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NEW LIGHT ON 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

The article which we publish elsewhere from the pen of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, on the subject of the first of all ringing books, 'Tintinnalogia,' will be a source of surprise to many of our readers even if it does not come as something of a shock. Hitherto it has been generally assumed that this famous work, the earliest text-book on the art of ringing, was written by Fabian Stedman, for whom it was printed in 1668 'by W. G.' Mr. Trollope has discovered very substantial evidence that Stedman was not the author of the book, but that it was written by one Richard Duckworth, an Oxford man, who became incumbent of Hartest in Suffolk at the time Stedman was active in the not distant town of Cambridge.

The principal evidence is found in a seventeenth century volume dealing with Oxford men, 'Athenæ Oxonienses,' in which Duckworth is mentioned as having written 'Tintinnalogia,' and, what is more, the book is described very much in the terms of its original title page. There is further evidence in the diary of Thomas Hearne, an Oxford worthy to whom we owe quite a considerable amount of our knowledge of ringing in Oxford two centuries ago. These two assertions in themselves throw substantial doubt upon the assumption that Stedman was the writer of 'Tintinnalogia,' and with that doubt in mind, other things about the volume take on a greater importance. For instance, there is little question that Stedman wrote 'Campanalogia,' published in 1677, but, as Mr. Trollope points out, there is a marked difference in the literary style of the two volumes. The difference is such that they may well have been written by different people. Then, too, the books have different titles, and in 'Tintinnalogia' there is a preface, not over Stedman's name, but over a nom-de-plume, and the reason for this nom-de-plume has more than once been a matter of speculation. May not this discovery by Mr. Trollope provide the explanation?

The facts which Mr. Trollope has brought to light do not seriously affect Stedman's place in early ringing history; it robs him of one of our cherished notions concerning his activities in promoting the art, but he is still the man to whom we owe publication of the book. And, after all, it is as well to get an accurate knowledge of these things. The Exercise owes a very considerable debt to Mr. Trollope for the painstaking research which he is making into history for the benefit of this and future generations. The care with which he carries out his investigations have been revealed in many articles which he has published in our columns, and the Exercise will have further evidence

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of the skill and patience with which he delves into all kinds of documentary material when in a few months' time it is hoped to publish a history of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which Mr. Trollope has compiled as a result of investigations at sources hitherto unexplored. Our recent article on some of the seventeenth century Masters of the society was based upon Mr. Trollope's work, and gives some indication of the interesting material he has collected. This new light on 'Tintinnalogia' is another important discovery.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JACK A. WADGH... .. 7
HENRY G. MILES 2	HAROLD V. FROST 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	REUBEN SANDERS... .. 11
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. W. H. Pasmore has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	BERTRAM WORSDELL... .. 6
REGINALD AMOR... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
WILLIAM R. BAXTER... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
ERNEST PARKER... .. 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Arranged and rung specially for the wedding of Marjorie Ina Hector (youngest daughter of Mr. Samuel Hector, captain of the Trowbridge band) and Battery-Quartermaster-Sergeant George Humphries, R.H.A. The ringer of the 7th, who was conductor, belongs to Bath, the ringer of the tenor to Trowbridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	NELSON ELLIOT... .. 7
CECIL NICE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
THOMAS ADAMS 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung on the 49th anniversary of Mr. W. Charman's first peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers were afterwards complimented on the striking by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Dodd.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 2	JOHN CURTIS ... 6
*GEORGE D. HADFIELD ... 3	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 7
ERNEST W. BRADSMOORE ... 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CLAYFIELD.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Elinor Ruth Fitz-Herbert (daughter of the Rector of Scale) to Mr. Raymond Johnson German, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

BLACKPOOL, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*BERNARD H. HALL ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 3
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 6
KENNETH HALL ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. J. SMALLS ... Treble	A. G. WARNES ... 5
G. HOWCHIN ... 2	F. J. HOWCHIN ... 6
*G. SAYER ... 3	G. BAILEY ... 7
C. BIRD ... 4	B. J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by B. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal of Major.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	ARTHUR GEORGE BASON ... 5
ALFRED BASON ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... 7
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS ... 6
MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... 3	HENRY TOOKER ... 7
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. W. CURSON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clover.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
*JOHN H. ARBON ... 2	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	†ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HENRY GOLDING ... Treble	WALTER AYRE ... 5
*FRANCIS E. TOMPKINS ... 2	HORACE L. WAITE ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 7
*HERBERT GATES ... 4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Oxford and first attempt. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
ALFRED PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JOHN W. EDSTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... Treble	CYRIL PEASE ... 5
†ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This composition contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the sixth the extent home at course-ends.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WATKIN ... 5
†JACK R. STERD ... 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
*SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. E. Diaper, who for many years was a regular service ringer at this church, and was interred at Stowmarket earlier in the day.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 3120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
*DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	†THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Granta. † First of Granta on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Addsley, parents of the ringer of the 5th, the 58th anniversary of whose wedding occurred on December 7th; also as an 85th birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, late hon. secretary of the association.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THOMAS H. CULVER ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
†FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 2	JACK DARTERS ... 6
†HUGH MACKINDER ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 4	*HENRY MCCABE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Finch, a local ringer at Woolwich, and a birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Lyddiard.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES HART ... Treble	CHARLES STERLE ... 5
ARTHUR J. HART ... 2	FRED MILES ... 6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... 4	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 25th peal of Bob Major. Birthday peal for the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS SPARROW ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
*JOHN E. BLAY ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. W. CORNFORD.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. J. W. Eisdell and of John Dale, steeplekeeper and ringer at the above church for over 52 years.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

At the Church of St. Thomas of Cantfrevbury.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE THRIFT ... Treble	ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 5
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 3	*JOHN H. STICH ... 7
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal Cambridge Major.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*A. GERALD GAUNT ... Treble	JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 5
THOS. W. STRANGWAY ... 2	†ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE ... 6
FRANK RAYMENT ... 3	HARRY LOFTHOUSE ... 7
MISS OLIVE RENTON ... 4	*JOHN W. BENTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on completing 50 years' service at Christ Church tower, and for his 40th wedding day anniversary; also for Mr. James Hey's 70th birthday and for the twelfth wedding day anniversary of the ringer of the 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LDDLOW AND CHURCH STREETON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AARON JONES ... Treble	HUBERT JONES ... 4
JAMES HUGHES ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, of Wistanstow, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. R. Baldwin.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently, with 1-2-8 as covering bells.

ALBERT E. ALLEN ... Treble	ERNEST REITER ... 5
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 2	GILBERT BROOM ... 6
CECIL BREALY ... 3	JOSEPH BREALY ... 7
JOHN SALWAY ... 4	JOHN MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BREALY.

First peal by all except J. Salway.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Rossendale, Beverley, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Norwich, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. FEASEY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
HORACE L. WAITE ... 2	FRANCIS E. TOMPINS ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A 21st birthday compliment to William D. Feasey.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On November 25th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Crossley 1, Miss McFall 2, Eric Wigley 3, Frank Osbaldiston 4, Kenneth Lewis (conductor) 5, Arthur Whiting 6. This is the first local 720 of Minor on the bells for over 12 years, and the first 720 rung by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.
On Thursday, November 26, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

*DENIS HOOKER, JUN....	...Treble	WALTER SHERWOOD ...	... 4
†DENIS HOOKER, SEN....	... 2	FRED WANSTALL ...	... 5
CHARLES SACREE ...	... 3	ERNEST J. WANSTALL ...	...Tenor

Conducted by E. J. WANSTALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES TOMPKINS ...	...Treble	ERNEST SALMONS... ..	... 4
STANLEY YAPP ...	... 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ...	... 5
GEORGE COUSINS, SEN. ...	... 3	GEORGE BROWN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST SALMONS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*REGINALD M. HILL ...	...Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ...	... 4
SIDNEY HARRISON ...	... 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ...	... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...	... 3	*C. RAYMOND HILL ...	...Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is shortly leaving Leicester to join the Navy.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ALBERT H. SMITH ...	...Treble	GEOFFREY FOWLER ...	... 4
SAMUEL QUININ ...	... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ...	... 5
GEORGE STOCKER... ..	... 3	REGINALD W. REX ...	...Tenor

Conducted by R. W. REX.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to E. J. Taylor, who is leaving the district for Torquay; also as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Quintin.

WILLINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BLANCHARD... ..	...Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	... 4
*MRS. J. BRAY ...	... 2	*JACK BRAY ...	... 5
*CLIFFORD VESSEY ...	... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. First peal of London on the bells.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CASTLE CARY BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

H. P. SPARKS ...	...Treble	W. A. OSBORN ...	... 4
*W. G. LAVER ...	... 2	*L. DAVIS ...	... 5
J. K. LAVER ...	... 3	*W. G. PARKER ...	...Tenor

Conducted by L. DAVIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Lang).

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 70 methods, viz. :-

- (1) Surfleet, Wainfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Gedney, Gunby, Bicker and Spilsby Alliance and Kent Little Court.
- (2) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Wrangle, Leake, Whaplode, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (3) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single, Wavertree, Double Court and Hereward Bob.
- (4) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Marple, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Charwood Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (5) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, College Exercise, Norbury and Oxford Treble Bob and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Donotter Delight.
- (6) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ...	...Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ...	... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ...	... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ...	... 5
VERNON TAYLOR ...	... 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	...Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

There were 173 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. The Alliance methods, Whaplode, Leake, Surfleet, Wainfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Bicker, Spilsby, Gedney and Gunby, and Kent Little Court are now all rung for the first time.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN PEARSON ...	...Treble	FREDERICK T. HARDEN ...	... 4
LIONEL A. LEACH ...	... 2	JOHN BARTER ...	... 5
CHARLES TURNER ...	... 3	*JOHN R. V. WIMBERLEY ...	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung in memory of the late Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, father of the tenor ringer, who was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

DAVID WHITING ...	...Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	... 4
WALTER ELSBY ...	... 2	CLEMENT J. MORE ...	... 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ...	... 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ...	...Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the fifth on the eleventh anniversary of her wedding.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, various callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM A. WOODS ...	...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... ..	... 4
*JAMES W. SMITH ...	... 2	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT ...	... 5
†C. JOHN TROTMAN 3	ALDRMAN LINGTenor

Conducted by A. LING.

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

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(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following 25 methods: (1) Abbeyville; (2) Vale Royal, Crowland, Combermere and St. Werburg; (3) Willerden, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford; (4) Neasden, Braintree, Charlwood, St. Albans and Wragby; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Norbury; (6) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD Treble	† ERNEST BROOKES 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
* HAROLD CHANT 3	* DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in 25 methods.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* JACK VESSEY Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
† THOMAS VESSEY 2	† JACK MILLHOUSE 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. The band would like to express their thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Shepherd, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 29, 1936, in Two Hours

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Olmout's, College, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

* MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4
* JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods 'in hand.'

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD)

On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

SEDBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

* MISS KATH. M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
JAMES HEMMING 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR GOISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on ten bells.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Sussex, on November 27th, a date touch of Bob Major (1,936 changes): A. R. Miles 1, Wilfred Booth 2, George Dann 3, A. Lewry (conductor) 4, C. Steele 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES IN ANOTHER WAY.

We frequently read, in the reports of peals of Grandsire Doubles, of 'ten different callings' being used. When that appears we all know what it means, but actually, while the 'six-score' is arranged in ten different ways, there are only two callings. One is a 120 with two bobs and a single, alternating with plain leads, and repeated, the second half being called exactly as the first. This calling can be applied by beginning with either of the calls or a plain lead:—

	a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.
Lead No. 1.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	S.
2.	B.	P.	B.	P.	S.	P.
3.	P.	B.	P.	S.	P.	B.
4.	B.	P.	S.	P.	B.	P.
5.	P.	S.	P.	B.	P.	B.
6.	S.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.

P. stands for a Plain Lead, B. for a Bob Lead, S. for a Single Lead. Read downward, each of these is half a six-score, and the 120 can only be completed by calling the second half exactly like the first. To the young conductor these may appear to be six different callings; in reality they are one and the same, begun at six different starting points. In the calling where a plain lead comes first the 5th is the observation bell; in those with a call at the first lead the 3rd is the observation bell.

The second composition of Grandsire Doubles is in three parts, instead of two, and has a single at alternate leads, with a bob between them and a plain lead at the other of the four lead ends. This calling, too, can be begun at any point in the cycle, and the 120 is completed by two repetitions of the same calling as used in the first part:—

	g.	h.	i.	j.
Lead No. 1.	P.	S.	B.	S.
2.	S.	B.	S.	P.
3.	B.	S.	P.	S.
4.	S.	P.	S.	B.

From the ringer's point of view, the limit of variety is monotonous; and there is very little more in it for the conductor. If he wants to call the two compositions in all their transpositions the sole tax on his memory lies in recollecting which 120's he has called.

It is this kind of monotony which makes the continual ringing of Grandsire Doubles a deadly dull affair. Anything which will add even a little variety must be welcome, and that is why one or two conductors depart from the orthodox and call what one may term conglomerate compositions. Some of these run to 240 changes, in the course of which each change occurs twice.

We hear little, however, of another form of ringing six-scores of Grandsire which can give the ringers as well as the conductor some small amount of change. There is an alternative single in Grandsire—one which, we believe, is looked upon as theoretically correct, but seldom practised, because the common form has come down to us through the ages.

The ordinary Grandsire single affects the path of all the four working bells; the alternative single, made at the back instead of the front, actually diverts only two bells, and only one does anything different to a plain or bob lead. This is how it looks in figures compared with the ordinary single, which is regarded in the best circles as very inelegant:—

Ordinary.	Alternative.
45312	45312
54132	54132
51423	51423
15432	15423
15423	14532
51432	41523
54123	45132
45213	54312

It will be seen that in the second form a bell, passing treble in 2-3, makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt as at a bob. The bell, passing treble in 1-2, is unaffected and makes 3rd's. The bell passing the treble in 3-4 lies behind and has a single dodge in 5-4 (down), exactly as in a plain lead. The only one which makes a new departure is the bell coming out of the hunt. This, after lying its whole pull behind, has a whole pull in 4th's place (back and hand) and then a single dodge in 4-5 (up).

A different kind of calling is also available, and it has six transpositions. It has three bobs, occurring at alternate leads, a single and two plain leads in each half. If a bob is called at the first lead, the 3rd is the observation bell; if no bob is called at the first lead the 5th is the observation bell.

	k.	l.	m.	n.	o.	p.
Lead No. 1.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.	S.
2.	P.	B.	P.	B.	S.	B.
3.	B.	P.	B.	S.	B.	P.
4.	P.	B.	S.	B.	P.	B.
5.	B.	S.	B.	P.	B.	P.
6.	S.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.

Each has to be repeated to complete the 120.

THE RECTOR AND THE GRAVE DIGGER. A LESSON FOR RINGERS.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held on Saturday, November 28th, at Horley. Although only 18 sat down to tea, more ringers turned up afterwards and good practice was put in for the 'lesser fry' before tea. The 'greater fry' had their turn afterwards. All the standard methods were rung. If Horley trebles proved somewhat 'flighty' to handle, this was more than compensated for by some delightful reminiscences by that dear old Horley character, Mr. George Illman, who delighted the company so much that some of them could not eat their tea for laughing.

Members attended from Redhill, Reigate, Burstow, Lingfield, Merstham, the local band, and visitors from Crawley, Balcombe, Worth (Sussex) and Egerton (Kent).

The Rev. W. C. Reeder gave us a very warm welcome to Horley, and in an unusual and interesting address stressed the importance of paying (not necessarily in money) for what they had the privilege of doing (such as bell ringing). In one place at which he was incumbent, he said, no one could be found who would dig the graves, owing to some superstition. Once after a terrific effort he did get a man to dig a grave, and the man did what a good many more people do, put up the price. In consequence the people who were burying their relative complained about the charge. He (the Rector) replied, 'Would you be willing to dig the grave?' They said, 'Certainly not, we are too respectable.' He then told them, if they were too respectable to dig a grave, they must pay the man his price for digging it for them. They must pay for their respectability. Ringers, added the Rector, should learn from this and not be 'too respectable' to come and practise and help to train younger people in the art.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (Rochester variation): A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, *W. Bowden 3, *J. Nash 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—At St. Botolph's Church for Sunday evening service on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. T. Stacey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Wicks 2, R. Smith 3, E. Peartree 4, A. Durling (first quarter as conductor) 5, L. T. Stacey 6, G. J. Butcher 7, C. W. Hammond 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Udall 1, H. H. Mance 2, C. Otley 3, F. Howson 4, A. Newman 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, C. Bartlett 10. First quarter on ten bells by the young ringers of 1, 6 and 10.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

Sixteen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Braintree on Saturday, November 28th. The ringers came from Chelmsford, Braintree, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Great Fey, Kelvedon, Sible Hedingham, Witham, Great Bardfield, Halstead, Dunmow, Great Bentley, Maldon, Bocking, Feering and Black Notley.

A service was held in the Parish Church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Eddleston), who gave the ringers a warm welcome. The lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was 13s. 10d.

Forty-three sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall, including the general secretary (Mr. L. J. Clark), Mr. Daw (Vicar's warden) and Mr. Crozier (church clerk). At the business meeting which followed, the district secretary read a short report of the work in the division during the year. This showed that eight ringing members had been elected and 24 peals had been rung on tower bells. It was gratifying to note that eight members had rung their first peal in the method, five of whom rang their first peal of London Surprise Major. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 36.

Mr. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master. The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was also unanimously re-elected. In reply, Mr. Ridgwell thanked all those who had attended the meetings during the year and especially the correspondent of each company who helped so much by collecting subscriptions for him. Last, but not least, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, who had done so much by helping others in the art of change ringing. 'I can say,' added Mr. Ridgwell, 'without fear of contradiction, that at the present time, as far as peals are concerned, Mr. Wiffen is the backbone of the Northern Division' (applause).

Mr. H. Hammond also thanked the brothers Wiffen for their great help and influence in change ringing.

Nine new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham in February.

The general secretary apologised for the absence of the Master (Dr. Spencer Phillips), who was attending a meeting at Leytonstone.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, also to the organist for his services.

Mr. Daw apologised for the Vicar's absence and on his behalf gave the ringers a great welcome and said how much he appreciated their services as ringers.

Bocking bells were also available during the evening, which greatly added to the pleasure of the meeting, and various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Croydon on Saturday, when the new ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist is to be dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury at 3 p.m. The bells, which replace an old eight, have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the tenor is about 36 cwt.

Visiting ringers, who sent in their names by last Monday, are being entertained to tea by the Bishop of Croydon and the churchwardens. It should be noted that tea will be served in the Welcome Hall, Scarsbrook Road, instead of in the Old Palace Banqueting Hall. After the evening ringing there is to be a 'social' at the Drill Hall, Union Road—opposite Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry.

The contract to recast and rehang in a new frame the ring of ten at Birmingham Cathedral has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

An unusual performance at Honiton Glast, Devon, is recorded in our peal columns. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with 1-2-8 covering. We do not remember having heard of a peal being rung like this before, but it is, of course, just as legitimate a performance as with 4-6-8 or 6-7-8 used as covering bells. Only one of the band had previously rung a peal.

The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Stedman Triples at Earls Barton on November 19th was H. Pettit, not Petter as printed.

Mr. F. E. Pitman, of Bromley, is now convalescent after his recent operation. Last Sunday he was very warmly welcomed by his colleagues of SS. Peter and Paul's Church on his return to service ringing.

Mr. C. Savage, who rang his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples last week at Eastbourne, is a nephew of Mr. A. A. Savage, hon. secretary of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia.

Will the gentleman who accidentally took away someone else's property during the meeting at Tring on Saturday please return the same immediately to Mr. W. Ayre, Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

The names of the two new members elected by the Ladies' Guild at their meeting at Headingley St. Chad's were Mrs. Bradley and Miss Hawley, of Sherburn, and not Miss Stitson and Miss Hawley as reported.

THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. George Baker *ought* to have the right to put questions to the Methods Committee and to expect an answer, but in actual fact he has not.

The Methods Committee are appointed by the Central Council to consider and report on matters referred to them by the Council, and the Council alone has the right to which Mr. Baker thinks he is entitled.

If Mr. Baker desires 'a courteous answer' to a question he should ask the Council to deal with it, or, alternatively and with your permission, ask in your columns for an answer from anybody able to give it.

Incidentally, I don't think the Methods Committee—as a committee—are entitled to give the Exercise 'mathematical proofs' of anything, except through a report to the Council.

WILFRED G. WILSON.

Wembley, Middlesex.

WARKTON TOWER LEADER'S DEATH.

RESULT OF A CYCLE ACCIDENT.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. Horace Patrick, who died at his home rather suddenly on November 27th at the age of 56. He had been tower leader at Warkton Church for a number of years, and was people's warden. He was a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and formerly of the old Central Northants Association.

Although Mr. Patrick only rang Grandsire, he was a good striker and took part in several peals with the local company. About a year ago he underwent a serious operation at Middlesex Hospital, but recovered and was able to return to his employment. About a month ago, however, he was involved in a collision with another cyclist, and, although the results at the time did not appear to be serious, on Sunday, November 22nd, as he was leaving home to ring for service, he collapsed and remained unconscious until he died, death being due to delayed hæmorrhage caused through the accident.

The bells of Warkton Church were rung fully muffled on the following Sunday. A large number of sympathisers assembled at the funeral at St. Edmund's, Warkton, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. B. Hamond. As the cortege approached the church the bells were clung. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. B. P. Morris, A. Toseland, H. O. Mutton and Mr. E. Reid from Weekley tower.

During the evening half-muffled touches were rung, concluding with 'the whole pull and stand' 56 times by Messrs. B. P. Morris, H. T. Eastbrook, Miss D. J. Moir, L. Toseland and A. Toseland. Others taking part were Messrs. R. W. Lawrence and E. Reid. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the local company. Mr. Patrick leaves a widow and a brother to mourn their loss and to them much sympathy is extended.

THE 'TINTINNALOGIA.'

DOUBTS ON STEDMAN'S AUTHORSHIP.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

The 'Tintinnalogia' is the oldest and, in many ways, one of the best books on change ringing. It is always thought to have been the work of Fabian Stedman, but in the 'Athenæ Oxonienses,' written by Anthony à Wood, towards the end of the seventeenth century, there is a short account of a certain Richard Duckworth which ends with the statement that 'he hath written Tintinnalogia or the Art of Ringing, etc., London, 1671. Instructions for hanging of Bells with all Things belonging thereunto.'

Wood was a contemporary of Stedman and Duckworth, and is the recognised authority on the Oxford men of the time. In his young days he had been a ringer, and all through his life he was keenly interested in bells and ringing. With increasing years he became rather morose in temper, and pretended to be very deaf, but, said a man who knew him, he could hear well enough when bells were ringing and could often be seen walking about listening to them, 'which he mightily delighted in.'

Thomas Hearne, the Oxford Diarist, who has left us certain records of ringing in his day, belonged to the next generation. His biographer says that he was 'passionately fond of bellringing, although I do not find that he practised it himself.' Hearne repeated the statement that Duckworth had written the 'Tintinnalogia,' and evidently took some trouble to find out about him. He says in his diary, under the date January 27th, 1726, that he talked with a Mr. Whiteside who had known Duckworth, and that the latter was a very great ringer and had very great skill in it.

It seemed to me, therefore, worth a little trouble to see if anything could be found out about Richard Duckworth. He was born some time about 1630, in Lancashire, according to Whiteside, or in Leicestershire according to Wood. He was an undergraduate at New Hall Inn in 1647, and was one of those who made submission to the visitors appointed by the Long Parliament during the changes following the execution of King Charles I., and by them was made a Fellow of Brasenose College.

According to 'Alumni Oxonienses' he matriculated at University College in 1648, but men in those days frequently changed their colleges. He graduated B.A. in 1651, and proceeded M.A. in 1653. He took orders and was Rector of Hartest-with-Boxted, Suffolk, in 1660; of Tolland in Somerset in 1671; and of Steeple Aston in 1679.

Hearne says that 'he made the latter place much better than it had been by recovering and settling many tithes that were refused, in order to which he went to law with the Parishioners and overthrew them, after which he left the place and became Vice-Principal of Alban Hall under old Dr. Bouchier, but what he did there I know not. This is certain that he had been a schoolmaster also at Steple Aston, and was severe to his scholars, some of which were boys of good birth.'

The only other information about him that I have been able to trace is that he was one of the half-dozen clergymen in Oxfordshire who consented to read James II.'s 'Declaration of Indulgence,' which led to the famous trial of the seven bishops; that when the Prince of Orange (afterwards William III.) came to Oxford and visited the colleges, he was the man who 'speecht it' at

St. Alban's Hall; and that one night someone left a baby in the quadrangle at Brasenose, 'and the child cried and Mr. Duckworth went to the buttery to fetch a candle to see for it.' He lived to a great age.

We know from the title page of the 'Tintinnalogia' that it was printed in 1668 by W. G. for Fabian Stedman; and we know that on February 8th in the previous year it had been entered at Stationers' Hall by Fabyan Stedman; we know, too, that in 1668 he was writing to the ringers at Leicester to introduce the book. That means that he owned the copyright and was responsible for the publication, but it does not mean that he was the author.

The 'Campanalogia' of 1702, which was written by Doleman and one of his companions, is said on the title page to have been printed for George Sawbridge. But what connection there was between Stedman and Duckworth I have not been able to trace. The first was a Cambridge man, the other an Oxford man, and I do not find Duckworth's name among the members of either the Scholars of Cheapside or the College Youths, to both of which societies Stedman belonged. But when the book was published Duckworth was Rector of Hartest in Suffolk, which is no great way from Cambridge. He may often have visited the town and, being a keen ringer, would quite naturally go to the belfry and may have entrusted Stedman with the task of seeing the book through the Press.

We must remember, too, that there is no tradition of the Exercise to help us in the matter. There is a tradition, and I think a sound one, that Stedman wrote the 'Campanalogia' of 1677, and that suggests a comparison between the two books. Now, I have always thought, and have said more than once, that there is a great difference between them. As a text-book the later work is far in advance of the earlier; there is almost as much difference as there is between the 'Campanalogia' of 1702 and the 'Clavis' of 1788. But I have always felt that the 'Tintinnalogia' is much the better written book; indeed, in that respect, it stands in advance of any book on ringing which has appeared until modern times, and I am not sure that I should make even that reservation.

The author, whoever he was, was a scholarly man who could read Latin and could write excellent English, clear and straightforward, always using the right word and never a word too many. If anyone doubts this let him compare the 'Tintinnalogia' with the paraphrase of it which appears in White's 'Rich Cabinet.'

It is very noticeable, too, that the method of explaining ringing in the 'Campanalogia' is quite different from that in the 'Tintinnalogia.' I use to think that Stedman deliberately altered his style because his subject matter had grown so much, and I am far from saying that the later book is not excellently well written. It certainly is.

It will be noticed that Wood gives the date of the 'Tintinnalogia' as 1671. That refers to the second edition, of which no copy is now known to be extant. Fifty years ago Ellacombe possessed one, which was given him by Lady Tite, but what has become of it no one seems to know. The loss is not so great as it might have been since, except for the title page, it was an exact reprint of the first edition. Of that there seem now to be three copies, all of them in good hands. Harvey Reeves did

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BROADCASTING OF BELLS FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, I tuned in to the North Regional station on a recent Sunday and heard one cracked bell tolled about 20 times. This was, however, much more pleasant to hear than the so-called ringing from the same station on the previous Sunday, much of which kind of ringing would bring the Exercise into grave disrepute.

C. T. COLES.

THE VILLAGE HANDICAP.

A MENACE TO THE FUTURE OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I heartily endorse Canon Coleridge's remarks made at the dinner for the Ancient Society of College Youths, when he spoke of a 'right grounding and right foundation' ('The Ringing World,' November 20th).

May I say how much I appreciate those remarks? I live in a district in which change ringing is comparatively dead. We started in my village as a keen, unorganised band of 'chimers,' chiming regularly for services every Sunday. Then one day I discovered that chiming was not the only use for bells—that they could be 'rung up.' I, therefore, agitated at the following church annual vestry for someone to teach us bell management.

The sexton, a ringer of many years' experience, reluctantly undertook to do this. Quite soon we could manage our bells with some degree of confidence and took to ringing rounds and 'set changes.'

By this time we had been ringing, including the chiming period, for two years, so we organised ourselves and set about the task of 'tackling' change ringing.

Then, quite by chance, an old copy of Jasper Snowden's 'Rope-sight' came into our hands. My friend and I read it with avidity, and, surprised that the subject could be so clearly expounded and logically taught, determined that the method there outlined should be our method.

The sexton now very seldom attended our practices, as he was too busy with other tasks, so that, at his suggestion, my friend and I, as captain and secretary respectively, kept things going. We introduced Snowden's method of teaching for a band of beginners and slowly began to make progress.

Then, about the middle of the season, the sexton came back. Imagine our surprise when he openly ridiculed our method, said bells were no use, handbells would get us nowhere; the only way to learn was on the big bells. Resultant from this, confusion reigned in the minds of the more backward members, and we were forced to return to rounds and set changes again.

At the beginning of this season I tried again to introduce Snowden's teaching, an open breach with the sexton resulting. As this was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs for a church institution, and I refused to work on anything but a 'right foundation and a right grounding,' I resigned and with two others left the team.

I now attend another tower every Sunday, go to all the local association meetings and keep up my theory work, by which means I am able to keep myself in practice. By 'getting about' a lot I find that although our tower was a particularly bad case, the same thing is happening elsewhere, especially in village towers. The backward, 'pull-you-through' and confusing methods of a few old ringers is driving and keeping young men away from ringing.

Surely it is about time that local associations, indeed the ringing fraternity in general, looked seriously on this menace to the future of ringing, especially, as I say, in the villages, where often it is hard to get any ringers at all.

I write this article in due respect to the older ringers, many of whom are very worthy and helpful.

Too often a new hand is brought along on a rotten, out-of-date foundation, with the result that otherwise promising ringers become bad strikers and the good name of ringing suffers in consequence.

Sir, I invite the opinion of 'The Ringing World' on this problem, and give my sincere opinion that in many cases the beginner is not backward but that the older men are confusing him, and that where such is the case the older men would best serve the cause of ringing by either leaving the beginner alone or 'getting out.'

H. BENTINCK.

Angmering, Sussex.

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the Exercise good service when in 1895 he published a reprint of this.

I feel a certain amount of regret, which others will share, for anything which may seem to rob Fabian Stedman of any of his laurels, but we are beginning to realise that the art of change ringing was not, as some suppose, the creation of one man, and that there were many talented persons 'who laid the foundations of the art.'

QUAINT INSCRIPTIONS ON NEW ALRESFORD BELLS.

A HAMPSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The recently-restored ring of eight at New Alresford, Hants, was fully utilised on Saturday, November 28th, at a well-attended and successful district meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. From 2 to 7.30 p.m., except during service and the tea interval, the assembled members, upwards of 40 in number, kept the bells going in methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, while for the benefit of some learners in the gathering there were also a few 'touches of rounds.'

The towers represented were North Stoneham, Fareham, Bishop's Sutton, Old and New Alresford, Winchester, Titchborne, Twyford, Bramley, Altan, Upham, Wonston, Swanmore, King's Worthy, Sober-ton and Wickham.

At the Guild service the Rector (the Rev. Canon Robinson) gave a brief address of welcome to the Guild members, and, after referring to the part that the diocese had taken in helping to clear the debt on the bells before they were opened, he dwelt on the necessity for that teamwork in all things, of which change ringing provided so conspicuous an example.

Tea was served at the Bell Hotel, by invitation of the bellfounders, and it was presided over by the district chairman, the Rev. N. C. Woods, supported by the Rector and his churchwarden, and by the Ven. Archdeacon of Winchester, who, in a felicitous speech by the chairman, was introduced to the gathering 'not as a dignitary of the Church, but as a friend of the Guild.'

The bells of Old Alresford (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) were also available for ringing after tea, and were kept going by members of the Guild.

A FINE TUNING JOB.

The work at New Alresford included the recasting of the treble, the retuning of the remainder, and rehanging the eight in a new iron frame with new fittings throughout. It was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tuning especially is admirable, while the stanchness of the frame makes the going as delightful to the practised hand as the tone is to the ear. The effect of the ring in action has been skilfully enhanced by some cunning adjustments of the louvres, which greatly reduce the sound of the bells in the close vicinity.

A thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, October 25th, on the completion of the work. The Bishop of Winchester preached an appropriate sermon, and an appeal was made for the last £10 required to clear the debt on the bells and repairs to the tower which had been necessary.

It was announced later that the collection and late donations had resulted in the amount required being raised—a total of about £538. This is a remarkable effort for so small a place as New Alresford to carry through in a little under two years.

Representatives of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild from five different towers were present, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after service.

The bells were originally six in number, recast and augmented to eight in 1811 by Mears, of Whitechapel. They were rehung and quarter-turned in 1897 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The inscriptions on the bells are interesting:—

Treble:—
In sweetest sounds let each its note reveal,
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.

Second:—
The public raised us with a liberal hand,
We come with harmony to cheer the land.

Third:—
When female virtue weds with manly worth,
We catch the rapture and we spread it forth.

Fourth:—
Does battle rage, do sanguine hosts contend,
We hail the victor, if he's Britain's friend.

Fifth:—
May he who England's matchless sceptre sways,
Her sacred honour guard, her glory raise.

Sixth:—
May Britons still their ancient freedom boast,
And flattering commerce bless their happy coast.

Seventh:—
(No inscription.)

Tenor:—
May all who I shall summon to the grave,
The blessing of a well spent life receive.
William Keene, James Redman, Churchwardens.
T. Mears, of London, fecit 1811.

All bear the maker's name, the treble with the addition, 'Recast J. Taylor and Co., 1936.'

RINGER AND CHORISTER FOR 50 YEARS.

At Zeals, Wilts, on Monday, November 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to George Parsons, who passed away on the previous Thursday. Mr. Parsons was a ringer and chorister for 50 years.

The quarter-peal was rung by T. Penny 1, F. Ball 2, E. Coward (conductor) 3, C. Bunce 4, L. Perrett 5, C. Deverill 6.

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' NEW RECORD.

SEVENTY MINOR METHODS IN A PEAL.

Undaunted by the fact that their friendly rivals in Cheshire had raised the Minor record by seven methods over their previous best, the young Lincolnshire band have regained the laurels by a peal in 70 methods rung in their own tower at Algarth last Saturday.

We have given up being amazed at these extraordinary performances. Prior to Saturday the Cheshire band had rung a peal in 68 Treble Bob methods; the Lincolnshire band has beaten that by two. Their peal included an entirely new extent in eight Alliance methods, and a Little method, none of which had been rung in a peal before. This was the first 720 of the peal, which also included Plain, Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods.

The first spliced peal of Minor was conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James in 14 methods in 1911. This form of ringing, however, was not seriously taken up until after the war, for at first it was regarded somewhat as a freak, but the rapid advance made in the last two years can be seen from the following:—

720 IN 9 ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS.

23456	Gedney Alliance
58342	Gunby Alliance
42635	Gunby Alliance
S 35624	Kent Little Court
—63524	Kent Little Court
56432	Kent Little Court
45263	Kent Little Court
24356	Kent Little Court
32645	Kent Little Court
S 62354	Surfleet Alliance
42563	Wainfleet Alliance
35642	Pinchbeck Alliance
26435	Spalding Alliance
54326	Spalding Alliance
S 62354	Kent Little Court
36425	Kent Little Court
43562	Kent Little Court
54236	Kent Little Court
S 25463	Bicker Alliance
63542	Spilsby Alliance
42356	Spilsby Alliance
Twice repeated.	

720 IN 12 ALLIANCE AND LITTLE METHODS.

23456	Tattershall Alliance
64523	Tattershall Alliance
S 35624	Bastow Little Court
—62534	Bastow Little Court
56432	Bastow Little Court
45263	Bastow Little Court
24356	Bastow Little Court
32645	Bastow Little Court
S 62354	Freiston Alliance
26435	Freiston Alliance
42563	Butterwick Alliance
54326	Butterwick Alliance
35642	Butterwick Alliance
S 62354	Bastow Little Court
36425	Bastow Little Court
43562	Bastow Little Court
54236	Bastow Little Court
S 25463	Leake Alliance
35642	Leake Alliance
42356	Leake Alliance
56234	Leake Alliance
34625	Leake Alliance
S 25643	Bastow Little Court
—62543	Bastow Little Court
56324	Bastow Little Court
35462	Bastow Little Court
43256	Bastow Little Court
24635	Bastow Little Court
S 62453	Benington Alliance
46325	Benington Alliance
34562	Benington Alliance

Continued—

53246	Benington Alliance
25634	Benington Alliance
S 64253	Bastow Little Court
—26345	Bastow Little Court
32564	Bastow Little Court
53426	Bastow Little Court
S 45362	Whaplode Alliance
34256	Whaplode Alliance
23645	Whaplode Alliance
62534	Whaplode Alliance
56423	Whaplode Alliance
S 45632	Bastow Little Court
—64532	Bastow Little Court
25634	Bastow Little Court
25364	Bastow Little Court
32456	Bastow Little Court
43625	Bastow Little Court
S 64352	Wrangle Alliance
23564	Wrangle Alliance
45623	Wrangle Alliance
36245	Wrangle Alliance
52436	Wrangle Alliance
S 64523	Bastow Little Court
—62534	Bastow Little Court
24563	Bastow Little Court
52346	Bastow Little Court
S 35264	Alford Alliance
42635	Candlesby Alliance
56342	Langton Alliance
23456	

720 IN 10 PLAIN METHODS.

23456	Lytham
64523	London Bob
—35642	London Bob
26435	Thelwall
42563	Double Oxford
54326	Lytham
63254	London Bob
—42635	London Bob
—56423	Double Court
23645	Double Court
45362	Double Court
62534	Double Court
34256	Double Court
—56234	Double Oxford
25463	Thelwall
42356	London Bob
63542	London Bob
—25634	London Bob
46325	Double Oxford
34562	Thelwall
—25346	Hereward Bob
63425	Hereward Bob
54263	Hereward Bob
32654	Hereward Bob
46532	Hereward Bob
—32546	Lytham
—65324	London Bob
—43652	London Bob
26543	London Bob
35264	Double Oxford
S 24356	College Single

No. of methods.	Changes of method.
14	
35	
39	
40	
42	
51	172
57	196
60	199
61	196
66	138
68	138
70	173

The new compositions included in the peal are given below:—

Continued—

63524	College Single
—45632	College Single
26345	St. Clement's
32564	Childwall
53426	College Single
64253	College Single
—32645	College Single
—56324	Wavertree
43256	Wavertree
62543	College Single
35462	College Single
24635	College Single
—56243	St. Clement's
25364	St. Clement's
32456	College Single
64532	College Single
—25643	College Single
36425	St. Clement's
43562	St. Clement's
—25436	Childwall
42653	St. Clement's
64325	St. Clement's
36542	Childwall
53264	College Single
—42536	College Single
—65423	College Single
—34652	College Single
26534	College Single
—45263	Childwall
S 23456	

SCOTTISH RINGERS' HARD LUCK.

LEFT IN DARKNESS WITH END OF PEAL IN SIGHT.

A band of Scottish ringers had a piece of real hard luck on Saturday. Members of the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, company visited St. John's, Alloa, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, and, after ringing into the 18th part of Heywood's Transposition in 2 hours 25 minutes, the electric wires fused and left the ringing room in complete darkness.

The ringing was praiseworthy and would have been the first peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, and the first of Stedman in Scotland by a local service ringing band: R. O. Street 1, H. Sargent 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, N. Leiper 4, T. Winderam 5, E. A. Stafford 6, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 7, S. Lewis 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BENHILTON'S VICAR.

INCUMBENT WHO ALWAYS 'BACKED UP' HIS RINGERS.

The ringers and parishioners of All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, have suffered a great loss by the death of the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Clements, who died suddenly in church on Sunday morning. He was reading the lesson when he collapsed.

It was only a week ago last Saturday that he conducted the service at All Saints' on the occasion of the Surrey Association's meeting there, and part of his encouraging address was reported in 'The Ringing World' last Friday. He had spoken of his frank methods of dealing with those who complained about the ringing of church bells and concluded: 'So do not take too much notice of these disagreeable people, my brothers. As long as your ringing is done to the glory of God and in the service of your fellow-men, go on doing it, sure in the knowledge that your efforts are appreciated.'

The late Vicar was very appreciative of all the local ringers did. He never attempted to interfere with them, but always backed them up. Before evensong on Sunday a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung by R. Foreman 1, G. Rayner 2, F. Randall 3, H. Good 4, G. Chiverton 5, E. Eaticnap 6, W. Cyril Smith (conductor) 7, C. Vallis (first quarter-peal) 8.

PROPOSED ATTEMPT FOR TWENTY-FIVE 720's.

On Boxing Day, December 26th, members of the Yorkshire Association hope to attempt a record peal of Treble Bob Minor of 18,000 changes (twenty-five 720's in 25 different methods) at Felkirk, near Barnsley, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

The existing record has stood since 1816, when twenty-one 720's (15,120 changes) were rung in a peal at Wath, Yorkshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT MEETING AT SWITHLAND.

The Leicester District's last meeting of the year was held at Swithland on Saturday, November 21st. The bells, a ring of six, were set going at 2.45 to rounds, Grandshire, Plain Bob and other methods. The Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon McKay, conducted the association service and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Swithland. He delivered a most interesting address.

Tea was served in the hall, a company of about 20 sitting down. The chairman, Mr. J. Harris, welcomed the presence of the Rector.

After tea the chairman spoke of the loss the Anstey ringers had just sustained by the death of Mr. Alfred Cufflin. Mr. Cufflin had been towerkeeper at St. Mary's Church for about 33 years.

The chairman spoke of him as the link between the old five bells with the old band of ringers and the new peal of eight with the present young band of ringers.

The company then stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The chairman thanked the Rector for his interesting address, and the ladies for preparing tea. Tunes on the handbells were given by H. Hammersley, John Hill (aged 12) and S. Harrison, and Grandshire Doubles by E. H. Bagworth, H. Hammersley and S. Harrison.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing took place, a very enjoyable meeting having been spent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING DISCUSSES 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

With a desire further to promote the sale of 'The Ringing World' among its members, the South and West District of the Middlesex Association issued a 'questionnaire' to the affiliated towers, and on Saturday, when the forms were returned, the Editor of the paper was invited to attend a meeting held at Brentford and address the gathering, which numbered nearly 40, from Baling (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Denham, Sumbury, Hillingdon, Harrow, Heston, Isleworth, Feltham, Ruislip and Uxbridge, with visitors from Fulmer and Portsmouth.

The subject was introduced by Mr. W. H. Coles (Ringing Master). From the returns it appeared that out of 82 members in the district, 25 subscribed regularly and only six others were prepared to take it if the price was reduced to 2d. per week.

Several members expressed opinions at the meeting. Those who had grumbles mostly complained of the price and the fact that the reports of their quarter-peals were not published.

Mr. Goldsmith reviewed at some length the whole position of publishing a paper in the interests of ringers. In dealing with the financial side he pointed out the limited scope for revenue, except through sales, the difficulties and objections there were in subsidies or in charging for the insertion of peals; and he asked, if the price of the paper were reduced, who would undertake the financial risk which would have to be faced? It was obvious, if the returns made to the association were a criterion, that the number of new subscribers would be quite inadequate to make up the loss. With regard to the grievance of the non-publication of quarter-peals, he pointed out that, as a rule, these were of purely local interest.

THE EDITOR'S TASK.

The Editor's task, Mr. Goldsmith proceeded, was to decide which of the material which came to hand in any week was of the widest general interest. If preference were given to quarter-peals, these would soon increase to such a degree that nearly everything else would have to be sacrificed, and if there were some who now thought there was not enough interest in the paper to make it worth their while to buy, many more would take that view if they found records of minor performances predominating. It was not from any desire to exclude quarter-peals that they often did not appear, but from pure force of circumstances, which compelled a choice of this or that to be excluded. He asked those who complained of the non-appearance of their quarter-peals to remember that while as many as possible were published, other material of a wider interest would have to be excluded if all that were sent in were inserted.

Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the association), who presided, mentioned that during his close association with the paper in the absence of the Editor, he saw a number of these complaints. They were not based on the general ground of why were quarter-peals not always published, but 'why was not my quarter-peal printed?' He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goldsmith for his attendance and his address.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. W. H. Hellier, the hon. treasurer of the association, on the death of his wife.

A vote of congratulation to Mr. E. H. Lewis on being elected Master of the College Youths for the tercentenary year of the society was passed on the motion of the chairman, who pointed out that it was the first time a president of the Central Council had been Master of the society.

SUGGESTED OMISSION OF SERVICES AT MEETINGS.

For some reason or other, unexplained at the time, the service, which was to have been held before tea, did not take place, the church not being open and the Vicar not putting in an appearance.

Referring to this in the course of the meeting, Mr. H. C. Chandler, a former district hon. secretary, suggested that the district should consider whether it would not be better to omit the service from their ordinary meetings and hold one only on the occasion of the annual meeting. While the clergy were always ready to hold a service on request, he believed that many did so at inconvenience and would be glad to be relieved of it. Mr. Chandler also pointed out that in the days when services were not held, the attendance at meetings was much larger.

Mr. Ellingham supported this view, but the Chairman said he could not accept any motion on such an important matter without notice.

It was understood that the matter would be brought up at the annual meeting in February.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the ringing, which had taken place in the afternoon at Isleworth and Brentford, was resumed at the latter tower. Various methods of Minor were rung, as well as Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. St. Lawrence's tower contains six bells, which, for the past 40 years, have been waiting for the addition of two trebles. The frame is already there for the extra bells.

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CENTRAL FUND.

The last meeting of the year in the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, always a popular tower, and during the afternoon and evening attracted some 50 or more members and friends. Under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, touches in many methods, including Cambridge Court Bob, the special

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANY UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Over the annual report of the committee of the Lancashire Association, just issued, is the shadow of the loss of the president, Canon H. J. Elsee, who passed away on Good Friday, after occupying the office for nearly 46 years.

The total membership of the association is 1,530, made up of 85 hon. life members, 11 hon. members, 313 non-resident ringing members, and 1,121 ringing members. The strength of the branches is as follows, the figures in parentheses showing the number of new members elected during the year: Manchester 150 (16), Liverpool 129 (6), Rochdale 126 (2), Blackburn 123 (4), Bolton 120 (9), Farness 97 (9), Rossendale 94 (5), Preston 92 (2), Wigan 88 (15), Fylde 45 (2), Lancaster 44 (7), with 13 'abroad.'

The report records that 43 were crossed off for arrears, and death caused the loss of 18 members.

The treasurer's statement showed a gain on the year's working of £1 Os. 11½d. Although this is considered satisfactory, there are still a large number of members who are not paying their subscriptions. The report appeals to all members to be loyal to this side of the association's work, as during the coming year a very considerable expense would be incurred in reprinting the 'Rules and Diagrams.'

From August 1st, 1935, to July 31st, 1936, 93 peals were rung, including no less than 27 with bells muffled for various causes. Two 'official' peals were rung, one to celebrate Mr. W. H. Shaker's 25 years' service as general secretary, and the other a muffled peal to the memory of the late president. Perhaps the most noteworthy peal of the year, says the report, was that of Grandsire Caters at Wigan Parish Church in May. All the ringers were members of the Wigan Branch and the peal marked a definite advance in that part of the county. Pleasure is also recorded at the progress made at Worsley since the installation of the new peal of bells. Peals of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters have been rung by the local company, and peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters by mixed bands.

ALL-CONDUCTED AND NON-CONDUCTED.

At St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield, Kent, on Saturday, November 28th, after meeting short for an attempt for a peal of Minor, a touch of 1,560 changes (13 six-scores) Grandsire Doubles was rung: A. S. Richards 1, G. V. Murphy 2, D. Sharp 3, E. A. Barnett 4, P. Corby 5.

The conducting was shared by all the ringers, each calling a six-score in turn. The first, seventh and thirteenth six-scores were rung non-conducted. All ten different callings were used.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, November 4th, at the Parish Church, Seale, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): C. Newman 1, E. Gardner 2, H. Jeffreys 3, J. Carter 4, W. Denyer 5, C. Denyer (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the late Capt. Sir Edward Wingfield Verner, Bart., of David's Vere, Seale, who was interred in Seale Churchyard the same afternoon.

OLD MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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method chosen for this meeting, and several 'touches of rounds' for some beginners present, kept the meeting going from three to five o'clock. It was regretted that, owing to the Rector being engaged elsewhere, the usual service had to be missed.

Tea was served at the Express Dairy, High Street, with Mr. G. W. Fletcher, vice-president, presiding. At the subsequent business meeting six new members were elected, whilst it was announced that the annual meeting of the district had been arranged for January 30th at St. Andrew's, Kilburn. The special method chosen for the next meeting was St. Clement's Bob Triples, but members were advised not to forget Cambridge Court Bob.

The Chairman intimated that at the annual meeting of the district it was possible that proposals would be brought forward in respect of the financial relations of the districts with the Central Fund, with a view to expanding the latter, and he hoped members would think over the matter between now and the date of that meeting.

The Hon. Secretary said that he had had a proposal sent to him by the hon. secretary of the South and West District, providing that resident members of 65 years of age, after a continuous membership of ten years, should be excused further subscriptions. Whilst sympathising with such a proposal, he said that unless something was done, the Central Fund would lose by this, probably more than it could afford, and it would be as well if this was considered in relation to the proposal put forward by the chairman.

The hon. secretary welcomed the several young ringers present, from Bethnal Green, Kingsbury and elsewhere, and urged them to attend regularly and take every opportunity that offered for practice. Only by this means could they become efficient ringers.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd) for the use of the bells; to Mr. R. E. G. Geare for arranging the meeting; and to the anonymous gentleman who had paid quite a substantial proportion of the cost of the tea.—This was carried unanimously, and the business meeting terminated.

More ringing, both on tower bells and on handbells, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, December 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service in All Saints' Church, 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. C. T. Waters, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Pontefract. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby. Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District & Romney Marsh & District Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on December 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at St. Michael's Rooms, at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley, near Leeds.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday, December 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Welcome Hall, Scarsbrook Road, by kind invitation of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Croydon and churchwardens. Admission by ticket only. Bells available for ringing until 8.30 p.m. Social at the Drill Hall, Union Road (opposite the Bell Foundry), at 8 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Please help to make our last 1936 meeting a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Church Road, Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells (10) will be available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting has been arranged for Laxton (6 bells), near Ollerton, on Dec. 12th. All ringers welcome. Rounds to London Surprise.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please look up Minor Methods.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged to be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12th, has been cancelled.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmorland, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Corfield Hall.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

BRADSHAW ST. JOHN, HALIFAX.—The ring of 5 bells given by Eli Fielding, Esq., and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3.15 p.m. A short peal will be rung by ringers of Queensbury Parish Church, who will also ring for about half an hour after the service. There will be light refreshment in the school after the service.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. and tea 4.45. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Sec.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, December 12th, annual meeting. Election of secretary and committee. Bells available 3 till 5. Service 5. Tea at 5.30, Institute. Ringing till 8.30 if required. Excellent travelling by coach or train. Watford District, Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A ringers' service will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

RUABON, NEAR WREXHAM.—The ring of six bells which has been rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Wrexham.

ASPENDEN, HERTS.—The Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the bells (8) which have recently been rehung and some recast by A. Bowell, of Ipswich, on Tuesday, December 15th, after a Confirmation service, which takes place at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Thursday, December 17th, at 8 p.m., the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of eight bells recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, Southwark Cathedral on the 17th, *St. Giles's, Cripplegate on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but *do send a card*, if you want tea, to Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Road, Hemel Hempstead. The secretary, district committee, and representatives on the general committee will be elected at this meeting. Some subscriptions are still outstanding, so come along, and pay up.—W. Ayre, Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Northern District City meeting will be definitely held on Saturday, December 19th. Particulars of towers next week.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Visitors requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Green, Frigwell, Calverleigh, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 19th. The list of meetings for 1937 will be compiled at this gathering. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card by the 16th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, December 19th, at Marlow, 3.30 p.m., and Wooburn, 7 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than December 14th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at a time after the football match at Burnden Park. A peal tablet will be unveiled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, December 16th?—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports ready.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Silver Jubilee. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m., to celebrate the silver jubilee of the formation of this branch. Tea at 5 in King Alfred's Chamber. All ringers are invited, especially those who took part in the early stages of the branch. Please come and bring your friends with you, and have a good time with us at Sandy.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MELTHAM, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On New Year's Eve, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the bells, a ringing peal of six and four stationary bells, which have been restored, including rehanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, South-over Cottage, Pyrford, Woking. Further particulars later.



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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

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TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—For morning service on November 29th, 1311 Stedman Cinques: C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, *R. Amor 2, *J. Francis 3, *W. Loud 4, *C. Butcher 5, S. J. Hector 6, *W. R. Baxter 7, *B. Worsdell 8, G. H. Harding 9, *C. Raison 10, N. V. Andrews 11, *W. J. Prescott 12. * Longest touch of Cinques.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bloom 1, F. Frampton 2, Miss F. Child 3, H. R. Bennett 4, Dr. A. Cunningham (Wareham) 5, A. G. Rose 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Ring for the dedication festival.

FUNERAL OF SUFFOLK RINGER. FORMER DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The funeral took place at Stowmarket on December 1st of Mr. E. E. Diaper, one of the oldest members of the Stowmarket company of ringers. His association with this band dated back for upwards of 35 years.

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Mr. Diaper had rung several peals, including 33 for the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

Among those present at the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Tucker Harvey, were Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, and Mr. W. Tydeman, captain of the local band. In the evening a half-muffled peal was rung as recorded elsewhere.

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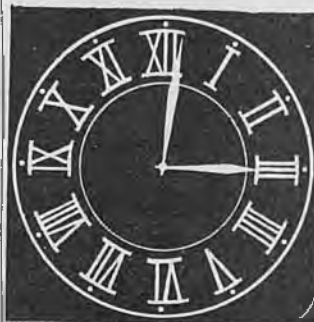
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