with a tenor of 22 cwt. The present eighth, the successor of the original bells 'William' and 'Mary,' is now named 'William and Mary.'

A change ringing band has been started at the Cathedral, and from Gabriel Lindoff we gather that progress is being made. Needless to say, the first peal on the bells made a great impression, and we hope many resolutions were made to repeat the performance with a local band.

After the peal, a photo of the party was taken, and tea was served in the Deanery. At the end of another enjoyable meal, Mr. C. T. Coles thanked the Dean and Mrs. MacManaway for their hospitality.

'FURTHEST WEST.'

The Dean, in reply, gave the English ringers a very hearty welcome to Ireland. The Editor of the 'Fermanagh Times' was present, and has given an excellent report of the proceedings in his paper, copies of which have since been received by the band. During the progress of the peal, Mr. Nelson, captain of the local ringers, very kindly took those members of the party not ringing for a motor trip along the shores of Lough Erne, through some very fine country, which was greatly enjoyed. It was only right that Gabriel should have the honour of calling the first peal on the Enniskillen bells, and it is sincerely hoped that he will soon have the pleasure of calling another with local ringers. It may be of interest to note that the peal was the first of Cambridge Royal rung in Ireland, and the 'furthest west' of Surprise.

A journey of 60 miles to Londonderry took just over two hours in the train. Much interest was taken in the countryside, many peat bogs were passed, and somebody actually saw some real white rabbits! Londonderry was reached at 9 p.m., the day's mileage being 176.

The Cathedral Church of St. Columb, Londonderry, contains a very fine peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 32 cwt. There are also three extra bells, in semi-tones below the second, fourth and sixth respectively. Most of the bells were cast or recast at various times from 1614 to 1865, and in 1929 the whole of the then existing bells were recast, and four, including the present tenor, were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

One of the best peals of the tour was rung on these bells on Tuesday, September 15th, it being a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, conducted by Bob Pye. It was the first peal of Royal on the bells and the first Surprise peal in County Derry. At the conclusion of the peal the Dean, the Rev. R. G. S. King, visited the belfry to welcome and congratulate the band, and photos were taken by Mr. Kennedy, captain of the local company, and Leslie Morris.

Coleraine was the next objective, involving a train journey of 34 miles. Here there is a peal of eight by Taylor and Co., tenor a little more than 20 cwt. The first peal of Surprise Major in County Derry, in this case Superlative, was called by Ernest C. S. Turner, the youngest member of the party. Those not ringing paid a hurried visit to Portrush and Giant's Causeway, finding the hour's daylight at the latter place quite insufficient in which to explore its beauties, but at the same time thoroughly enjoying the visit to such a wonderful spot. Coleraine was again reached in time to hear the last two leads of a good peal, and to meet Mr. Bishop, representing the local ringers.

FIRST PEAL OF BRISTOL IN ANTRIM.

Ballymena, 28 miles away, was reached quite early on Wednesday, September 16th. Mr. Patterson welcomed the tourists in the tower, on behalf of the Rector and local ringers. The first peal of London Surprise on these bells was rung in just over three hours. The bells, with a tenor weighing nearly 18 cwt., are all by Mears and Stainbank, 1895. Another photo was taken, after which the party enjoyed a good lunch at the expense of the local ringers. It was regretted that the claims of business made it impossible for any of them to attend to receive the thanks of the tourists in person, but those thanks, given at this stage through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' are none the less sincere.

Train to Belfast, 31 miles, and a further journey of 10 miles, brought the party to Carrickfergus, where they were met by Capt. Roper, A.O.C. The Rector, Canon J. C. R. Rutherford, welcomed the ringers in the belfry. Here the first peal of Bristol in County Antrim was conducted by Leslie Wightman, on a very fine toned peal by Gillett and Johnston, which do not hang in the tall steeple, but in a small tower specially erected for them. The members of the party not ringing enjoyed a conducted tour of Carrickfergus Castle and Church during the ringing of the peal.

(To be continued.)

MINOR METHODS.

FALSE ROWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. G. Williams' letter in your issue of September 11th, and I hoped that someone else would have replied to corroborate my statements.

As no one else seems inclined to do so, I shall be obliged if you will find space for a few true Minor sections and also for some that are false, in the hope that they may be educative to those who are anxious to learn, and corrective to the gentleman who made false statements, but never had the grace to withdraw them when he was proved to be wrong—a failing the said gentleman is much addicted to.

There are only three sections in Minor to be considered, because the last half of the lead must be the reverse of the first half if the method is to be true.

Following are three plain sections of Treble Bob Minor principle:—

Treble in 1-2	Treble in 3-4	Treble in 5-6
123456 Even	241635 Odd	462513 Even
214365 Odd	426153 Even	645231 Odd
123456 Even	241635 Odd	462513 Even
214365 Odd	426153 Even	645231 Odd

It is obvious that all the above sections are false, the rows 1 and 3 repeating, also rows 2 and 4.

In any true Treble Bob Minor method, therefore, the rows in the sections must never follow one another in the order of Even, Odd, Even, Odd, or vice versa, Odd, Even, Odd, Even, otherwise the sections are false in themselves.

Here follow true and false sections:—

TRUE	FALSE
Treble in 1-2	Treble in 1-2
123456 Even	123456 Even
214365 Odd	214365 Odd
124635 Odd	124365 Even
216453 Even	213456 Odd
Treble in 3-4	Treble in 3-4
241635 Odd	241635 Odd
426153 Even	426153 Even
421635 Even	421653 Odd
246153 Odd	246135 Even
Treble in 5-6	Treble in 5-6
462513 Even	462513 Even
645231 Odd	645231 Odd
654213 Odd	645213 Even
562431 Even	462531 Odd

From the foregoing it will be seen that four places in two rows must never occur in the sections themselves, but it is quite safe to use them at the Cross Sections as illustrated by me in these columns on August 14th. It should be understood that every section must contain two Even and two Odd rows, and, if the method is to be true, they must come in either of the following orders:—

- (1) Even, Odd, Odd, Even.
- (2) Even, Even, Odd, Odd.
- (3) Odd, Even, Even, Odd.
- (4) Odd, Odd, Even, Even.

Provided this is done and the method is symmetrical, there is no fear of falseness in Minor or Royal methods.

Following are the middle sections of 'Ventnor' Alliance, one of the five Alliance methods that had to be cancelled immediately after the second edition of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' was published in 1931, because of its falseness:—

VENTNOR ALLIANCE.

Two Middle Sections.

462513 E
642531 E
645213 E
462531 O

426351 O
243615 E
246351 E
426315 F

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The meeting at Yorktown, arranged for October 3rd, has been postponed until later in the year.—C. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

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In Ventnor Alliance, as in methods Nos. 1 and 2 that were published on August 14th, there are never more than two places in a pair of rows, and the method is symmetrical, but seeing that there are six even rows and only two odd rows with the treble in 5-6, instead of four of each, the method is so false that the plain leads repeat against one another.

By adding an Extreme when the treble is behind to Ventnor Alliance, the repetitions come in the first lead instead of 3rd and 4th leads, as they also do in No. 2 Delight method published on August 14th.

VENTNOR ALLIANCE.

Two Middle Sections plus extreme.

*1 462513 E
642531 E
*2 645213 E
462531 O

645231 O
*1 462513 E
465231 E
*2 645213 E

*1-1 Repetition.
*2-2 Repetition.

If the Extreme is omitted in No. 2 Delight, the repetitions then appear in the 3rd and 4th leads.

The spokesman of the Methods Committee evidently has a very defective memory. Possibly this letter will jog it up for him.

GEORGE BAKER.

No. 2 DELIGHT

as published.

*1 265314 O
625341 O
*2 623514 O
265341 E

623541 E
*1 265314 O
263541 O
*2 623514 O

*1-1 Repetition.
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who have not notified me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Will all members not clear on the books please make an effort to pay their subscriptions at this meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on October 10th at the Parish Church, Middleton. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all. Ringers please take the advantage of having a ring on these ancient bells, and come in crowds, and thus show that the Rochdale Branch is alive.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Old Palace will be provided by the association. Important business meeting afterwards. A neighbouring six-bell tower will be available in the evening (by arrangement). All ringers welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. Good bus and train service. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the association will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow will come under the new rule of 9d. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th (Cowden bells not available). Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—If it is a nice light peal of five bells you like to ring, come to Stanwick on Saturday, October 10th, to our quarterly meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know you are coming and require tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fyde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

EAST BUCKLAND, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m., special service to mark the reopening of the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6), all after 6 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4 for all sending word by October 14th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Please help to make arrangements by sending names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, October 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, October 14th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Committee meet at 3.45 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broseley on October 17th. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

A JOINT MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds, Peterborough and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Branches, will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, October 17th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 14th, either W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, or H. Parker, Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. W. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6 bells), on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know not later than October 13th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise me how many require tea by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A joint meeting with the South-West Branch will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (12) available from 1 to 2, 3.5 to 4.50, and 7 to 8. Also Buckfastleigh (8), from 6.15. Tea in Abbey Grounds at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than first post, Tuesday, October 13th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney (6 bells), Swindon, on Saturday, October 17th. Please advise for tea, if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Winlaton on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, October 17th, at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 to 5 p.m., Immanuel 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, October 17th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Biddenham, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (a handy ring of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Close to Bedford and plenty of buses. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lymminster on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 9d. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chippenham, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells available. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 3d.) 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned not later than October 14th the numbers to be expected from each tower. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Please note change of address.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, October 22nd. Ringing from 7.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Church Room, followed by meeting. Please help to make arrangements for tea by sending names to me on or before October 22nd. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Danberry on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by first post on Wednesday, October 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will rededicate the ring of eight bells which has been tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Cosgrove (6 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Service 3.30. Tea follows. All welcome.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea to be arranged later.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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