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THE TOLL OF DEATH.

Death, who is for ever taking his toll, has laid a heavy hand upon the Exercise this year already, and in this issue we have the sad duty of recording the passing of all too many stalwarts of the Exercise—men who in their day have done good solid work for ringing. For more than fifty years Edward Hynds, of Stebbing, gave devoted service to his church, and of few, like him, can it be said that for over half a century they rang regularly, Sunday by Sunday, in one tower. Such men as these are the backbone of the Exercise, for they labour not in the limelight, but very largely behind the scenes, where results are not measured in peals, but in self-sacrificing effort. Another to whom the call has come is George Woodiss, of Twickenham. He was well short of the allotted span, and his death came unexpectedly; but here again was a ringer who in his day had done some valuable spade-work—work which laid the foundations of change ringing in one corner at least of the Winchester Diocese. Then, too, death has claimed the venerable Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., than whom the art had no greater advocate outside these islands.

Great as is the loss caused by the death of these and other members of the Exercise which we record this week, a loss which will be keenly felt in the circles in which each moved, something akin to universal regret will be felt by the passing of James Motts, of Ipswich. In him we had one of the outstanding figures of our craft; an enterprising and accomplished ringer whose initiative and skill helped to make ringing history. With William Catchpole he was the inspiration of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society more than a quarter of a century ago. He proved himself a real leader, and revived in East Anglia the prestige which the men of Norwich had gained many decades before. One has only to look at the 'first performances' for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which he conducted, to realise the type of ringer he was, and as an example one need only point here to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus ever rung—a stroke of enterprise which brought this method within the bounds of practical ringing. The fact that he rang between 500 and 600 peals for the Norwich Association shows the work he did for his native society, and we imagine there are few men who have done more to help neighbouring ringers than he did in the days gone by. Twenty years or more ago the name of James Motts was one to conjure with, and even to-day the Exercise is not possessed of any superfluity of ringers of his type. He has gone to his rest, the belfry will see him no more, but in East Anglia at any rate 'Jimmy' Motts will long remain a cherished memory and a shining example of an accomplished ringer. Requiescat in pace.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;
Tenor 53 cwt. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble*	†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FRANCIS E. DAWE	8
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN.	3	GEORGE A. CARD	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	JAMES GEORGE	10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	5	ARTHUR D. BARKER	11
JEFFERY R. GAMMON	6	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method and first on 12 bells, also first attempt; aged 15 years. † First peal on 12 bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	*Treble*	JAMES ROSE	7
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM	2	*HARRY R. ROPER	8
WILLIAM TILLETT	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	5	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	6	CHARLES WOODCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late conductor of the Society, Mr. James Motts.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM RICHARDS	*Treble*	*GEORGE LARGE	6
JOHN W. JONES	2	ERNEST COOMBES	7
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	8
WILLIAM HEATH	4	WILLIAM BOLTON	9
ERNEST H. HUNT	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. Arranged specially as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Coombes, a pioneer and a past Master of the Association.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD	*Treble*	HENRY G. MILES	6
HENRY R. NEWTON	2	JAMES WILLSHIRE	7
HARRY R. PASMORE	3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	8
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

ALFRED BOWELL,

CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,

IPSWICH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

SERGT.-MAJ. GEO. GILBERT	*Treble*	†JOHN SMITH	5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY	2	BARZILAI HAWKINS	6
FREDERICK MARCHANT ...	3	GEORGE MILES	7
EDWARD HAYNES...	4	*HENRY J. HUNT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Brentwood, Essex.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING	*Treble*	*EDMUND MOUNTER	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	GEORGE HUXLEY	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
GEORGE H. DAYNES	4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M.	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the eighth peal of Stedman Triples by the ringer of the tenor. These peals have been rung in eight different towers, one on each bell in the octave, and conducted by eight different conductors.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5
GEORGE A. S. SELBY	2	HENRY J. SELBY	6
GEORGE B. SELBY	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
FRANK TERRY	4	ARTHUR J. LEWIS... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First attempt in the method by F. Terry, and first attempt in any method by G. A. S. Selby.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*STANLEY RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*FRED WALLINGTON	5
WILLIAM HECTOR	2	ARTHUR MANNING	6
WALTER WALLINGTON ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS...	7
P.C. WALTER ROBINSON ...	4	THOMAS B. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. All local men except the conductor, who hails from Leicester. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. H. J. T. Eacott, recently appointed Vicar. The composition (a 4-part) rung for the first time.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK,
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	6
JAMES ROSE	3	GEORGE FARNISH...	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	ALBERT A. FLEMING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN P. TARLTON ...	*Treble*	ALFRED C. WRIGHT	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	*FRED W. HILL	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ...	4	JOHN FLINT...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal on the new tenor.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES	*Treble*	PERCY J. JERVIS	5
BERNARD DITCHER	2	CECIL BOOTH	6
JOHN H. HUMPHRIES	3	WILLIAM H. TURTON	7
GEORGE BURNHAM	4	CHARLES SEVERN... ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Ernest Taylor, a member of the choir at the above church for upwards of 30 years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

QMR.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOODROW ...	5
*MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ...	2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY	6
MISS NORA SHORTER... ...	3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	7
*MISS HILDA F. MILLS ...	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY LEWIS... ...	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
WILLIAM PAGE	2	WILLIAM LEWIS...	6
WILLIAM NIBLETT	3	*JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
WILLIAM RANFORD	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

* First peal of Major as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

*EDWARD EDWARDS ...	*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	PETER CROOK	6
JAMES GROUNDS...	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH	4	†JOHN POTTER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a former Vicar, the late Canon Joseph Lowe, for whom a tablet had been unveiled that day in the above church. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Standish.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WATTS	...*Treble*	*REGINALD L. LEWIS	5
*JAMES H. PHILLIPS	2	CHARLES GREEDY	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	7
SAMUEL JONES	4	*WILLIAM A. GULLEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal by the tenor man for 31 years.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JAMES GROUNDS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	5
JOHN BOOTH...	2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH	6
FRED ABBOTT	3	PETER CROOK	7
GEORGE PINCOTT...	4	JOHN STUBBS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar of this church, who was interred on the 20th Jan. at Nelson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT...	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
JOHN CAPP	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
ARTHUR H. WHITE	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	KEITH HART...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by KEITH HART.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. LANHAM	5
GEORGE BENNETT	2	*WALTER RUFFLES	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal in the method as conductor.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES DRAPER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS DICKENS...	5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON... ...	2	ERNEST STONE	6
HARRY ARGYLE	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... ...	7
WALTER HORTON...	4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and respect to the late Rev. Canon J. G. Deed, D.D., who, after being Vicar of Nuneaton for nearly 30 years, was buried during the day at St. Albans.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PALMER	5
WILFRID W. BAILEY	2	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ...	6
GEORGE M. THORPE	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ...	7
WILLIAM J. THYNG	4	FREDERICK E. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Lucy Thyng, the youngest daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

RICHARD A. GOFTON ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH W. PARKER	5
JAMES E. GOFTON	2	R. ALDER GOFTON	6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

Rung on the eve of the conversion of St. Paul and the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REGINALD LATHBURY ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON... ...	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	6
MISS V. SHORTER	3	†A. J. ABRAMS	7
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ...	4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells and hails from Chatteris, Cambs.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST BRIGHT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
JOHN C. NEWMAN...	2	GEORGE HAYWARD	6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	*CHARLES ROGERS	7
ROBERT FISHER	4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Edward Sherwood, J.P., of Prested Hall, Feering, and Miss Sybil Keeling, of Earls Colne, which took place on the above date at St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*GEORGE W. STEVENS	...*Treble*	JAMES H. HUNNISETT ...	5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW...	2	EVERED J. WALSOM	6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ...	3	LIONEL H. PAGE	7
*ARTHUR H. FULWELL ...	4	*CYRIL G. COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First attempt by the treble ringer who is 14 years of age and has only been ringing six months. Excepting the 6th ringer, all the above are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. H. Page, C. G. Cooper and the conductor's father.

WOOLSTANTON, STAFFS.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. VAUGHAN	...*Treble*	C. MORLEY	5
E. LANDON	2	J. MORLEY	6
C. H. PAGE...	3	W. FITCHFORD	7
A. CRAWLEY	4	†H. VAUGHAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ISAAC VICKERS	...*Treble*	†JOHN WALDEN	5
*CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD	6
GEORGE FLINTHAM	3	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON...	7
GEORGE CHESTER	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. MEERS	5
CHARLES COTTRELL	2	JONATHAN PRESTON	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER... ...	7
GEORGE F. GARRISON... ...	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was arranged in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Baden Preston, of Erdington, and Miss Florence Beatrice Doody, of Tipton, which took place at the above church on Jan. 22nd. Mr. W. J. Meer's 60th peal and also the 60th peal on the bells.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT... ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST CUTSFORTH	5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ...	2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	6
FRED ABBOTT	3	JOHN POTTER	7
PETER CROOK	4	JOHN STUBBS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells muffled, by special request of the churchwardens, for the funeral service of the late Vicar (Rev. R. J. Cross).

SIX BELL PEALS.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Canterbury, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	4
*GEORGE WILSON	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
CHARLES F. BAILEY	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(PRESTEIGN & LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JAINE ...	...*Treble*	HARLEY SMITH	4
*CHRISTOPHER LAW	2	ALFRED TALBOT	5
FREDERICK A. JAINE... ...	3	JOHN JONES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal. First quarterly peal for the district.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, with seven different callings.

THOMAS S. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED BATEMAN	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
WILLIAM HENLEY	3	WILLIAM WELLING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

The band tender their best thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Salisbury for meeting them.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES	...*Treble*	WALTER MANSFIELD	4
ALBERT HOWARD	2	HARRY HOWARD	5
*WILLIAM TACK	3	ROBERT HOWARD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

KEMERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford & Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN DEVEREUX ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	WILLIAM RICKETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

It was the first peal by Mr. E. Devereux, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CHRIS. BOWERS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
*E. WILLIAM TURNER ...	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
*DAVID HORNE	3	*GEORGE JORDAN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in 10 methods. Longest length by all the band and longest peal of Minor for the Association.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY WYATT ... ...*Treble*	S. GEORGE COLES 4
ALFRED WYATT 2	PERCY S. MERSON 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Association, in the county and by all the band. First peal of Surprise by all except conductor. First peal of Surprise by a resident band west of Bristol.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT W. ELSE ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT E. DAY 4
FRANK W. CROFT... 2	RALPH E. CROFT 5
ALFRED W. LINDSAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

First peal on the bells. Ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor hail from Hitchin, remainder from Great Wymondley.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and College Single.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... 1—2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5—6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3—4	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* First peal on handbells as conductor.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Jan. 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS NELLIE JOHNSON ... 1—2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... ... 3—4	JAMES HEMMING ... ... 7—8

FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9—10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal of Royal as conductor. The composition, which is Mr. A. Knight's, No. 67, and contains the 6th the extent right, is now rung for the first time. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

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On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

GRANTA VARIATION.

J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 1—2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV.A.H.F.BOUGHEY(Trin.) 3—4	J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 7—8
Composed by J. THORP.	Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
REV.A.H.F.BOUGHEY(Trin.) 3—4	REV.E.BANKES JAMES(Caius) 7—8
Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD.	Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight and a half Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3—4	REV.E.BANKES JAMES(Caius) 7—8
Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.	Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

*H. B. GARDNER (Trin.) ... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 3—4	REV.E.BANKES JAMES(Caius) 7—8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS.	Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal 'in hand' and first peal on eight bells.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
REV.E.BANKES JAMES(Caius) 3—4	J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7—8
Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.	Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1—2	J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 5—6
REV.A.H.F.BOUGHEY(Trin.) 3—4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7—8

H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9—10
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Composer unknown.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

REV.A.H.F.BOUGHEY(Trin.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3—4	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7—8
Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD.	Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE, PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

REV.A.H.F.BOUGHEY(Trin.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3—4	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7—8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This is the first spliced peal of Major in three methods. Composer unknown.

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THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. LINCOLN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

ROY PILGRIM	1—2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5—6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN	3—4	LEONARD W. BALE	7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Witness: MRS. A. J. LINCOLN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Pilgrim, mother of the ringer of 1—2, also to Mr. A. J. Lincoln.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

*GEORGE W. STEERE	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5—6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	3—4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. A. H. PULLING and MASTER CYRIL BARTLETT.

* 150th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 1923, in One Hour and Three and a half Minutes,

AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

WILFRID HOOTON	1—2	JOHN WOOLLEY	3—4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ...	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

This is claimed to be the fastest peal ever rung.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Harborne on Saturday week. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Lloyd).

Tea, which had been very kindly provided in the Church Room, was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by the Vicar, supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the new Ringing Master, Messrs. S. Grove, H. Grosvenor, G. N. Cockin, J. Price, J. Bass, and others. Apologies were received from Mr. A. E. Parsons (regret being expressed at his illness), and Messrs. Salter and Woodberry.

Several new members were elected, and it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Oldswinford on the third Saturday in June.—The Secretary expressed the hope that every member would make an endeavour to get to the annual meeting of the association at Worcester on Easter Monday.

Hearty thanks were voted to the Vicar, on the motion of the Ringing Master, seconded by Mr. J. Price, for providing such a splendid tea, for his homely address, for the use of the bells, and the splendid welcome extended to the association.—This was heartily passed, and the Vicar briefly responded.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER JACKSON.

The death took place early on Thursday, January 18th, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Walter Jackson. He had been a ringer at Wragby Parish Church, Yorks, just 30 years, and his loss will be keenly felt, and his place not easily filled. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley and District Society, and also the Doncaster and District Society, and quite frequently attended their meetings. Although a keen ringer and master of between 20 and 30 Minor methods, he had only rung one peal of 5,040 changes. That peal was on the treble at Tong, and the late Mr. Easter rang the second bell.

The funeral took place at Wragby Church on Sunday afternoon, and ringers attended from Barnsley, Crofton and Sandal Churches. The bells were fully muffled (with the exception of the tenor at back stroke) for both morning and evening services. Immediately after the funeral the visiting ringers rang 360 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the local ringers followed with a 'touch' in the same method. For the evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to his memory by F. Marsden 1, G. Harrison 2, J. Brewin 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Adams 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, they have an aversion to 'starring' ringers in peal reports, but there must have been several 'first in the method' in the peal of Norfolk Surprise rung there last week. Following upon a peal of Bristol a short time before, this looks like a return to the good old days when the St. Peter's Society made history in method ringing.

Last week we commented on the fact that at the age of fifteen years Wilfred Taffender rang London Surprise Major as his first peal. This week we record his second peal—Stedman Cinques at Bow—and he rang it without a semblance of a trip. This young ringer is diminutive in stature, but he promises to be a giant in ringing intellect.

Bristol United Guilds have fixed Saturday, January 12th, 1924, for their third annual dinner, and intend to maintain the social side of ringing during the coming year by a series of gatherings, the first of which will take place on April 17th.

There was a keen contest for the Mastership of the Northern District of the London County Association at the meeting on January 20th. Eventually Mr. Symonds was elected to the position.

The other officers are Mr. Holman, hon. secretary; Mr. Riley, steward; Mr. Morton, hon. treasurer; Messrs. Turner and Ebberson, committee. The retiring Master and secretary were warmly thanked for their services.

In the city of Exeter there are no less than eight towers containing rings of 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells.

'Many happy returns of the day' to that youthful Cumberland Youth, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, on being '80 not out.'

The Cambridge University Guild, which has just rung the first peal in three spliced Major methods, was founded on Feb. 4th, 1879.

A peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hrs. 18 mins. at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1861.

On Feb. 5th, 1783, 12,672 Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 48 mins. at Bromley, and on the same day, in the year 1888, 12,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells was rung on Feb. 6th, 1904, at Romford by the brothers Pye and W. Keeble.

On Feb. 8th, 1889, the first peal of Forward Major (composed and conducted by John Carter) was rung at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

The peal of Superlative at Erith on Jan. 6th was Mr. I. Emery's 30th in the method, not 50th, as reported.

Owing to the absence on the Continent of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, all outstanding subscriptions and applications for tickets for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner should be addressed to the Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.—See notice columns.

The Salisbury Diocese will soon have a second peal of ten. Two additional bells are to be added to the existing eight at Trowbridge, and the work has been put in the hands of Messrs. Llewellins and James, Bristol. The bells are to be completed by Easter. It is intended to have the opening on Easter Monday, and a large gathering of ringers is expected. At present Wimborne Minster contains the only peal of ten in the diocese.

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You have extended to me the courtesy of your columns in several recent issues of your paper, and I have, therefore, the less desire to make any further demand on your valuable space. On the main points at issue, I am satisfied I have succeeded in making good the case of our Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and I might, therefore, have been content at this juncture to have left myself in the hands of your readers, and to rely on their judgment and sense of fair play, as I am not in the least concerned with further quibbling over mere details.

But I must enter my very strongest protest at the insinuation concerning my friend, Mr. A. L. Coleman, in the last paragraph but one in the letter of the Rev. H. Drake appearing in your last issue. Does Mr. Drake realise what is implied by the deplorable statement he makes—'the tinkered document to which Mr. Coleman affixed my signature'? And that he is practically accusing Mr. Coleman of forgery? It ought not to be necessary to ask the question, but how otherwise could Mr. Coleman have affixed Mr. Drake's signature? I happen to have seen the document concerned—a letter from the Rev. F. L. Fawcett, in Mr. Fawcett's handwriting, and signed by Mr. Fawcett himself, and it bears Mr. Drake's endorsement right enough. Mr. Drake has once previously had the temerity to ask how his signature got there. Surely he himself should be able to answer that question better than anyone else.

I should not in any case have felt justified in continuing an argument with anyone—even a bishop's advocate—whose method of controversy condescends to such a base standard.—Yours very truly,

E. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich,
27th January, 1923.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED ' BOOKING FEE ' FOR PEALS.

The annual meeing of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on Saturday last, in exceedingly mild and fine weather for the time of the year; but this latter was discounted by an outbreak of smallpox in the town, which resulted in only about fifty visitors attending the meeting. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 30 cwt.) were set going at two p.m. in a variety of methods, and the ringing was enjoyed by all, although the hundred and thirty-seven steps approach to the belfry made its impression on the more bulky members. Divine service was held in St. George's Parish Church, when a most interesting address was delivered by the Rev. T. H. Mousley. Preaching from Romans x. 18, the speaker gave a brief outline of the origin of bells, and urged his hearers to realise that the bells proclaim the love of God in a world devoted to sordid money getting and merchandise, and that as by their ringing they acted as the messengers of God, to let the thought that they were acting as fellow-workers with God dignify and ennoble their own lives in order that those with whom they came in contact might take them as a worthy example.

The business meeting followed in the Memorial Hall immediately beside the church, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupying the chair, supported by Messrs. F. Willey, J. Broadley and P. J. Johnson. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. Drage, Messrs. G. B. Bolland, J. H. Blakiston and H. Williams. The annual report of the committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. H. N. Imeson. The balance sheet was also adopted.

No further nominations having been received for the office, Mr. P. J. Johnson was declared duly elected as hon. general secretary of the association for the ensuing three years.—The General Secretary, in thanking the members for their confidence, hoped that all who could would purchase copies of the annual report in order to lighten the financial anxieties of the general committee.

It was decided to hold the Easter Monday meeting, if possible, at Bridlington, and failing Bridlington, the committee to make the best arrangements possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Doncaster (Ven. Archdeacon Sandford), great regret being expressed at the reverend gentleman's illness. The special thanks of the meeting to the clergy and the local company was responded to by the Rev. T. H. Mousley, the Vicar's churchwarden, and Mr. H. Walker.

A vote of sympathy was also extended to Mr. G. Halksworth (the genial Ringing Master of the Southern Division), with a wish for a speedy recovery from his serious illness, which prevented him from attending the meeting.

Mr. J. Broadley gave notice of motion as follows: ' That a booking fee of threepence per head be paid by all ringers in peals which are to be published in the Yorkshire Association annual report, and that the conductor of such peals be responsible for collecting all booking fees, and for forwarding the same with peal report to the hon. general secretary within one month of peals being rung.'

Ringing in various methods, and an interesting discourse on ' The Barnsley Chop,' brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

DEATH OF DR. A. H. NICHOLS.

THE LEADING SPIRIT IN AMERICA.

Just as we are going to Press, we learn with deep regret, from Mr. Richard Newton, that Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, Massachusetts, died suddenly on January 9th.

Dr. Nichols had a unique knowledge of bell history, and was keenly interested in ringing. He made determined attempts to introduce into America the practice of having bells hung for ringing, and also did his utmost to establish the art of change ringing on that side of the Atlantic.

With his daughter (now Mrs. Shurtleff) he visited England some years ago, and was frequently in the company of Metropolitan ringers, with whom Miss Margaret Nichols, as she then was, rang peals. Dr. Nichols was a member of the College Youths and the Middlesex County Association. From time to time he contributed articles of much interest to the columns of ' The Ringing World.'

On the Sunday following Dr. Nichols' death several 120's Grandsire Doubles were rung with half-muffled bells at the Church of the Advent, Boston. The ringing, strange in its solemn sounds to American ears, made a deep impression on the public who heard the bells.

SUDDEN DEATH OF YORKSHIRE RINGER.

The death occurred suddenly, on Sunday week, of Mr. Henry Horner, of Skipton. He had taken part in the ringing for service, and about 7 o clock, whilst conversing with friends in Gargrave Road complained of faintness, and collapsed. He died before medical assistance could be obtained.

Mr. Horner, who was 55 years of age, was identified with many local organisations at Skipton, and had been a member of the Yorkshire Association for 37 years. He had rung about 25 peals.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A WONDERFUL COMBINATION OF ' RINGS.'

The dedication of the two trebles at Exeter Cathedral to-morrow puts the final seal upon what is probably the finest—certainly the greatest—ringing peal in the world. The gift of Mr. Arthur Thomas, as a thankoffering for recovery from prolonged illness, the bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the founders of the tenor—that wonderful bell of 72½ cwt. in B flat.

With the two trebles, there are now 13 bells in the tower having a total weight of 271 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. The extra bell, which is in A flat, renders it possible to produce ten distinct rings, viz., four of six, three of eight, two of ten and one of twelve—a combination which gives Exeter Cathedral a proud distinction among the belfries of this country.

The inscription on the new bells is:—

' A thankoffering from an Exeter citizen, 1922. In Terra Pax, Hominibus Voluntatis (Peace on earth, goodwill among men).'

Each bell in the peal bears either the name of the donor or founder, except the 8th, which is known as ' Doom.' How it came by this title is not clear, but by some it is believed to be the bell tolled on the occasion of executions. The peal as completed is as follows:—

		cwt.	qr.	lb.
1.	Thomas	6	2	16
2.	Thomas	6	3	2
3.	Earle	7	0	22
4.	Brydan	8	3	10
5.	Pennington	8	2	0
6.	Purdue	10	1	2
Extra 6.	Pongamouth	11	1	8
7.	Fox	18	0	4
8.	Doom	19	0	19
9.	Cobthorne	28	0	4
10.	Evans	33	2	11
11.	Stafford	40	3	19
Tenor,	Grandisson	72	2	2
		271	3	7

Grandisson, Stafford and Fox are names of Bishops; Earle and Cobthorne are those of Deans.

The 4th, 5th and 6th bear the names of the founders, and they were cast respectively in 1616, 1658 and 1676. Purdue was also the founder of the 8th, 9th and 11th. Evans cast the A flat bell in 1729, at the same time that he cast the 10th and the former ' Grandisson.'

The interesting diagram given below, was prepared by Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild, and conveys in a striking manner the combinations that will be possible on the Cathedral bells. Mr. Southwood has also printed an exceedingly interesting souvenir of the dedication.

The ceremony is to take place at 2 p.m., in the tower, following which there will be a special service and evensong in the Cathedral. Then the various rings will be demonstrated by the Cathedral band, and afterwards members of the Devon Guild and ringing visitors will be admitted to the tower. Tea for the visitors will be provided by the Dean and Chapter.

The Peal contains 13 BELLS including an A" 6th

12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
B♭	C	D	E♭	F	G	A	B♭	C	D	E♭	F
	C	D	E♭	F	G	A♭	B♭	C	"Stafford" Eight. *Minor*		
			E♭	F	G	A♭	B♭	C	"Cobthorne" Six *Major*		
New "Thomas" Eight *Major*			E♭	F	G	A♭	B♭	C	D	E♭	

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DEATH OF MR. JAMES MOTTS.

PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Mr. James Motts, who passed away at his residence, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich, on Sunday, January 21st, at the age of 63 years. Mr. Motts, or Jimmy, as he was popularly known, was born in September, 1859, at Fressingfield, Suffolk, where he learnt to pull a bell. He came of a ringing family, for his father and grandfather were ringers before him, and one of his predecessors was the noted Seymour Motts.

Mr. James Motts rang his first 720 in the year 1874. His first peal (5,120 Bob Major) was at Fressingfield on May 12th, 1875. He then rang about 16 peals (most of which were not association peals) before he removed to Ipswich in 1882. His first peal with the Tower Society was one of Oxford Royal, which he also conducted in 1882.

Mr. Motts' illness began about a year ago. After conducting his last peal, which came into rounds at midnight on Dec. 31st, 1921, he had a slight attack of gastritis. Although he improved in health at times, he had not been really well since that date. As months went on other complications developed, including heart trouble, and the end came somewhat unexpectedly to his ringing friends.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on Wednesday, the 24th, amid manifestations of profound sympathy. In addition to the relatives there were about 20 ringers present, and E. H. Smith, C. J. Sedgley, F. J. Tillett, R. H. Brundle rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside. The wreaths were from his affectionate sister Anna; Phil, Dora and little Beryl; Mr. and Mrs. Whitman; Mr. Bishop; his brother ringers, St. Mary-le-Tower Society. Messrs. W. G. Crickmer and E. F. Poppy regretted inability to attend owing to ill-health.

The last year of Mr. Motts' ringing career (1921) was a very memorable one. In it he and his company rang Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, also Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus. Of these six peals he conducted five. How he raised the standard of ringing is shown by the first performances he conducted for the original Norwich Diocesan Association.

On tower bells:—

Dec. 19th, 1882, 5,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Nov. 25th, 1884, 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Sept. 8th, 1885, 5,002 Stedman Cinques, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Nov. 23rd, 1886, 5,260 Double Norwich Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

May 25th, 1895, 5,040 Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Nov. 28th, 1896, 5,016 Double Norwich Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Aug. 15th, 1908, 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Sept. 26th, 1908, 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Dec. 31st, 1908, 5,016 Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

June 10th, 1911, 5,040 Duffield Major, at St. Peter's, Henley.

On handbells:—

Mar. 5th, 1887, 5,009 Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Nov. 17th, 1887, 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major.

Feb. 25th, 1888, 5,040 Bob Royal.

Mar. 12th, 1888, 5,016 Bob Maximus.

Apr. 28th, 1889, 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

Jan. 13th, 1890, 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

Dec. 25th, 1895, 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Long lengths of over 7,000 conducted by the late Mr. Motts were:—

Dec. 26th, 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5 hrs. 4 mins., at St. Margaret's, Leiston.

Apr. 21st, 1888, 10,304 Bob Major, 6 hrs. 17 mins., at St. Margaret's, Leiston.

June 6th, 1892, 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 10 hrs. 32 mins., at St. Mary's, Debenham.

Apr. 7th, 1894, 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5 hrs. 58 mins., at St. Mary's, Ufford.

Jan. 19th, 1895, 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4 hrs. 45 mins., at St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

Aug 16th, 1902, 10,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5 hrs. 50 mins., at St. Peter's, Henley, Ipswich.

He also rang in the long peal of London Surprise Major (14,112 changes), in 8 hrs. 40 mins., at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903. The 16,608 Treble Bob is still the longest length ever rung in the Oxford Variation.

For the Norwich Diocesan Association he rang 540 peals on tower bells, and 39 peals on handbells, in addition to these there are numerous peals with other societies.

With the passing away of a ringer of such capabilities it will be readily understood what a tremendous loss the St. Mary-le-Tower Society has sustained, and his memory will always be borne in mind by all who knew him.

On Saturday, January 27th, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, with half-muffled clappers, to his memory.

On Thursday evening, January 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) was rung at Debenham, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the deceased: E. Grindell 1, F. Ruffles 2, P. Woods 3, S. Rowe 4, G. Rowe 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, E. F. Grimes (conductor) 8. First quarter as conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples: E. E. Grimes 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, G. Rowe 4, T. H. Chappell 5, L. C. Wightman 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. Grindell 8.

LAMBETH BELLS.

RESTORED PEAL TO BE DEDICATED THIS EVENING.

The restored bells at Lambeth Parish Church are to dedicated at a special service this evening by the Bishop of Southwark.

The present bells were put in in 1723, just 200 years ago, by R. Phelps, although the 6th and tenor were recast in 1848. Doubtless part of the metal forming these bells had previously hung in the same tower, for there are records which prove that there were bells at this church as far back as 1520.

In 1586, Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Foundry, did work among the bells of Lambeth Church, and the complete restoration of the peal, which will see its consummation to-day, has been carried out by the same firm, whose unbroken history has continued all through the intervening centuries.

Of the old bells only the 3rd and 6th remain. The others were found to be cracked, and have been recast with new inscriptions.

The third carries the intimation that it was cast in 1672, when Boyden Cuper and William Phillips were churchwardens, and that it was 'new made with the other 7 bells, 1723.' The 6th is merely inscribed with the name of the founders, C. and G. Mears, and the date of recasting 1848. The following are the

NEW INSCRIPTIONS.

Treble.—I ring true: why don't you.

Second.—Let praise devote thy work.

Fourth.—Rise heart, thy Lord is risen; sing His praise without delayes.

Fifth.— 4. viii. 1914—11. xi. 1918.
Silent I hung in war: I sang the hour of peace:
O England evermore pray thou that wars may cease.

Seventh.—In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgement: Good Lord deliver us.

Tenor.—The treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and tenor bells were new cast at the Whitechapel Foundry Ano. Dni. 1922.
Randall Thomas Davidson, Archbishop.
Cyril Garbett, Bishop of Southwark.
Fredk. O. T. Hawkes, 59th Rector of Lambeth.
W. Wilkie Jones, Charles Woolley, Alfred Wayment, and Alfred I. Hopkins—Churchwardens.
Thos. F. Garnish, Clerk.
Sit Deus Propitius Illis.

DEATH OF A VETERAN ESSEX RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward Hynds, an old ringer of the St. Mary's company, Stebbing, Essex, which took place on January 14th, after a trying illness. The deceased had been a ringer at Stebbing Church for over 50 years, as was recorded in 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 1st. He was always regular in his attendance, and took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the bells.

The funeral took place at Stebbing, on Saturday, January 20th, and after the interment the bells were half-muffled, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung 72 times, corresponding with the deceased's age.

In the evening 720 Double Court was rung, and on Sunday morning, for Divine service, another 720 in the same method, as a token of esteem and respect for the deceased ringer, Double Court being his favourite method. In addition to the local company, those who took part were Messrs. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree), H. Redgewell (Rayne), W. Smith (Dunmow), and W. Farrow (Felstead).

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (Master of the Northern Division) attended the funeral. Among many floral tributes sent was one from the Stebbing company, and other ringing friends. This had six little bells fixed round the wreath.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,898 Cambridge Surprise Major will (D.V.) be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 24th, commencing 1.30 p.m. prompt. Nearest station, Elmsthorpe (1½ miles), L. and N.W. Railway. Branch line, Nuneaton to Leicester. Copies of the composition have been sent to the President of the Midland Counties Association and to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, January 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 1, H. Williams (first quarter inside) 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, T. W. Wright (first quarter) 5, C. Webb 6, P. O. Laflin 7, J. Withers, senr., 8. * First quarter of Cambridge as conductor.

ABINGDON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 28th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Holifield 1, J. Honey 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. Caudwell 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, E. Humfrey 6.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, in 49 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, S. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Shepherd 5, *D. T. Matkin 6, J. Bragg 7, R. Bragg 8, *W. C. Dowding 9, A. Bragg 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, for morning service, 1,168 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, F. Dainty 3, W. Cross 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,243 in the same method. Also rung as a birthday compliment to S. Wright.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. D. Breeze 1, G. R. Fardon 2, Miss P. Moss (first inside) 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Edwards 3, J. Hughes 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston (longest length as conductor) 6, R. T. Evans 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 352, and for evening service, 1,120 Mixed Treble Bob was rung with the the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Poxon, who had been verger at the Parish Church for 23 years, and who died at the age of 77: J. H. Iliffe 1, C. J. Baker 2, E. Feltcher 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 6, J. F. George 7, H. Harrison 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—At St. Paul's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Davenport (conductor) 1, Miss M. Westhead 2, Miss R. A. Bell 3, Miss H. Bell 4, W. Horan 5, Rev. R. Marle 6.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On January 21st, for morning service, 720 Single Court: S. Smith 1, A. Holmes (conductor) 2, W. tor) 6, J. F. George 7, H. Harrison 8.

CARDIFF. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, January 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Heath 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, E. Coombes 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. First quarter-peal on an inside bell for the ringer of the 3rd.

ANSTON.—At St. James' Church, on January 21st, a 720 of Braintree Delight: E. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Turner 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6.—On Sunday, January 28th, a 720 of Marple Delight, for morning service by the same band. Both 720's are the first in the method by all. Conducted by Gordon Turner.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind conductors and ringers of peals in 1922 that no peals can be included in the analysis which are not published by the end of February? If, therefore, any peals rung in 1922 have not yet appeared, they should be sent to you without delay.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. CARPENTER,
Chairman, Analysis Committee.

LATE NOTICES.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—The bells (6) will be reopened on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Special service at 2 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. J. Barton (Chairman of the North-east Branch of the Devonshire Guild). Collection for the Bell Fund. Public tea in the Drill Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. Those desiring to ring must send their names before Tuesday, Feb. 6th, to Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon, stating between what hours they will be present.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

POINTS FOR SUNDAY RINGING DISCUSSED.

On Saturday, January 20th, the Warwickshire Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Leamington Spa. It is some years since a meeting was held there, and members turned up in force from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke, Rugby and Warwick, several of the local band being also present. The bells of the Parish Church, and those of St. Peter's R.C., were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

During the ringing at the Parish Church a very pleasing incident occurred. The Bishop of Coventry, being on a visit to Leamington, was induced by Canon Back (Archdeacon of Warwick, and President of the Guild) to make the acquaintance of the members assembled, and ascended the tower while ringing was in progress, for that purpose. In a few interesting remarks, he mentioned the last two parishes he was at (Great Yarmouth and Sheffield) each had a peal of twelve bells, and he gave a short account of the rehanging at Sheffield. He thanked the ringers for their services in the various parishes, who, he said, owed a debt of gratitude to the men who rang the bells for the church services, and hoped the Guild would continue to flourish.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Canon Feist) officiated, and gave the address, which was both interesting and instructive.

Tea was served in the Eureka Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed, the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) presided.

A resolution congratulating the president on his appointment as Archdeacon of Warwick was unanimously passed, and the hon. secretary was also instructed to send a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late Canon Reed, of Nuneaton, who was an honorary member for some years.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected for the next quarterly meeting in April, if the bells can be obtained, failing which Bedworth was chosen.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Feist for the use of the bells and for his address, a similar compliment being passed to Canon Barry, of St. Peter's.

A member asked if it was thought desirable for each tower to keep a record of all ringing for the services of the church, and at the end of the year compare the points on the same basis as that allowed by the points committee on the Central Council. He thought this would create more interest in the ringing if it were done.—The Ringing Master mentioned that the same idea was discussed several years ago; it was then thought undesirable, and he was of the same opinion now. — After some discussion it was decided no action should be taken.

It was resolved during the summer months, by way of an experiment, to hold monthly meetings in each district.

Three new members were duly elected.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bristol and London. The falling of the bells in peal at 8 p.m. brought a very successful meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. F. K. BIGGS.

LOSS TO WYCOMBE BAND.

The High Wycombe ringers have sustained a loss, by the death of one of their members, Mr. F. K. Biggs, who passed away on Tuesday, January 16th, at the age of 53 years. The deceased had been in failing health for some time, but his demise was unexpected by his colleagues.

Francis Kingston Biggs was formerly a member of the Hughenden tower, but on coming to Wycombe he joined the latter belfry, and was a member until his death. His total of peals rung was not very large, being somewhere in the region of fifty, but, considering the disability he suffered by having an artificial leg, the number speaks volumes for his tenacity and keenness. Mr. Biggs was exceptionally pleased with two performances in particular—that his first peal of Major rung at Hughenden was one of London Surprise; and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Newcastle, where he was engaged in business during the war. Particularly keen on 'striking,' he was not slow to voice his opinion of a touch or peal, and his good-humoured criticism was often the means of a lively interchange of views. He had conducted one peal of Stedman Triples. His last peal, in the Wycombe belfry, was two years ago, on New Year's Eve, when he was one of the regular Sunday service band who scored Stedman Caters—a trying performance for his leg. 'Frank' was highly amused when called to the colours, and he related with gusto his experiences with the medical board—those of us who knew him can appreciate this incident.

The funeral took place at the pretty little church at Hughenden on Saturday, January 20th, where he was borne to his resting-place on the shoulders of brother ringers. On the Sunday evening following, a muffled quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung to his memory on the bells of the Wycombe Church.—R.I.P. G. T.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STIRRING UP THE FYLDE BRANCH.

A combined meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Kirkham, a small town of about four thousand inhabitants, situated about midway between Preston and most of the towers in the Fylde. It was hoped there would be a good response from the somewhat easy-going Fylde rowers, and that the presence of the esteemed president of the association would act as a stimulus to the art which is apparently losing its attraction. About seventeen members of the Preston branch were present, the quota from the Fylde being ten, representing five towers. Five of the local band were present. They can only ring rounds and 'call changes,' but are very desirous of learning change ringing. The Fylde Secretary (Mr. Sharples), a few weeks ago, offered his services as instructor, but the week previous to the meeting the Rector was notified that if any person came to teach change ringing the chief ringer and another ringer would resign. This unlooked-for situation had delayed matters a little, but it was hoped the difficulty would be set right with the resignation of the two objectors.

The ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) was kept going merrily to Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Superlative and Treble Bob Minor, a course of Cambridge Major just failing to be brought round. The bells are a lovely-toned ring, and are in excellent going order, having been thoroughly overhauled by Mears and Stainbank last July.

Tea was partaken of by 26 ringers, including Canon Elsee, president of the association, and the Rector of Kirkham and Rural Dean of the Fylde. A short address was given by the president, and listened to with eager attention by all present. He reminded his hearers that the first president of the Lancashire Association was a Kirkham ringer, and he said he was sorry there had been a difference with the local men regarding change ringing. Some men got fixed opinions on certain things, and refused to alter their views, but he hoped before very long there would be a keen and enthusiastic band of change ringers in Kirkham. He did not see why the Fylde district should be behind the other branches of the association in change ringing, and he advised the Fylde members not to lose heart, for, with a little patience and encouragement, their efforts were sure to bear fruit.

Several of the Preston Branch members spoke of the days when their branch was in a similar state of apathy or drift when meeting after meeting was abandoned because there were not sufficient members to ring a Minor method. With perseverance, however, interest could be aroused.

At the conclusion of the meeting there was a feeling of optimism that the combined gathering had done a solid piece of good work for the Fylde Branch.

SWINTON'S FINE BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Swinton Parish Church, where there is a magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.) hung in a massive iron frame, of ample proportions, and designed for ten bells, with all the latest improvements, including ball bearings, which Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have recently installed. The visitors numbered between fifty and sixty, and made good use of the bells. Members were present from various towers in the branch, and from Moorside, Oldham, Bolton, Warrington and Hyde, with Mr. Price Taylor representing the founders.

At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. Viscount Mountmorres, M.A.) took the chair, and gave the visitors a cordial welcome. He hoped they would be as pleased with the bells as he was.

There was a discussion on a proposition by Mr. W. Wolstencroft, that the meetings should be held at the various towers in rota, and the suggestion was agreed to, subject to the first meeting of the year being held at the Cathedral and the last one at the Town Hall, which has been the custom for a good number of years.

Mr. R. Longden, of St. John's, Deansgate, all the members of the Swinton tower, and the Vicar, also Mr. A. Saul, of Miles Platting, were elected to the association.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. John's, Deansgate, failing that at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 17th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and church officials, also the local ringers, were carried unanimously, and further ringing then took place. It was the opinion of the ringers that the tone and 'go' of the bells were all that could be desired, and that the founders had added greatly to their reputation by their latest additions to this part of the country. It was hoped that ere long the other two bells would be put in to complete this splendid ring.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, for practice, on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 240 each of London Wells, Brown Edge York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Trinder 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, J. Walley 5, F. T. Dawson 6.

A PEAL IN THREE MAJOR METHODS.

DOUBLE, PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

5 7 3 8 2 6 4	D
7 8 5 6 3 4 2	P
3 5 2 7 4 8 6	L
4 2 6 3 8 5 7	L
8 6 7 4 5 2 3	L
6 4 8 2 7 3 5	P
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	D

By splicing the methods into each course as above, all seven lead ends are used, and the methods are arranged symmetrically.

57 courses of Bob Major, without bobs Before, give 5,016 changes. Each bob Before adds three leads of Little Bob (24 changes) to the course, bringing up the W and M positions again.

A peal on this plan was rung on handbells by the Cambridge University Guild on January 25th.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper to gratefully acknowledge, on behalf of my committee, the following sums which have been received in connection with the above fund? I should also like to say that we shall be glad to receive from any member or friend of the Middlesex Association their donations to this memorial fund. An excellent response has already been made, but more money is required to enable us to carry out the scheme in its entirety. With thanks to all.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES,
49, Wood Street, E.17. Hon. Sec. to the Sub-Committee.

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DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WOODISS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. George Woodiss, of Twickenham, Surrey, who died on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, after only a short illness.

The deceased was a very old member of the Winchester Guild, and formerly resided at Hersham, where he organised and instructed a band when the bells were put in. Some years ago he removed to Twickenham, and had since been more closely identified with the Middlesex Association. He was a very safe ringer in the standard methods, and, although he had not recently taken part in many peals, he had a goodly number to his credit.

The funeral took place at Twickenham Cemetery on Tuesday.

A SILVER WEDDING.

Wednesday, December 27th, marked the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes, and an attempt for a peal was arranged in honour of the occasion. Meeting short for Stedman Caters, the band started for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately this came to grief after some two hours' good ringing. The ringers were afterwards generously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, and did full justice to the enjoyable meal set before them.

Before dispersing, the ringers expressed their thanks for the hospitality which they had received, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Dawe upon their silver wedding, a hope being expressed that they would be able to meet and ring a peal in honour of their golden wedding—when it came.

The Host, in replying, expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Dawe and himself to welcome the band, and said that he hoped that at a future attempt better luck would attend their efforts in the tower. It was very gratifying, however, to know that the occasion had given pleasure to all concerned.

NOTICES.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.30; Cathedral (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.30, Spread Eagle Hotel.—C. Edwards, Great Bampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—At Treeton, Feb. 3rd. Six bells. Ringing 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Nominations for officers and committee will be received at this meeting. The committee will meet at Chesterfield on Saturday, March 3rd.—J. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., The Clergy House, Chesterfield.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—A general meeting of the above will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, with a view to electing officers for 1923. Will as many as possible make a special effort to attend? Meeting will be held at the Angel, High Street, at 4.30. Bells of the Parish Church available from 1 p.m. till 9 p.m. Also Kelsale (8). All ringers will be welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Sec., Saxmundham District, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Tapcote on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available 4 till 7 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Church House, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Augmentation to ring of twelve. Dedication service for two new bells on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, followed by special evensong at 3 p.m. Ringers admitted to tower after 4.30. Refreshments provided at Deller's Cafe.—T. Laver, Hon. Sec., 22, Cathedral Yard, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Tea, free to members. Visitors to pay 1s.—W. H. Hellier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 6 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Guild's form of service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. District Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service at St. Laurence's Church at 5 p.m. Bells available: St. Mary's from 3 p.m., St. Laurence's from 4 p.m. Tea, business meeting and smoker at the Central Cafe (Cinema), Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with short address by the Vicar, 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Berkhamstead bells will be available in the evening. — F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

DESBOROUGH, near MARKET HARBOROUGH.—The dedication service for the opening of the bells, which have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 3 p.m., to which ringers are invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Committee Meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 p.m. (1/9 to members and 2/6 to non-members) at the Newburn Hotel. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea for those applying to Mr. Green, Change Ringer, Crofton, near Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 4 p.m. Tea provided by the president at the Church Room at 5 p.m. sharp. Meeting afterwards, and service in church at 6.15. Wilton bells (6) will be available from 3 to 4.30 only. Those who are coming to tea please let me know by Monday, Feb. 5th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, at the Central Cafe, Market Place, Faversham, at 1s. 6d. per head. Association allowance 1s. 3d., followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary. The bells of Ospringe will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Service at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available for ringing: St. Giles, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Lombard Street, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 p.m to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, at 1s. per head, at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea required by Feb. 3rd latest.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Soham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. The bells (10) have recently been rehung and will be available from 9 a.m. for the rest of the day, except from 6 to 6.15 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, and it will be a help if those intending to be present will let me know as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. Annual Reports ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromfield on Feb. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at Vicarage, 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available, Spalding (8), Fulney (8), Pinchbeck (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Barker's Restaurant at 1 o'clock prompt; tickets 2/6 each. Any visitors requiring dinner please let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 7th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at Bramford, 2 p.m. Meeting at Sproughton, 4 p.m.—Chas. Mee, Sec. for Archdeaconry, Sproughton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Feb. 6th; St. Magnus on the 15th and March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A Branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting.—This will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923. Any alteration, addition or abrogation of rules should reach me before April 10th, so that one month's notice may be given. Charabanc from Bristol, but members must apply early. —Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 17th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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