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TECHNICAL TERMS.

There may be, at first sight, a certain amount of sympathy with the views of the writer of a letter, printed elsewhere, who asks for the omission of technical words in the instruction of beginners and the substitution of 'words in ordinary everyday use' as being more conducive to the progress of the learner, who has, at the outset, the double difficulty, as our correspondent puts it, of learning both to ring and to understand. But is this use of technical words so great an obstacle to the progress of a beginner, after all? Is it not more apparent than real? There has always been a kind of mystery made of the 'jargon of the belfry,' which renders conversation among ringers unintelligible to the uninitiated, but in ringing, as in any other study, the use of technical terms is unavoidable.

The technical words are used in ringing because there are no words 'in ordinary everyday use' which concisely express their meaning. These technical words were not invented by the writers of books, but grew up naturally among ringers in the towers and we cannot do without them. The fault really lies with the instructor, whether he be the writer of a book or a man in the tower, if he does not perform the elementary duty to his pupil of explaining at the outset what these technical terms mean. When, for instance, ringing is in progress, the employment of words 'in ordinary use' to put the beginner right when he makes a mistake would be impossible and, if it had to be done, would probably only make confusion worse confounded. Moreover, every instructor would develop his only vocabulary and new sets of terms would grow up. The technical words which we use are by this time pretty well standardised and, although we agree it is useless to hurl them at beginners without any previous explanation, in elementary matters at any rate they are not difficult to grasp. It is quite true that some instructors, not realising the importance of making the language of ringing clear to their pupils, fail to give adequate explanations and leave the beginner to find out for himself exactly what is meant by certain terms; equally true it is that some so-called instructors are incapable of lucidly explaining by 'words in ordinary use' exactly what they mean by technical terms they employ. But that is not the defect of the terms themselves. Anyone who begins the study of a science or an art will find himself at once faced with technical terms which he will have to understand before he can make progress, and ringing is no exception. These terms in ringing cannot be done without and beginners must put themselves to

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the trouble of understanding them. The learner who finds himself confronted with unfamiliar expressions would, we should have thought, have had his interest quickened rather than find discouragement in the fact. If he does not understand a term when he hears it for the first time, he can always ask its meaning. Up till recently the Central Council published a 'Glossary' of technical terms used in connection with bells and ringing. They have just given away all the hundreds of copies they had on hand because nobody seemed to want them. Actually the Glossary was one of the first things which a person who intended seriously to take up ringing might have studied with advantage.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY Treble	JAMES L. WATSON 6
*ARTHUR DAY 2	†ROLAND NEWSON 7
THOMAS J. HALL 3	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES 8
†A. ROWLAND TYSOE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
†ERNEST J. GALE 5	HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 141). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First attempt for a peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	†WILLIAM F. J. COPE 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	*GEORGE L. GROVER 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
SIDNEY ELTON 4	CHARLES HAZLEDEN 9
SIDNEY BREEZE 5	FREDERICK W. RADFORD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Treble	NORMAN H. MANNING 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS 7
ERNEST J. KING 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
*NORMAN H. GRINHAM 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
ARTHUR EVERITT 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by H. E. BULWER.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 6
*RONALD W. SWANN ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	WALTER H. POOLE ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	† GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 6
* REGINALD BEALE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 4	† WILLIAM G. HARWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
* GEORGE JACKSON ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 500th peal.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	WALTER A. PECK ... 5
DENNIS T. BROCK ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. F. W. Coombe, recently inducted Vicar of Wraysbury. It was also a birthday peal for D. T. Brock.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* HARRY HARGREAVES ... Treble	ALBERT YATES ... 5
† THOMAS HILLMAN ... 2	† HERBERT C. RAWCLIFFE ... 6
WILLIAM PROCTOR ... 3	FRED READ ... 7
† WALTER BRIGGS ... 4	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. J. Preston.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

H. JIM RALPH, Past Secretary, North Dorset Branch ... Treble	
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset Branch ... 2	
REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, General Secretary ... 3	
LEONARD HARRIS, Ringing Master, Salisbury Branch ... 4	
FRANK W. ROMAINE, Secretary, Salisbury Branch ... 5	
SYDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes Branch ... 6	
WILLIAM C. WEST, Secretary, Devizes Branch ... 7	
FRANK GREEN, Assistant Secretary ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

Rung by officers of the Guild to mark the completion by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards of 50 years' service as a ringer. William C. West's 100th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (No. 1).

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfleda,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

LESLIE TREMEER ... Treble	* ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5
* FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 2	HAROLD P. REED ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
* DENNIS G. BROWN ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 5
* CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 6
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	† HARRY GIBBARD ... 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. NICHOLS. Conducted by ARTHUR J. HOLMES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Major.

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MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE BEENEY 2	WILFRED BOOTH 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON Treble	HARRY WILD 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
ARTHUR SKELTON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*THOMAS E. WHITE Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING 5
CYRIL DOBNEY 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	NORMAN T. KING 7
ERNEST T. KING 4	JOHN W. CARTER Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

* First peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

VIOLET SHORTER Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
FREDERICK DENCH 2	FRANCIS E. GLEAVES 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3	REGINALD LATHBURY 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 7
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 4	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ex-Sgt. J. Williams and J. Austin.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

NORMAN CHADDOCK Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
JAMES HAYWOOD 2	TOM BROTHWELL 6
*JACK BROTHWELL 3	FRED CARDWELL 7
FRED WATKINSON 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Noel Cawthorne to Leslie Haywood.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE & BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDWARD P. ASHBY Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
*ERIC B. HARTLEY 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	*HARRY NEWTON 5
HERBERT WALKER 2	*THOMAS HOLDER 6
HARRY C. WALTERS 3	CHARLES BROWN 7
ARTHUR WALKER 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Walker.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
*PHILIP A. CORBY 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Double Bob.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE,
CAMBRIDGE & PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT LOWMAN Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
JOHN FREEMAN 3	WALTER TOMLINSON 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal of Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	WALTER LEE 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	HARRY C. JONES 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT H. WALKER Treble	*BENJAMIN T. HOLT 5
JAMES HUNT 2	JACK ROY 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
ALEC A. WALKER 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*ERIC J. COR... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*ELLEN E. DAVIS 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	JOHN G. NASH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Bristol.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	REGINALD H. NEWTON 5
*MRS. A. EVANS 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. RÆVES. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Evans.

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THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

F. R. DEACON Treble	N. STATHAM 4
G. A. CHARLTON 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN. 5
G. WRIGHT, JUN. 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM G. KING Treble	REGINALD A. DARE 4
†E. ERNEST FISHER 2	GEORGE GILLING 5
EDWARD J. AVERY 3	*KENNETH W. GATEHOUSE... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Liller, on her 100th birthday.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STRONG Treble	ARTHUR HOWARD... .. 4
†LESTER L. GRAY 2	HARRY ROGERS 5
FRANK VARTY 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 25, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. L. WRIGHT Treble	A. R. WOODARD 4
LESLIE FOSTER 2	LESLIE WRIGHT 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE 3	FRANK ROPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROPER.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 49 methods:—

1. Chalfont, Cromer, Stevenston, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammas, Olney Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
2. Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck Alliance and Kent Little Court.
3. Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham.
4. Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Court Bob.
5. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
6. Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
7. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 49 methods by all. There were 132 changes of method.

BROUGHTON, PRESTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED PATCHELL Treble	JOHN JACKSON 4
*KENNETH MARTIN 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 5
KENNETH HALL 3	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERIC LEWIS Treble	ARTHUR GARLEY 4
WILLIAM SHELFORD 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
MISS MARY GARLEY 3	THOMAS GARLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GARLEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, this being his first peal. First peal as conductor.

EXTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wavertree, Childwall, Single Court, College Single, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOSEPH NORTON Treble	*P. D. BALDOCK 4
*J. R. NICHOLS 2	*R. H. KNIGHT 5
J. G. GEARY 3	J. H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal in seven methods.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

FRED WOODWARD Treble	*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE 4
JAMES MARTIN 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT 5
*HARRY HANCOCK 3	JOHN MCKEE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Harry Hancock and as a compliment to Mr. Ernest F. Bennett, upon becoming a grandfather of twin boys.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD H. TREASURE Treble	*LEONARD S. COLES 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 2	LESLIE B. COLES 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 3	EDWARD GILL Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment for the wedding of the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Leslie Mills Coombes) to Miss Wynefryd Mary Allinson Radford, of Dellview, Shooters Hill, London, which took place on Saturday, November 26th, at Publow.

ASHWELL, HERTS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. COLLINS Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 2	C. EDWARD JEFFERIES 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Norfolk, Durham, Primrose, London, Ipswich, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD A. TIDY Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 4
RICHARD WILSON 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5
ROBERT COLLINS 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

First peal in five methods as conductor. First peal on the bells since 1899.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Sunday, November 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in the method. Mr. J. Bray's 150th peal as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	HARRY ASHTON 7-8

PETER LAFLIN 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—John E. Rootes.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band and by the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION'S PROGRESS.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Braintree on November 26th, when 44 ringers attended from 18 parishes: Halstead, Earls Colne, Braintree, Feering, Bocking, Witham, Kelvedon, Wickham St. Paul's, Sible Hedingham, Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Coggeshall, Sawbridgeworth, Colne Engaine, Great Tey, Stebbing, Ufford and Holborn. A service was held in the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Brook). A collection on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) presiding. Before the business the District Master referred to the death of Mr. H. Coote (Braintree), an old ringer and former member of the association.

A message of good wishes was received from the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers), who also invited the ringers to the tower at Bocking that evening if they so desired.

A report of the year's activities was presented by the district secretary (Miss H. G. Snowden), and showed that meetings had been held at Earls Colne, Halstead, Stebbing, Dunmow and Braintree, there having been an average attendance of 42. Six ringing members and one non-resident life member had been elected and two had passed away. Thirty-eight peals had been rung, compared with 30 last year. All these had been rung on tower bells, and were conducted by R. Bird 17, L. W. Wiffen 9, W. Arnold and R. Suckling 3 each, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, A. Wiffen, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, J. W. Ward and J. Jennings one each. It was very gratifying to see the number of young ringers taking part, some in a first peal and others who had conducted for the first time. Thirty-six of the 38 peals had been conducted by members of that division. Miss Snowden expressed thanks to all who had attended the meetings, and specially the correspondents of each company, whose assistance in collecting the subscriptions had been a great help.

The report was adopted, and the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and district secretary (Miss Snowden) were re-elected for the ensuing year. Ten new ringing members and one probationer were elected, and Coggeshall was chosen as the next place of meeting, the date being left for the secretary to fix.

The District Master thanked the Vicar for his helpful address and the use of the bells, the organist, Mr. Davidson (churchwarden), and also the sub-dean of Bocking.—The Vicar briefly replied.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Bob Minor to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on the bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Despite the counter-attraction of a F.A. Cup-tie between Guildford and Aldershot, the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Old Woking on Saturday week. Over 40 members and visitors attended. They included the Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. A. Harman (Leatherhead District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham District secretary) and Mr. P. Cannon (Bexhill-on-Sea).

Mr. O. E. Smith (District Ringing Master) was in charge of the ringing, and saw to it that everyone was catered for. Rounds and touches in various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Woking (Canon G. Askwith) conducted the Guild's form of service, and at the commencement of his address extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He expressed his regret that an unexpected call would prevent him from sharing in the remainder of the programme.

An enjoyable tea was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Ringing Master presided.

It was reported that as a result of the recent circular appeal to clergy in the district, the Rev. A. L. Brown, of Womersley, had joined the Guild as a life member.

Mr. C. A. B. Girdler, of Shalford, was also elected as a ringing member.

Retiring district officers were, on the proposition of Mr. A. H. Pulling, renominated en bloc.

The Guild secretary took the opportunity of reminding those present that the annual dinner of the Guild (to be held on January 14th) needed their support if it was to continue as a successful event.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. A. C. Hazelden expressed the thanks of all present to the Vicar, organist, verger, and to Mr. D. Munday, of the local band, for kindly making arrangements for tea.

EGHAM STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEATH.

It is with much regret we record the loss to Egham tower, Surrey, of Mr. William S. Perry, who had been ringer and steeplekeeper there for over 20 years. 'Old Bill,' as he was affectionately known, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 27th, at the age of 68. The interment took place on Friday, when a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening by A. Clark 1, E. Armstrong 2, W. Parker 3, W. Peck 4, L. Scammell 5, E. Burley 6, J. Hessey (conductor) 7, J. Greenough 8.

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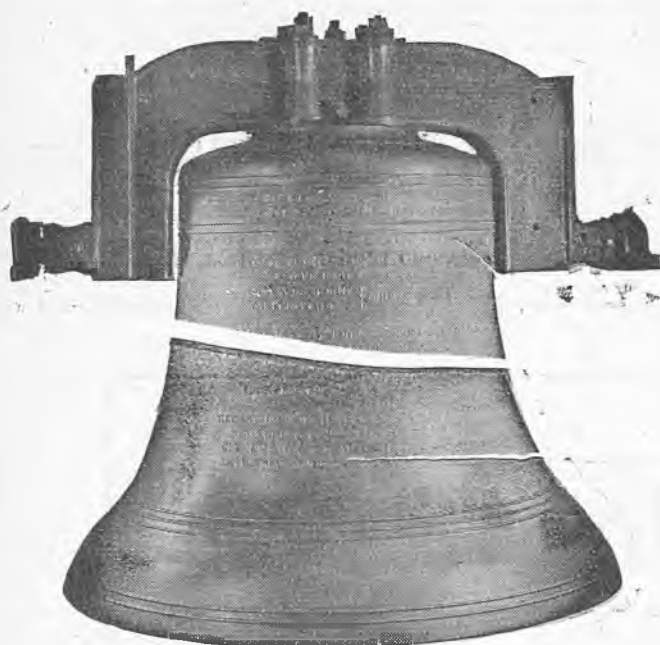
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ten bells of Wisbech Parish Church were broadcast on Sunday evening before the service in the Regional programme. They were heard for just 1 minute 15 seconds. The rest of the allotted five minutes was taken up with the reading of a description of the church and an organ voluntary.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association, which was to have been held at Hitchin to-morrow, has been transferred to Knebworth, as, owing to the condition of the bells, prolonged ringing at Hitchin is not permitted.

Mr. William Boughton, of Clent, Worcestershire, who has just celebrated his 82nd birthday, has sung in the choir at his Parish Church for 72 years and been a bellringer for over 50 years. He is still happy when working at his trade with bricks and mortar, and in his leisure hours is fond of gardening.

His son, Mr. Frank Boughton, who also learned to ring at Clent, is living in Melbourne, and took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral during the visit of the English ringers to Australia in 1934.

We are sorry to say that Mr. James George, who has been incapacitated for some months, has had to return to Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, for further treatment. He is a patient in Ward 7A. His many friends will hope for a speedy improvement in his condition.

Mr. Bill Barber, of Newcastle, after having been for some weeks in hospital, is now in a convalescent home at West Wylam, Co. Durham, recovering from the effects of a burn on the knee, received during his work, and anaemia. Happily he is making excellent progress.

'By ringing a peal of call changes on eight bells for 3 hours 36 minutes on Saturday (November 19th), the Iver (Bucks) bellringers created a record for the parish. The previous record stood at 3 hours 21 minutes.' Thus the local newspaper.

It is said that over 4,000 changes were rung, although there is no information as to who counted them. But the reporter recording the achievement waxed eloquent to the extent of nearly a full column.

'Every few moments,' we are told, 'the captain called the changes and faultlessly the tune of the bells changed without any noticeable alteration in the rhythm of the ringers' arms.'

'The peal was executed with only one hitch during 4,000 or so changes,' the captain, pulling treble, and one of the team nearly coincided with their pulls. Had their respective bells sounded together the rest of the team would have been thrown out of order and the record would never have been achieved.'

We wonder whether the Iver giants will now permit some common or garden band to attempt a modest performance of real change ringing on the bells?

BEGINNERS HAMPERED BY TECHNICAL TERMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would, I think, be a help to those who are beginning to learn bellringing if a short booklet could be written explaining, say, Grandsire Doubles, omitting, as far as possible, the technical words used in bellringing, and employing instead words in ordinary everyday use. Such a book would, I am sure, be more widely used than are the books at present in use.

To begin with technical words, as both books and instructors do, raise an unnecessary barrier for the learner. The same remark applies to the use of technical phrases. It is not easy for the average person to assimilate the words and phrases which are used in the early stages of learning, and many learners are discouraged by the double difficulty of learning (1) to ring and (2) to understand technical words and phrases at the same time.

The technicalities can, of course, be explained, but it would make bellringing easier to learn if, in teaching, ordinary words and phrases were used for beginners. The writer of books for beginners and also the instructors have, of course, become familiar with all the technical words and phrases, and they hurl them at the beginner—often without any explanation at all. This does not make the learning easy. On the contrary, it actually has a discouraging effect, and learners drop out in consequence.

W. W. LUCAS.

Drayton Parslow Rectory.

HAMPSHIRE OCTOGENARIANS.

MR. W. LINTER CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY.

Two octogenarians took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Swanmore, Hants, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, Mr. W. Linter, sen., and Mr. G. Williams. The ringing was in honour of the birthday of Mr. Linter, who was 81 on the Monday. He has been a ringer at Swanmore for more than 50 years and is one of the oldest members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. The 720 was rung by W. Linter, sen. 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, W. Linter, jun. 3, Walter Linter 4, F. S. Bayley 5, E. J. Harding 6. Touches in other methods were rung, in which Mrs. J. Hall, Col. Clutterbuck, Major Bickford and Messrs. R. Linter, E. Whiteman, H. Beckett, W. Ryves, L. Page, W. Hayhoe and A. Millard took part. Mrs. Bayley kindly provided an iced birthday cake for tea.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—48.

CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Although he does not figure so often among the conductors in these days as he once did, Mr. Charles W. Clarke, of Bedford, is a ringer whom many will remember for his consistent peal ringing and his ability as a conductor. For many years he was the leading figure in ringing in Bedfordshire, doing a great deal in the six-bell towers, as well as ringing peals on the higher numbers. Born at Oundle, Northants, on May 8th, 1864, Mr. Clarke rang his first peal before he was 20 years old, and his first peal as conductor was the first peal by the Bedfordshire Association. It was seven different 720's at Biddenham. In those days Mr. Clarke gave much attention to Minor ringing, and his peals in seven methods alone number 361, of which he has called 252, in addition to which he has rung and conducted peals consisting of all London (2) and Cambridge (4), as well as sixteen peals in less than seven methods. One of his earlier peals of Minor was rung in fourteen 360's, and he has also rung peals consisting of fourteen and ten extents of Minor.

His ringing on higher numbers extends from Triples to Cinques and includes one peal of 10.176 of Treble Bob Major, as well as 66 peals of Surprise Major and Royal. Altogether Mr. Clarke has rung 718 peals and conducted 432, in 131 towers for nine associations.

He has served on the committee of the Bedfordshire Association and was one of their instructors.



MR. CHARLES W. CLARKE.

BELL WEIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As reporter of the peal at Bray on November 5th, I should like to explain to my friends, Messrs. George Gilbert and Fred Russell, why I published the weight of the tenor as 25 cwt. First it is definitely a D bell, and obviously not a B bell, 50 cwt. being required for B bells (examples, Southwark and Bow). I have measured tenors for years now and collected weights and key notes, and have not found that my estimates are far out.

Roughly, this is how a bell weight is estimated: The sound-bow is a thick ring of metal giving out the main note of the bell, the waist being very much thinner, and acting, in bells like Miles Graye's, as not much more than a means of suspension from the crown. A sound-bow of given thickness and diameter will vibrate at a certain speed, and, therefore, gives out a certain note. If the diameter is increased, but not the thickness, it will vibrate slower and give a lower note. If the diameter remains the same and the thickness is reduced, it will also vibrate slower and give a lower note. Obviously to reverse these processes a decrease in diameter or an increase in the thickness will result in a quicker speed of vibration and give a higher note. It will thus be seen that, if a bell has a moderate diameter for the note given, it cannot vary much as regards the amount of metal in the sound-bow, which is the bulk of the weight.

Bray tenor is 52½ inches in diameter and the note D, and, while it is fairly long in the waist, it is also fairly narrow, and with the cannons cut off, I cannot bring myself to believe that there is any more than 25 cwt. in this bell. If the note were B, as Mr. Gilbert says the foundry informed him, then the weight would be about 16 cwt. However, no such bell exists in this country.

I was very interested in Mr. Gilbert's misgiving as to whether the Central Council would recognise a peal rung with these silencers, but as it is a step in the right direction, and no rule at present exists by which it could be turned down, I think it would be a great mistake to refuse to recognise peals so rung. We certainly had no complaints about excessive noise, though I certainly do agree that a fine tenor and a good peal were just wasted.

TONY PRICE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTERSHIP.

MR. E. G. FENN APPOINTED ACTING MASTER

The vacancy in the Mastership of the College Youths caused by the regretted death of Mr. Lawrence B. Porter was considered by the society at their meeting on Tuesday night.

There was a large attendance of members, presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was voted to the chair. At the outset he referred to the tragedy of Mr. Porter's death, and expressed sympathy with the bereaved. The members then stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Master.

The Chairman pointed out that the situation as far as could be ascertained was without precedent in the history of the society, and that it was a traditional custom in the City, not only in the Corporation in connection with the post of Lord Mayor, but also in the City Companies in similar circumstances, to appoint an acting Lord Mayor or Master for the remainder of the year. The usual procedure was to appoint someone who had previously held office.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer) endorsed the chairman's remarks as to the custom which existed in London and elsewhere, and suggested that the society should take this course. He hoped they would have a unanimous vote, as it would be undignified under the circumstances to make it the occasion of a competitive election.

The Chairman asked for a proposition for an Acting Master, and the name of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn was proposed. Mr. Fenn, it was pointed out, had in the past served more than once in the office of junior and senior steward, but had never passed through the chair.

Mr. Fenn was unanimously appointed, and, having been invested by Mr. Lewis, took the chair and expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, although he regretted the circumstances which made it necessary.

As a mark of respect of respect to the late Master, the remainder of the official business was adjourned until the next meeting.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. L. B. PORTER.

'WHOLE PULL AND STAND' RUNG AT CRIPPLEGATE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Lawrence Beardsley Porter, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose death we recorded last week, took place at Willesden on Wednesday, November 30th. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Church, and among those present, representing the society, were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), E. A. Young, H. Miles, H. Langdon, W. Judd, T. H. Taffender, H. Hoskins, J. E. L. Cockey, J. E. Davis and R. Deal.

The interment took place at Willesden Cemetery, where, after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, in slow time, by Messrs. H. Langdon 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, W. Judd 5-6, A. A. Hughes 7-8.

On the previous evening the bells of St. Giles', Cripplegate, were rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Master. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung by E. G. Fenn, E. H. Lewis, H. Hoskins, T. G. Fowler, H. G. Miles, G. W. Cecil, R. W. Green, R. Fenn, A. A. Hughes, W. H. Pasmore, A. B. Peck and J. G. A. Prior. Touches of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung, in which S. H. Green, L. Fox, T. Fox, J. E. Lewis Cockey, E. A. Young, E. F. Pike, F. M. Butler, H. Warboys, R. G. Cousins, A. P. Cannon, J. A. Waugh and R. F. Deal took part.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT TWICKENHAM.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday week, about 30 members and friends being present from Bishopsgate, Brentford, Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Isleworth, Leighton Buzzard, North Mimms, Prittlewell, Ruislip, Twickenham and Westminster (St. Margaret's). The bells were kept going in various standard methods during the afternoon, and again after the meeting, under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master. A short service was conducted by the Rev. S. C. T. Hoyal (curate), in the absence of the Vicar and president, Preb. Cole Sheane.

A substantial tea, arranged by the local ringers, and a short business meeting followed. One new member, Mr. F. W. Garner, a promising learner at Ealing, was elected.

The secretary gave notice that the annual supper had been arranged at Heston on January 14th, and appealed to all towers for their support.

It was also announced that the annual meeting of the district had been fixed for Isleworth on February 4th.

The secretary also appealed to members to take up the new edition of 'Stedman,' written by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and an appeal was also made to all tower secretaries to clear off outstanding subscriptions for 1938; to send in as soon as possible information relating to peals and quarter-peals rung during the year, and information relating to lapses, removals or deaths of members for inclusion in the next report.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the Rev. S. C. T. Hoyal, the organist, the local company and to the lady helpers at tea was proposed by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. T. Lock and carried with acclamation.

AN OXFORD PROPOSAL.

SUGGESTED THANKSGIVING DAY.

The City and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday, November 26th, at All Saints' Church. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the City Rector, who gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting after tea, Mr. W. Collett was re-elected chairman, and Mr. E. J. Morton hon. secretary and treasurer.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the proposition of Alderman Brown that this branch should set an example to the Exercise by a special observance of September 29th each year as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the preservation of peace.

The proposer expressed the hope that the whole Exercise would follow such a lead, and that this important event in history should be for ever commemorated.

Although most of the members were in sympathy with the idea, opinion was sharply divided as to whether it was practicable or advisable. Political motives might be suspected; and it was pointed out that the anniversary was bound to be remembered by peal ringers in any case.

Eventually it was decided to reconsider the question at the next general meeting, and the chairman was asked to send a report to 'The Ringing World' to see if any general interest was aroused.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT STOKE GABRIEL.

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a meeting at Stoke Gabriel, near Totnes, on Monday evening (November 21st), when ringers were present from Paignton, Collaton St. Mary, Totnes and Buckfastleigh. The bells were well utilised during the early evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

The chairman (the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton) presided at the business meeting which followed, and the company stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Browning, of Cockington, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) reported that the meeting arranged to take place at Cockington in October had to be cancelled.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Amos, of Northampton, asking for help towards a fund for the provision of a peal of bells at St. Andrew's, Northampton, and it was resolved to devote the collection which will be taken at the annual meeting to this object.

The election of Messrs. E. H. Nash and K. Moon, of Frome, as non-resident members, prior to starting for a peal, was confirmed, and the Rev. O. L. Willmott, of Totnes, was elected a performing member.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch on Saturday, February 11th, and Totnes was chosen, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The secretary reported that the Cockington band had been disbanded, and he was instructed to make inquiries regarding their future membership with the branch. The chairman also promised to make inquiries regarding another band.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Stoke Gabriel for the use of his bells and the Church Hall, and some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH FIX NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport Branch was held on Saturday week at Hyde, when, in spite of the inclement weather, some 50 members and friends were present. The bells, a handy peal of eight by Taylors, were made full use of during the afternoon. The usual Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson), who also gave a very inspiring address. He took no particular text as basis for his remarks, but simply gave a few thoughts based on bells and their uses, which he hoped would be helpful.

Following the service, tea was served in the nearby Parish Hall under the direction of local ringers' wives, and all partook of an excellent repast.

The subsequent business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, supported by the Rev. F. Bonner, branch vice-chairman.

The Chairman assured the members that they were very welcome at Hyde. An apology was received from Mr. Wolstencroft, the branch chairman, who was unfortunately not able to be present owing to indisposition.

Three new members were elected, Benjamin Clarkson (Stockport St. George's), Frederick A. Adams and Albert Ford (non-resident). The meetings for 1939 were arranged as follows, subject to the permission of the respective authorities: Annual meeting, January 28th, Stockport St. George; April 22nd, New Mills; July 1st, Northenden; September 23rd, Bowdon; November 25th, Stalybridge Holy Trinity. The Bowdon meeting is, if possible, to be made a joint meeting with the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. After instructing the secretary to write to Mr. Wolstencroft expressing the regret of the meeting at his absence and their best wishes for his speedy recovery, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their assistance, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea and all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Huddersfield and District Association held a record meeting at Brighouse on Saturday, November 26th. There was a very good attendance, and members came from the following towers: Lindley, Longwood, Huddersfield, Meltham, Elland, Rippenden, Sowerby, Northowram, All Souls, Halifax, Halifax Parish Church, Heptonstall and Brighouse. The Vicar of Brighouse conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address. Afterwards he accompanied the ringers to the Co-operative Cafe, where an excellent tea was enjoyed.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the Rev. A. L. Minns presiding.

It was arranged that the next meeting should be held in the Halifax district on January 7th, and Mytholmroyd was decided upon as a suitable tower. This date was originally fixed for the Longwood meeting, but the latter has been thrown back till the first week in February, and Mr. A. Rothery, of the Longwood band, informed the meeting that they were arranging a free tea for all who attend.

It will not be out of place here to say that all who wish to take advantage of this generosity should notify the local band at least a week before the meeting, so that they can make proper arrangements.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local ringers was proposed by Mr. N. Smith, of Sowerby, and seconded by Mr. R. Squires, of Halifax.

Since the meeting it has been discovered that it is not possible to visit Mytholmroyd on January 7th, and steps are, therefore, being made to obtain the use of the bells at Northowram.

WANTAGE BELLS RESTORED.

After nearly four months' silence, the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Wantage, rang out again on Saturday, November 19th. Messrs. John Taylor and Son have carried out the rehanging of the peal with their usual efficiency.

The rededication was performed by the Rt. Rev. Roscoe Shedden, Vicar of Wantage, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A large congregation was present, including ringers from some 33 towers. The festival service commenced with the choir singing Cesar Franck's setting of the 150th Psalm, and ended with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest.' The collection amounted to £5 10s. and was devoted to the Repair Fund.

About 120 sat down to an excellent tea, served by the wives of the local ringers. The Bishop presided and welcomed the visitors. He said it was a matter of great regret that the tower foreman (Mr. F. Gregory) was prevented from being with them that day owing to illness.

After tea some excellent touches were brought round, one of Bristol being very favourably commented on. Other methods rung were London, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a touch of Spliced London, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise. Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch, was in charge of the ringing. Handbell ringing, both in changes and tunes, was afterwards enjoyed at the Swan Hotel, with Mr. W. J. Avery, the organist, at the piano, and brought a memorable day to a close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to point out two errors which appear under the heading of 'Compositions' on page 69 of the above report, which has just been published?

The peal of Double Norwich by Edwin Timbrell is a 5,152 and not a 5,162 as printed; and the peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,080 (No. 275), by Arthur Knights, in the last course should read 2 M. 2 H. and not 2 H. as printed.

Perhaps ringers in whose possession this report now is will make the necessary corrections.

THOMAS WILSON, Ringing Secretary.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Attleborough on Saturday, November 26th. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Smith), who also gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by the Rev. M. Mills (curate).

The tea and meeting took place at the Angel Hotel. Mr. W. L. Duffield (Saxlingham) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. H. Smith and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Bergh Apton (honorary members), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Mr. E. G. Bennett (committee), and ringers from Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Caston, Diss, Garboldisham, Gressenhall, Norwich, Saxlingham, Shelfanger, Winfarthing and Wymondham.

Five new members were elected, and it was decided to visit Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, February 4th, for the annual general meeting of the branch.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and the Rev. Mills, and also to the organist.

PEAL NOTES.

SOME NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

There has been a spate of peal ringing in the last two months, and it has abnormally congested our peal columns. December 3rd produced an equally high proportion, and we regret that we are compelled to hold over many of the reports. As far as we know, October produced 169 peals and November 168.

In this connection may we once more urge those responsible for sending in reports to forward them immediately the peals are rung. When, as not infrequently happens, they are held up for a week or ten days, and sometimes more, it means either that they have to be held over for yet another week, or those who ring later peals and send their reports in promptly have to be disappointed by delay in their appearance.

Our post bag on Monday evening provided an extraordinary contribution in the way of peals—the sort of thing which 40 years ago would not have been dreamed of, even in a nightmare. This is what the peals consisted of: Bristol Surprise on handbells; two peals of Spliced Surprise Major, one in four and the other in six methods; Cambridge Surprise Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, London Surprise Major, seven Surprise Minor methods, three Minor methods on handbells, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods at Harnston, on Dec. 3rd, was rung by members of the Lincoln Cathedral band and is a performance of which they may well be proud. Spliced Surprise ringing is widespread in these days, but there are few towers that can provide the whole of a band for a peal in six Major methods. The composition which they rang was an adaptation by Mr. G. R. Pye of the late Rev. H. Law James' peal in four methods.

Although they have included Bristol Surprise in their handbell peals of Spliced Surprise Major, it was not until last Friday that the talented Hertfordshire band rang a handbell peal entirely in this method.

The peal was rung at Oxhey, and on the previous day in the neighbouring tower at Bushey a peal of Spliced Surprise was rung in four methods. Both peals were conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore.

LIVERPOOL RINGER'S 500 PEALS.

Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, on Saturday rang his 500th peal. He is only the second member of the Lancashire Association to reach this total, the first having been Mr. Harry Chapman, who is now living at Keyston, Huntingdonshire. Mr. Chapman, unfortunately, has had to give up peal ringing, as his 'legs won't stand it.'

Mr. Newton's 500th peal was rung at Tarleton, where he called a peal of Stedman Triples, and afterwards Mr. William Dickenson extended generous hospitality to the band, which was greatly appreciated.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Taunton, on December 3rd, was the ringers' contribution to an interesting ceremony, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop de Salis (himself a ringer) was presented with his portrait in oils by the Taunton Deanery in recognition of his work for the church.

SALISBURY GUILD SECRETARY'S RINGING JUBILEE.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards recently completed his fiftieth year of active service as a ringer, and to mark the event the officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on November 26th. Mr. Edwards' services to the Exercise, generally in connection with broadcasting and the Press, are well known to our readers, who will add their congratulations. It was William C. West's hundredth peal.

On his retirement from the L.M. and S. Railway, two or three years ago, Mr. Ernest Gale went to live at St. Albans and joined the St. Peter's band. He had been out of ringing for a number of years and had had little or no experience of ten bells, but he quickly picked it up and has now rung his first peal on that number. If his memory has not deceived him, his last peal was one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Market Harborough on Boxing Day, 1903.

The peal of Cambridge Major rung at Romsey Abbey on Saturday was the first in the method by Frederick A. Munday, of Basingstoke, and Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth. It was also Harold P. Reed's 50th peal.

To commemorate the consecration of the new Church of SS. Mary and George, at Sands, in the parish of West Wycombe, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence. West Wycombe Church stands at the top of a high hill, and its tower, surmounted by a large and curious ball, is a conspicuous feature of the neighbourhood. It is said to have been built by Sir Francis Dashwood, a notorious 18th century rake and a member of the 'Hell Fire' Club, as an expiation of the irregularities of his early life. The peal was rung on December 3rd.

The first peal on the bells at South Petherton, Somerset, since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to the satisfaction of all, was rung on Saturday, November 26th, when three ringers from Taunton, three from Yeovil and two of the local band, one of whom rang his first peal and the other his first on eight bells, scored a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. A. Beale kindly dispensed hospitality to the band after the peal.

The one hundredth birthday of Mrs. Liller, of Churchill, Somerset, was fittingly celebrated on November 14th by a peal of Doubles on the bells of her Parish Church. It was the first peal on the bells since the tenor was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A NEW 720 IN TEN METHODS.

The North Lincolnshire band, who are putting so much energy into their Spliced Minor ringing, now that the opportunities of the South Lincolnshire men seem to have very largely disappeared, owing to the dispersal of the band, have gone a stage further and rung a peal in 49 methods.

The peal was rung at Elsham on Saturday and was Jack L. Millhouse's one hundredth peal.

A new 720, in ten methods, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, was included:

23456	Walsingham	S 62453	Cromer
56342		25634	
S 46235	Little Bob	S 53426	Little Bob
S 53246	Chalfont*	64253	
34562		32564	
46325		45632	
S 62543	Crayford L. Ct.	S 23645	Fulmer†
43256		45362	
56324		62534	
24635			
35462		34256	

Twice repeated, substituting Stevenston and Tibenham at * and Lammass and Olney at † in the 2nd and 3rd parts respectively.

Two new Vicars were welcomed by peals last week, the Rev. J. C. Hawthorne, to Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, and the Rev. T. W. Coombe, to Wraybury, Bucks.

In these days of prolific peal ringing many ringers score one or more peals in every month throughout a year, so that the performance is not exceptional. But it is, perhaps, not uninteresting that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has accomplished it this year, repeating the achievement for the first time, after a lapse of 39 years; the last year in which he did it being 1899.

December's peal was rung at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, and was a birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guildford Guild. It also enabled the general secretary of the Guild to ring his first peal on ten bells and the Guildford district secretary his first peal, except one in which he rang the tenor behind.

To celebrate the sixtieth birthday on the preceding Wednesday of Mr. Harry Hancock, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at West Derby, Liverpool, on November 26th. It was also a compliment to Mr. Ernest F. Bennett, who has just become a proud grandfather of twin boys.

The William peal at Debenham was the first of the kind in Suffolk. Four of the band belonged to that county and four to Norfolk. The latter had not taken part in a name peal before.

The peal of Bob Major at Mayfield, Sussex, on November 26th, was the twenty-fifth peal which Messrs. L. W. Jarvis and W. A. Kitchen-side have rung together.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S G.O.M.

As the birthdays of three or four Gloucester ringers come close together in October and November, it was decided to attempt a peal at Barnwood to commemorate them. Illness caused it to be postponed, and it was on November 29th at St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, that it was completed. The ringers were Sydney E. Romans, who rang the second; John Austin, who rang the third and called the bobs; Thos. H. Harris, seventh, and ex-Sergt. J. Williams, who was at the fourth. The sergeant, who is in his 87th year, is still going strong. He went to Cheltenham the other day and rang the tenor to some Caters. He is Gloucestershire's Grand Old Man of ringing.

The peal of Minor at Maxey, Northants, rung on December 3rd by the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild, was the first Surprise peal on the bells.

The first peal on the bells at Northowram, Yorkshire, since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was rung on November 26th, when in a peal of Double Norwich the band found the go of the bells to be excellent.

The death has recently taken place of Mr. J. Preston, who was a ringer at St. Mary's, Whalley, Lancashire, for 45 years. In his memory, a fully muffled peal of Bob Major was rung at Whalley on November 26th.

The peal of Bob Major rung by the Sheffield District Society at Handsworth on November 30th was to celebrate the wedding of two of the local ringers, Miss Noel Cawthorne and Leslie Hayward, which took place on November 19th. The ringers of the treble and tenor, Messrs. Norman Chaddock and John E. Turley, have now circled the tower.

The 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells at Stockport was the one hundredth peal that Allen F. Bailey and Harold Jackson had rung together. It was a birthday compliment to two others of the band—Alfred Barnes and Peter Laffin.

In the 18th century, Double Bob was one of the most popular methods among advanced bands, but nowadays very few peals of it are rung. However, we record two performances this week, one on handbells and the other at Crayford in Kent. Double Bob is one of the most suitable of all methods for handbell ringing.

The peal of Doubles at Brightwell, Berks, on October 29th, was claimed to be the first on the bells. Information has now been received that a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them on February 20th, 1909, conducted by Mr. Gordon Caudwell. The peal in October, however, was the first in four methods on the bells.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE EXERCISE.

S. MENDAX MAKES A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some time ago a correspondent stated that the art of ringing was slowly but surely dying. I would not go so far as that, but I think that everyone will agree that there are many things connected with the Exercise which are not as they should be. Finance, for instance. I doubt if you could find a single association secretary or treasurer who, if he is honest, would admit that he can pick up enough for himself to make it worth while. I myself was for long the treasurer of an important society, and throughout the time of my office there was not one year when I could make enough to justify me in altering my income tax returns.

A friend says something about balance sheets. Of course, there are balance sheets; but, as any accountant will tell you, there is a right way of preparing a balance sheet and a wrong. You would not show an item like, 'Whisky and soda for the secretary, 5s.,' or 'Bottled Bass for the ringing master, 7s. 6d.' These things would appear under the heading of 'postages.' The secretary's holiday would show as 'incidental expenses,' and his wife's doctor's bill as 'transferred to Belle Restoration Fund.'

But as we have all found out to our cost, it is useless to put your fingers into an empty till; and it is useless to talk about these things so long as there are no funds. The first thing we want is financial improvement; and, having given the matter no small amount of careful consideration, I think the best plan would be to have a system of transfer fees something like that used by professional football clubs.

If we look round the Exercise we shall come to the conclusion that there is no shortage of ringers. Forty thousand men, if they put their minds to it, can make as much noise and be quite as big a nuisance as will satisfy the most exacting conditions. The trouble is that these men are not just where they are wanted. There are too many square pegs in round holes. Some bands have many conductors and not enough ringers to man all the ropes. Some bands have many ringers and no conductors. The obvious remedy is for associations to sell the men they do not want and buy the men they do want. Concomitantly there would have to be a free transfer list, and societies would sometimes find it to their interest to offer a bonus with some of their members. An advertisement might read as follows: 'The association, having no further use for Mr. Pistol, will give him to any band offering him a good home; and on completion of the transaction a packet of Woodbines will be given to each of the captain and secretary of the band.'

But there are many ringers who would prove to have great financial value. Men like Albert Walker, Gabriel Lindoff and C. T. Coles would fetch high prices in the open market, not to mention others younger and not quite so well known. For example, I am sure that the College Youths would jump at the chance of securing Mr. Coles and would not boggle at having to pay a transfer fee of five and twenty pounds or so.

I do not suggest that £25 would be the standard price for a really first-class ringer. That would be decided by the laws of barter and supply and demand. The vendors naturally would ask as much as they could—£30 or even £35. The buyers would offer as little as they dared—£15 or £20. And the conclusion would be a compromise, with, perhaps, one or two ordinary ringers thrown in as a make-weight.

This plan would give the College Youths an opportunity of disposing of some of their crooked stars, and, provided the matter was handled properly and with business acumen, quite good prices could be realised; from say 5s. up to as much as £5 apiece. It would need a business man and one who understands advertising to carry it out; and no one will suggest that the College Youths lack such.

It would be useless, of course, to circularise the incumbents of the London city churches with a proposal to sell them a band of College Youths; but there must be many places in the remoter districts of the country—Cornwall, for instance, the wilder parts of Wales, and my own county—where the reputation of the society still stands extremely high and where people would be willing to make real financial sacrifices for the sake of having a band of genuine College Youths.

But the most promising part of the scheme would be a plan by which an association could employ an agent to go about and find promising youngsters. These would be secured at a nominal figure. They would then be sent up to headquarters, given instructions and practice with skilled bands, and, after careful training, should fetch high prices in the open market. A proposal to breed ringers cannot be considered until the Eugenic Society has reported on the matter, but the other is so hopeful a scheme that I wonder no one has thought of it before. It would take a little care and thought, some business skill, and a certain (though not excessive) outlay of capital. But it would pay. Believe me, there is money in it.

S. MENDAX.

P.S.—It seems that the idea is not so original as I thought it was. I understand that the Birmingham men are in treaty with another band to sell them one of their leading members. The others have agreed willingly and are doing their best to raise the sum required, but although they have sold their vicar, one churchwarden and a couple of sidesmen, they are still a long way below the amount.

ISLEWORTH BOB ROYAL.

A MUSICAL METHOD.

We have been asked for further information about the method Isleworth Bob Royal, the first peal of which was rung on November 12th.

It is more musical than Plain Bob Royal, although there may be some who will say that is impossible, far more interesting than Treble Bob, and keeps the bells in regular coursing order infinitely more than Cambridge. It is a double method, with 6th's and 5th's as the treble goes up through 5-6, and 5th's as she comes down; 2nd's when she leads, and 9th's when she lies. Perfectly simple in construction, yet sufficiently tricky in practice to require constant concentration.

It is one of those methods best learnt by knowing when not to dodge; for it is these omitted dodges that form the catch in it. Mr. J. A. Trollope had been waiting more than 30 years to ring a peal in this method and now he has had his wish gratified. He thinks it is the best ten-bell plain method that there is. Plain and Treble Bob ringers should certainly try it, and even Surprise Royal men would find it an agreeable change.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock. followed by business meeting.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, Fylde.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Please help to make this a successful meeting.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphyll Rd., Liverpool, 17.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., to be followed by business meeting. All are welcome.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Nominations for district officers at this meeting.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Last minute tea arrangements are rather difficult here, so please notify in good time. Those who wish to be included in the 1938 annual report as paid up members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid by Dec. 31st.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Croft on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing and service at usual times. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand; subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Oldham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome; please come and try this very light peal.—E. C. Gobey, District Sec., Trowell, Notts.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6) on Saturday, December 10th. Please send me a card if you will require tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ewell on December 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards.—A. H. Smith, District Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good train and bus service.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Combined practice will be held at Arksey on Saturday, December 10th. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing 7 till 9 p.m. Business: reorganisation of Cup Competition and nominations for vice-presidency.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Lytton Arms 5.15 p.m. Business: election of officers, balance sheet for the year, election of committee, etc. Please pay all outstanding subscriptions before this date; I wish to finish with a 'clean slate,' as I am not seeking re-election.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. Visitors will be very welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, December 11th, commencing at 5.30, also at St. Olave's, Hart Street on Sunday, December 18th, commencing at 5.30.—Norman Summerhayes, Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for Dec. at 7.30 p.m., Southwark Cathedral, 13th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 22nd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 27th; St. Andrew's, Holborn 8 p.m. 29th. *Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Streatham on Wednesday, December 14th. Bells of St. Leonard's Church available from 3 to 5.15 p.m., and those of Immanuel Church from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 47, Stanford Way, Streatham, S.W.16, by the 12th inst.—I. R. Housden, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Wednesday, December 14th, from 7 till 9 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 14th.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster. All are welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge) for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, December 14th, to Mr. E. Parkinson, Back Lane House, Newchurch, Rossendale.—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, December 17th. Ringers please meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland. A good attendance specially asked for, and all are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Will members please note that the list of meetings for 1939 will be compiled here. All those who intend to be present please let me have a card by December 14th.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunstone Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, December 17th. All Saints' bells (10) open at 3 to 5 p.m., and after tea until 7.45 p.m. St. Andrew's (8) afternoon and evening, except between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at The Regal Cafe 5.30 p.m. Please come and support us.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. England, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upper Cam, near Dursley, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please help to make the last meeting of the year a real success!—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 o'clock. Usual procedure. Kindly notify me for tea not later than 15th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), on Saturday, December 17th, at 3 o'clock. Usual business. St. Paul's (8) will be open. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than December 12th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, a good company is requested. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th. The bells of St. George's, Camberwell, will be available in the afternoon, and St. John's, Vessall Road, Brixton, in the evening. Further details next week.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Shilton (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (St. Clements) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/- per head). All Saints' bells available from 6 o'clock. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, WATFORD.—Bells open from 3.30 Service 5.10. Tea 5.40. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.15. Numbers for tea *must* be in by the 14th. Send to the Sec. Excellent coach and train service. Car park close to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Rd., Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Liverpool, the Ven. C. F. Twitchett, on Saturday, December 17th. Service to commence at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be free, and it would help greatly with the catering arrangements if all ringers intending to be present would notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan by Wednesday, 14th inst.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Sat., December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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