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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

The recent achievement by the band at Norbury, Cheshire, of a peal of Minor in thirty methods within the compass of seven true extents, has served to stimulate interest in multi-method peals, and we hope it may be the means of many more bands taking up the practice of spliced method ringing. It is more than ten years ago since this form of Minor extents was introduced, although, probably owing to the innate conservatism of ringers, very few bands have followed up the idea. Certainly no company has exploited the scheme as much as the Norbury men, whose success merits the warmest congratulation of the Exercise. It has hitherto been adjudged a hall mark of competency in Minor ringing to ring a peal in seven methods, and many ringers who have done this imagine they have reached nearly, if not quite, the top of the tree. But the Norbury peal proves that there is vast room for an advance, and we doubt, even, whether any peal in any one method on any number of tower bells can be said to surpass it.

It means that on an average no more than 168 changes are rung in each method, but the number of shunts from one method to another is far more than thirty, for a return may be made to a method two or three times in the course of a 720. One needs sharp wits and a more than passing acquaintance with the methods themselves for gymnastics of this kind, and it must not only invest Minor ringing, as Mr. Fernley pointed out last week, with considerable additional interest, but make it infinitely more difficult as well as entertaining. For instance, consider this as a four method extent; one lead of Wragby; three leads of Grove; two leads of Neasden; five leads of College Bob; three leads of Wragby; two leads of Grove; five leads of Neasden; three leads of College Bob; two leads of Wragby and four leads of Grove. There you have ten changes of method, and when it is remembered that seven such extents were rung and that each extent was a combination of different methods, it will be realised that the Norbury ringers' performance was of extraordinary merit.

We do not, however, look upon even this as the final word in this kind of peal, but we should like to see it the beginning of a much wider practice of spliced-method peals. In the same way we do not look upon the recent achievement of the Cambridge University Guild in ringing a peal in three Major methods as in any sense a "freak" performance, but probably only the forerunner of many varieties of multi-method peals on eight bells. There are, we believe, greater difficulties at the moment in providing true peals of Major on the multi-method plan

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than there are in Minor; but this obstacle, we imagine, will largely disappear when the Major methods have been explored and published in the same exhaustive manner as the Minor. At present the choice of Major methods is extremely limited, whereas the possibilities are vast, and we believe the time will come when we shall see peals of Major rung in almost, if not quite, as many methods as is now possible in peals of Minor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	...*Treble*	ARTHUR CATTEL	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	DET.-SERGT. H. G. JENNEY	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ...	9
HARRY BROUGHTON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	10
JOHN OLDHAM	5	JOSIAH MORRIS	11
SHIRLEY BURTON...	6	THOMAS TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the Vicar. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells by all the band except the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th. The ringers of the 2nd, 7th and 11th belong to the tower, 5th to Loughborough, remainder to St. Martin's, Leicester.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ...	...*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
HENRY J. MAYNARD	2	ALFRED PRIOR	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS	3	WALTER STEED	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	FRED. C. MAYNARD	9
GEORGE B. LUCAS	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS... ...	...*Treble*	WALTER WALLACE	6
JOHN FLINT	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK E. SMITH	8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	9
*G. CECIL WALLACE	5	WALTER ALLWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Rose Tuff and Mr. C. C. Palmer, eldest son of the ringer of the 7th.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HASTINGS	6
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	FRANK COLE...	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	CHARLES DYSON	8
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	JOHN BALLINGER...	9
CHARLES MARTIN	5	ALBERT HANKS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the 9th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES	*Treble*	JACOB FILBY	5
ROBERT RICHES	2	JAMES RICHES	6
GEORGE FILBY	3	WALTER RICHES	7
JOHN ETHERIDGE	4	ALBERT RICHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HURRY. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich. Peal reference, Hubbard's Book, page 73.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE	*Treble*	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	5
*ROLAND LEWIS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
WILLIAM NIBLETT	3	†DANIEL T. MATKIN	7
ERNEST GIBBS	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

RICHARD INGRAM	*Treble*	GEORGE F. SWANN	5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	6
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	7
OLIVER G. NORMAN	4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. T. MITCHISON.

Arranged and rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, Feb. 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	*Treble*	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	2	HARRY R. PASMORE	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
HENRY R. NEWTON	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

The band wish, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' to thank the Rev. E. K. Hamilton, M.A., for granting permission for the peal to be rung.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	ARTHUR J. NEALE	6
REUBEN SANDERS	3	HAROLD W. CLARK	7
*ALFRED PRIOR	4	DALBY HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANCIS W. BOND	*Treble*	JAMES BUTLER	5
WILFRED G. COOK	2	FRANCIS J. LEWIS	6
WILLIAM C. CUSS	3	H. CHARLES BOND	7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD ...	4	JOHN HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th, and first in method as conductor. Also first peal of Stedman in Cirencester by a local band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Amy E. Gardner to Mr. S. Rupert Stacey, and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. C. Bond and H. Lewis.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently (tenors covering). Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LAW	*Treble*	HERBERT ACOCK	5
BASIL GUY	2	JOHN HOPE	6
GEORGE J. WINTER	3	ERNEST TELLING	7
WILLIAM C. CUSS	4	GEORGE W. HASTINGS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor for all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK CULLUM, SEN. ...	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. MORTON	5
JOHN S. MORTON	2	HERBERT HOLDEN	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT AUDSLEY	7
WILLIAM ROSE	4	*WALTER R. MIDDLETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Rose, who is returning to Eye, Suffolk, and with the bells half-muffled in deep sympathy for the captain of the local band, Mr. John T. Lowry, who died on Feb. 2nd. * First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10⅞ cwt.

*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALDRIDGE	5
REDVERS F. ELSINGTON ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	†EDWARD WHITEHEAD ...	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	HARRY BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALFRED PRIOR	*Treble*	AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER ...	5
JAMES SCHOLES	2	ALBERT J. BAYNES	6
RICHARD TURNER	3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	7
FRANK C. NEWMAN	4	GEORGE HAYDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles) and Viscount Lascelles, also as a birthday compliment to Albert J. Baynes and Mrs. F. C. Newman.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Arthur J. Harding...	...*Treble*	William H. Fussell... ...	5
George H. Gutteridge...	2	Arthur Martin	6
John H. Evans...	3	Cecil C. Mayne...	7
George Martin	4	William Welling ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. Blakiston. Conducted by William Welling.
The first peal of Major on the bells. * First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

John Wheadon	...*Treble*	Walter Smith	5
Isaac G. Shade	2	*Thos. Groombridge, jun.	6
William J. Wheadon ...	3	George H. Daynes... ...	7
Isaac Emery	4	Thos. Groombridge, sen.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by T. Groombridge, sen.
* 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Percy Ward	...*Treble*	Canon W. W. C. Baker...	5
George W. Heley	2	†Frank H. Ramsey	6
Augustin V. Good	3	‡Joseph B. Marks	7
*Albert G. Matthews ...	4	Arthur E. Sharman	...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. E. Sharman.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method. Although these bells have been a peal of eight since 1760, this is the first peal of Major ever rung on them by an entirely local band.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Edwin J. Harding, jun.	...*Treble*	George Williams	5
George Pullinger	2	Richard J. Stone	6
William Tate	3	Frederick W. Rogers ...	7
Tower R. Taylor	4	*Edwin J. Harding, sen.	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by George Williams.
* First peal of Major on the bells. * 100th peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Canon G. Landon) on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Firth Hopwood ...	...*Treble*	Percy J. Johnson	5
Ernest Simpson	2	John Palframon	6
William Burton	3	†John Ambler	7
Thomas B. Kendall ...	4	Joseph Broadley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. Blakiston. Conducted by Percy J. Johnson.
This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. R. Kemp and Mrs. Emmerson, also as a birthday compliment to mother and son of the 2nd ringer, and to Mrs. T. B. Kendall. Mr. J. Broadley has rung each bell in this tower through a peal, and has performed a similar feat at Shipley and Bolton (Bradford).

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(Nuneaton Society.)
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Charles Draper ...	...*Treble*	Abraham Wilkerson ...	5
Douglas H. Argyle	2	Ernest Stone	6
Harry Argyle	3	*Thomas Dicken...	7
Walter Horton...	4	Thomas W. Chapman	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by T. W. Chapman.
* First peal of Surprise.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in F.

Walter Sadler ...	...*Treble*	Andrew Shufflebotham...	5
*James Fleuty	2	William Elliott	6
William Keeble	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ...	7
Frank Claydon	4	Arthur Saunders ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 1). Conducted by Wm. Keeble.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas F. King... ...	...*Treble*	William J. Prescott ...	5
George Temple	2	Henry W. Brown	6
Gilbert H. Harding ...	3	Joseph T. Dyke	7
John W. Jones	4	Thomas M. Griffin ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
The band is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. King, for their kind hospitality after the peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Robert Sperring ...	...*Treble*	Harry F. Holding	5
Edward Harrison	2	George R. Jones	6
John Hayes...	3	Walter Thomas...	7
Samuel Jones, jun.	4	James H. Riding... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Robert Sperring.

EDMONTON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

William Saban ...	...*Treble*	John Armstrong	5
Miss Edith K. Parker ...	2	Wilby J. Hazel...	6
*Walter J. Bowden... ...	3	James Parker	7
George Radley	4	George W. Fletcher	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by James Parker.
* First peal in the method.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK LLOYD	*Treble*	SYDNEY O. CHENEY	5
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	*WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE	6
JOSEPH S. CARTER	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*WALTER BREWIN	4	J. LESLIE WILLARS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by J. LESLIE WILLARS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th belong to Wigston Magna, and 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th to Wigston South.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

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

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by WM. P. GARRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. P. Garrett, this being his first peal as conductor and first attempt. For calling, see Snowdons' Treble Bob, part II, page 27.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN RODWELL, SEN.	*Treble*	FRED WIGMORE	4
WALLACE COUSINS	2	JOHN RODWELL, JUN.	5
CLAUDE COUSINS	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were recast and made into a ring of six by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1784. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th for the way he struck a very heavy-going bell.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM BOLLAND	4
SAMUEL ODDY	2	EDWARD ODDY	5
GEO. LAMBERT	3	CHARLES SALLAWAY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, Feb. 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Roystone Delight, Duke of York, Violet & Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. S. B. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	T. HILTON	4
A. GILL...	2	R. J. RICKETTS	5
J. CHAMPION...	3	*C. WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WALSH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Josiah Panther, a member of the local band. The ringer of the 4th hails from Darfield, the rest belong to the local company. * First peal as conductor.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALBERT BOSWELL	*Treble*	FRANCIS BOSWELL	4
HORACE TERRY	2	HENRY COLLEY	5
WALTER LARGE...	3	SAMUEL RUSSELL... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th are service ringers of St. Mary's, Ilmington, 1st and 5th are local men.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR	*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	JOHN CURRY	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	3	JOHN W. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. G. Ames.

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR WIGMORE	*Treble*	JOHN FOSTER	4
JAMES PHILIPS	2	FRED WIGMORE	5
GEORGE MASON	3	BERT GOGLE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

First peal on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Woodbine, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

A. ABRAMS	*Treble*	A. MAITOCK	4
C. W. COOKE	2	J. GRANGER	5
J. ROWLINSON	3	E. G. HIBBINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

G. R. GOODSHIP	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WHITE	4
HENRY SQUIRES	2	WALTER WHITE	5
REV. C. J. SHERTON	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (grandson to His Majesty the King) to Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles). First peal on six bells by ringer of the treble, who hails from Nottingham. First peal in seven methods by ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Hough-on-the-Hill and was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal. The ringer of the 3rd is from Orston, 4th and 5th from Cotgrave and tenor from Long Bennington.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDGAR PRICE ... ...*Treble*		THOMAS POWELL 4	
TREVOR JONES 2		†WILLIAM H. EVANS 5	
†ARTHUR KEEN 3		*WILLIAM EVANS... ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

† First peal. * First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band. Rung to celebrate the birth of the King's grandson.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARLEY SMITH ... ...*Treble*		*ALFRED OWENS 4	
EDGAR JONES 2		GEORGE JONES 5	
ALFRED TALBOT 3		*STANLEY JONES ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal. The ringer of 3rd hails from Staunton-on-Arrow, 5th from Old Radnor; the rest belong to the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Single Court and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*J. F. MILNER ... ...*Treble*		H. F. CLULOW 4	
*G. E. PADGETT 2		A. J. CHAMBERLAIN 5	
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3		WALTER WHITE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (grandson to His Majesty the King) to Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles. Ringers of treble, 2, 4 and 5 are from Southwell.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

FRED HOPPER ... ...*Treble*		*PHILIP C. ASPLIN 3	
JOHN A. TOWNSEND 2		JAMES W. HAYNES 4	

HAROLD FOLWELL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. FOLWELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Ringer of treble belongs to Northampton, 2 and 3 to Milton, 4 to Pattishall, and tenor to Foster's Booth. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, of Foster's Booth, kindly entertained the band to tea, which was much appreciated by all.

Any peal rung during 1922, and not yet recorded in our columns, will not be included in the Central Council's analysis unless the report reaches us by Monday next.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

IN THE PARISH CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... ... 1—2		ALBERT WALKER ... ... 5—6	
FRANK W. PERRENS ... ... 3—4		*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7—8	

JOHN NEAL ... ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: STANLEY BRAGG and ERNEST MANSELL.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand' and first attempt. This peal was rung in place of Treble Bob Royal on the tower bells, which could not be rung owing to serious illness opposite the church, and great credit is due to E. C. Shepherd, who has had practically no previous practice in Stedman 'double-handed.'

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is a relief to find that Mr. Burton at last sees the danger of the yawning gulf lying before him and Mr. Coleman. But he must not say that it is I who accuse the latter of forgery. It would not at all suit my argument to make out these my very good friends to be criminals! What I have shown is that they have made a blunder, because being in Norfolk, they do not understand the position in Suffolk. But it now appears that they also do not understand the difference between a signature and an endorsement. You sign what is your own: you endorse what is another's—in order to show that, even if you do not agree with it, you will support it.

Now Mr. Burton, in your issue of Feb. 2nd, and Mr. Coleman in that of Nov. 17th, say that I both endorsed and signed a certain document. In your issue of Nov. 24th, I pointed out that it is impossible and contradictory for both these words to apply to a name written only once. They must decide which of these two opposite lines they are going to take. Mr. Burton says this document is a letter. But in your issue of Nov. 17th it is entitled 'Copy of Memorandum'—another contradiction. In the middle of it, is a starred note by Mr. Fawcett, which proves that Mr. Burton has blundered again in saying that the whole of it is his. Mr. Fawcett is evidently criticising Mr. Coleman's memorandum, which he has copied out verbatim. So that our statement that the document was composed by Mr. Coleman himself, is evidently borne out by the wording of it. It is above all clear that the document is not mine, which is all that I need to prove. How, then, has it got the word '(Signed)' inserted before my name? Most certainly this was not there when I wrote my name on it.

Another blunder of Mr. Burton's is when he says 'Mr. Drake has once had the temerity to ask how his signature got there.' My actual words (Nov. 24th) were: 'What right has Mr. Coleman to let my name appear unreservedly, when I attached lengthy reservations to it?' To this serious question I have received no reply.

Mr. Burton may say that he was referring to my words in the next paragraph: 'Why, then, is my signature put at the foot, when I never attached my name to it?' But this would be a double blunder. First he has introduced the words 'got there,' entirely altering the meaning: also if he looks at my letter he will see that the word 'it,' grammatically refers (not to the memorandum at all) but to Mr. Fawcett's starred note. I was asking why is my 'signature' attached to Mr. Fawcett's starred note. Am I not abundantly justified in calling the document 'tinkered'?

These seem enough blunders in one short letter (all of them easily verified by anyone who compares the three issues of the 'Ringing World'): but there is still the most fatal blunder of all. When Mr. Fawcett and I had gone to the trouble of endorsing Mr. Coleman's proposals, why, oh why, did Mr. Coleman (with Mr. Burton) use this loyal support of himself to illegally turn us out of the committee?

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk. HERBERT DRAKE.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Branch was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, when there was a fair attendance. At the business meeting Mr. C. E. Fisher occupied the chair.

A discussion took place as to the best way to hold the annual general meeting for election of officers for the branch in place of some who had left the county. Eventually it was decided that the annual general meeting be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, Mr. G. Wilson (Leiston) consenting to act as secretary pro tem., and make arrangements for the meeting. Once again the members were disappointed, as they were refused the use of Kelsale bells, and ringing was confined to Saxmundham six, where good touches were rung in methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTEIGN AND LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Leominster on Feb. 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and a short service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Gillenders) officiating, twenty members being present, including four from the Ludlow district. An excellent tea awaited the company at the Etman Street Cafe.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The accounts for the year were passed as satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £8.

The officials were all re-elected for the year. Three members from Staunton-on-Arrow, one hon. member and six probationers from Stoke Prior, and seven probationers from Old Radnor, were elected, there being now only one eight-bell and one six-bell tower in the district that are not members of the Guild.

It was decided to accept the invitation from the Vicar of Kimbolton for the next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Leominster for the annual meeting.

BARROW VETERAN'S DEATH.

THE DAYS OF 'BETSY BAKER.'

At the age of 76 years, Mr. Tom Gibbons, of Barrow-in-Furness, has passed away. He was born at Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, and there, at an early age, he learned to ring. At first there was only round ringing, and call changes designated by such names as 'Betsy Baker' and 'Candlestick Maker,' but about 45 years ago a Norfolk ringer came to the church as verger and caretaker, and introduced change ringing. The band made excellent progress, and soon could ring several Minor methods, a date touch being rung in three methods in 1878. Mr. Gibbons rang in a number of Lincolnshire towers, and also became a member of the College Youths. He went to reside at Barrow about 25 years ago, and joined the St. James' Society, of which for some time he acted as secretary.

Only recently Mr. Gibbons wrote an entertaining pamphlet upon his ringing experiences, and it is full of amusing reminiscences. The widow, Mrs. Gibbons, has a number of copies remaining, and they can be obtained on application to her at 87, Ferry Road, Barrow-in-Furness. The price is sixpence, and ringers will be performing an act of kindness, as well as acquiring an entertaining little booklet, by purchasing a copy.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 22nd annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Mersham on Saturday, January 27th, about 50 members attending from Ashford, Appledore, Aldington, Brabourne, Canterbury, Elham, Frittenden, Great Chart, Kingsnorth, Rye, Rolvenden, Stone, Tenterden, Woodchurch, Willesborough, Wingham, and representatives from the local band. Touches in the 'very ordinary nowaday' methods were rung till 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst), Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presiding at the organ.—The Rector gave a very helpful and instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by the members present. Tea was served at the Farriers' Arms, the Rector presiding. This was followed by the business meeting.—The Secretary's report showed the Guild to be in a flourishing state, both numerically and financially, and that the twelve monthly meetings had been well attended.—The Rector was duly elected president of the Guild for the year. Mr. H. Balcomb was re-elected secretary, and Mr. W. C. Everett, Master of the Guild. Both were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their past services, and both returned thanks for their re-election.

One honorary member and six ringing members were duly elected and the next meeting proposed to be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his permission to hold the meeting, for the service and address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Rector replied.—The Master then occupied the chair, and a very pleasant social evening was spent with songs, recitations, and change ringing, and tunes on the handbells. Chief Engineer Finn's wireless was out of order, or arrangements for broadcasting would have been made.

FUNERAL OF MR. G. WOODISS.

The ringers who attended the funeral of Mr. George Woodiss, at Twickenham on Jan. 30th, were Mr. T. Beadle, Mr. F. Goddard and Mr. E. V. Beadle.

The deceased, who was a signalman on the L. and S.W. Railway, was actively interested in various Twickenham organisations, representatives of which were present at the last sad rites. About 30 of his railway colleagues preceded the cortege from the house to the cemetery, and signalmen acted as bearers. St. Peter's bell ringers, Hersham, sent a wreath.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the disastrous fire which destroyed Escrick Church, near York, it is interesting to note that two peals of Doubles only were rung on the five bells in the tower, viz., on Good Friday, Mar. 29th, and July 20th, 1918. Both were conducted by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whilst stationed at York as Staff-Sergt. in the R.A.S.C.

Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes that the peal No. 2508 in the Yorkshire Association Report, 1914 and 1915, is false, if rung as published with the Singles at the second call; they should be used at the first call in the 13th and 14th courses.

The weight of Rishton tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., and not 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., as published last week. It was not Mr. L. J. Williams' first peal of Superlative, he having taken part in one on the Monday previous.

Mr. Robert Holloway, of St. Mary's (Acton) tower, has been elected Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Ringers who intend to be present at the Henry Johnson Dinner on February 24th should make early application for tickets to the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. A. Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1836, Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire, and with it the peal of twelve bells in the steeple. The tenor of that ring was reputed to be 44 cwt. The present tower contains only a peal of eight.

Forty years ago to-morrow a peal of 6,000 of Minor in 25 methods was rung by the Tong (Yorks) company, and the other day some of the same band took part in a peal of Minor to celebrate the conductor's birthday. Although they are 40 years older they seemed just as keen as ever.

On Feb. 18th, 1777, the College Youths rang 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 7 hrs. 28 mins. 'This curious composition, the great length of time, and the masterly manner in which it was rung, may justly entitle it the most excellent performance ever achieved from the first invention of the ingenious art of ringing to the present time,' says the board recording the peal.

The first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield on Feb. 18th, 1822.

On Feb. 19th, 1833, a peal of 6,120 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Sheffield. This was the first peal of George Wilson, who was born on January 11th, 1809, and whose last peal was Treble Twelve at the same church on Dec. 26th, 1876.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on Feb. 22nd, 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton.

Henry Haley was born at Bethnal Green on Feb. 19th, 1819.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

On Saturday, Feb. 3rd, the Reading Branch held a very successful annual meeting at Reading. The following towers were represented: St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles', Reading; Caversham, Tilehurst, Henley, Purley, Mortimer and Checkendon.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman, etc., were rung at St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles' during the afternoon, and a short service was held at St. Lawrence's Church, at which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (the Master) officiated, an address being given by the Rev. C. H. Coles.

An excellent 'knife and fork' tea was served at the Central Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. W. Pole-Routh presided, and 85 members were present, this being a record number.

The balance sheet, showing a balance of more than £10 in hand (the largest ever known in the district), was passed, and the officers re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. Pole-Routh; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Pike; secretary, Mr. F. W. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. Wiggins and Foster; committee of the general Guild, J. Swain, H. Goodger, W. Appleby and H. Tucker.

A splendid musical programme was then enjoyed. Items on the pianoforte and songs were warmly encored, but Mr. Treleaven, the ventriloquist, 'brought the house down' Miss H Tucker kindly accompanied on the piano. It was unanimously agreed that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

Many ringers will hear with regret that the Armley band has sustained another loss by the death of Mr. Pollard Whiteley in his 71st year. He passed away on Sunday, Feb. 4th. He was for many years a member of the Halifax Parish Church company, and for the last six years has been a member at Armley. He was also secretary to the band until recently.

A service took place at Christ Church on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, conducted by the Rev. T. Goodchild, and was attended by the deceased's ringing friends and the churchwardens. The coffin was afterwards taken by motor to Halifax to be interred the following day. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled after service by the Armley ringers as a last token of respect.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

We deeply regret to announce that Mr. R. R. Cherry, K.C., president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, who was Lord Chief Justice of Ireland from 1914 to 1916, died in Dublin on Saturday.

A native of Waterford, he was a son of Mr. R. W. Cherry, solicitor. He graduated at T.C.D., was called to the Irish Bar, 1881, took silk 1896, was Attorney-General 1905-9, and was elevated to the Bench as Lord Justice of Appeal in 1909, in succession to the late Lord Justice FitzGibbon. In 1914 he became Lord Chief Justice. On his appointment as Attorney-General he was presented with the freedom of his native city, and in 1906 was created a P.C.

The late Lord Chief Justice had a very distinguished and honourable career. He was a double Gold Medallist in Mental Science and History and Political Science and First Scholar in International Law, Middle Temple, London. He was examiner in Political Economy for the Indian Civil Service, 1885-89; and Professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law in the University of Dublin, 1889-94.

It was in the Irish Land Courts that the late Chief Justice was best known. He published (with his colleague and friend, Judge Wakely) the 'Irish Land Act and Land Purchase Act,' which promptly became a standard work on land legislation. On going to the Bar he went to the Leinster Circuit, and he was soon amongst the Circuit leaders, figuring in all important cases. His practice in Dublin was chiefly in the Land Courts, but he was frequently seen in the Chancery and Common Law Divisions.

After unsuccessfully contesting the Kirkdale Division of Liverpool in the Liberal interest, Mr. Cherry was returned for the Exchange Division of the same city in 1905, and was soon after appointed Attorney-General for Ireland. He was elevated to the Bench as Lord Justice of Appeal in 1909. While Attorney-General he was active in repressing cattle driving.

Since 1916 he was a confirmed invalid, and was unable to continue active work, much to the regret of his colleagues on the Bench and at the Bar.

Mr. Cherry was devoted to bell ringing, and when in Dublin was to be found in his place in St. Patrick's Cathedral ringing for Sunday service. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Irish Association and rang several peals. Only a few weeks ago his son, who has also taken up ringing, scored his first peal.

JAMES MOTTS: AN APRECIATION.

By CHARLES E. BORRETT.

May I be allowed to add a few lines as a supplement to the memoir in your last issue, and also to that part of your very appreciative leader referring to the passing of James Motts?

You, Mr. Editor, describe him as 'one of the outstanding figures of our craft.' I think he was THE outstanding figure, for to my mind there has been no ringer like him in any age since change ringing began.

Consider conditions. In Ipswich, until 1899, save rings of six and five, there was only the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower Church. In 1899 St. Margaret's were increased to eight, and so the numbers remain to-day. James Motts' ringing career in the town of his adoption occupied 39 years—from 1882 to 1921—and only one twelve and one eight at home, and not a great many other eights in a 10-mile radius. Suffolk is largely agricultural, and railways in such counties are not particularly helpful, for late trains are unknown. I wonder how many miles Jimmy pushed his old 52-inch ordinary, and afterwards a safety bicycle, in the pursuit of his hobby? Even the day they scored the 16,608 at Debenham he rode the fourteen miles from Ipswich on his 52-inch!

Norwich was the nearest 12—until the advent of Yarmouth, Chelmsford and Saffron Walden—and any of them meant a long day's outing if a peal was attempted. Then, too, Ipswich is a comparatively small provincial town, and thus more difficult to create and maintain a crack company in, than in great centres of population where there is more inducement for ringers to converge. There were other prominent men in the Tower Society during all these years, but it is no disloyalty to the others to say there was only one real leader, and that was James Motts. To lead a fine progressive band for 39 years, and to have the respect of all! Is not that an outstanding achievement? And let there be no mistake—it is ten times harder successfully to lead a 12-bell band than an eight. I could write much more in support of my claim, but will pass on to the finest thing of all about Jimmy—his great modesty and absolute lack of all bluster or bounce. In spite of great achievements he was quite unspoiled, and would help any one who asked. I wonder if we shall ever again see the like of the two brothers? They were greatly attached, these two, in their plain homely way. Both were bachelors, and both equally quiet and unassertive—James by nature the leader, and William one of the safest of ringers and most lovable of men. James Motts was so great a conductor that his ability as a composer is likely to be overlooked, but he had compositions in all the standard methods, although he himself did not slavishly use them.

I do not know if he kept a peal book, but I have dissected his record for our association. In doing so I came across a curious error. Peal totals were published next members' names, for the first time in our 1890 report, and in that list James Motts is given 93 tower and 35 handbell peals. This should have been 83 and 25 respectively, and, of course, this mistake has been repeated every year since. The proper totals should, therefore, be 530 tower and 29 handbell peals. I am unable to estimate the number rung for other societies. There were a good many, I believe, for the Essex Association, and one in particular pointed out last week—the record London for the St. Martin's Guild.

Below are particulars of the 559 Norwich peals—no less than 93 of them on twelve bells and in seven methods!

James Motts then, I say, occupies the foremost place amongst our great ones who have gone. May those who follow try and copy his great example! My sympathy goes out to those of his comrades whom I always affectionately think of as 'the old brigade,' who helped in these great performances. Only three remain amongst our Ipswich members—Edgar Pemberton, Robert Brundle and William Garrett, and the first named is now unable to ring. I must apologise for the length of this appreciation, but my respect and admiration for a great ringer must be my excuse. Farewell, Jimmy!

	Tower Bells.	Conducted.	Handbells.	Conducted.	Tl.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	3	—	—	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	2	—	—	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	22	20	—	—	22
Double Norwich Maximus	4	3	—	—	4
Double Norwich Royal	10	9	—	—	10
Double Norwich Major	95	88	2	2	97
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	3	3	—	—	3
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	3	3	1	1	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major	57	46	1	1	58
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	46	30	1	1	47
Kent Treble Bob Royal	18	14	3	2	21
Kent Treble Bob Major	40	32	5	3	45
Bob Maximus	2	2	1	1	3
Bob Royal	2	2	1	1	3
Bob Major	16	12	6	3	22
Bob Triples	1	1	—	—	1
Stedman Cinques	30	18	—	—	30
Stedman Caters	24	20	—	—	24
Stedman Triples	52	45	—	—	52
Grandsire Cinques	3	—	—	—	3
Grandsire Caters	3	2	4	3	7
Grandsire Triples	30	21	4	4	34
London Surprise Major	16	10	—	—	16
New Cambridge Surprise Major	5	—	—	—	5
Superlative Surprise Major	38	28	—	—	38
Duffield Major	1	1	—	—	1
On Six Bells	2	2	—	—	2
On Five Bells	2	—	—	—	2
Totals	530	417	29	22	559

BIRTHDAY GATHERING AT TONG.

LOCAL RINGERS' LONG SERVICE.

To celebrate the 71st birthday on Feb. 2nd of Mr. G. Bolland, of Tong, Yorks, the company of St. James' Church rang a peal of Minor (recorded elsewhere), and Mr. Bolland afterwards entertained a few of his friends to supper at the village inn.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Seymour) joined the festive board, and, after an enjoyable repast, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the gathering, illness having prevented him last year.

Mr. Seymour, in alluding to the traditions of the Tong company, added that he would be pleased to further any effort to carry them onwards, and trusted recruits would come forward for that purpose. He made an appeal to all ringers to attend the service, after summoning others to do so. He offered his good wishes to Mr. Bolland (his churchwarden), and trusted he would be spared for many years yet amongst them.

Mr. T. Maude supported the Vicar's good wishes, and Mr. Bolland's health was drunk with enthusiasm.—Replying in his usual characteristic and breezy manner, Mr. Bolland hinted that he would be well pleased to see the clergy everywhere take a personal interest in bells and belfry, as the latter in some places he had visited needed it.

A notable fact in connection with the present company who took part in the peal is their length of service, viz., Mr. G. Bolland, 54 years; Mr. W. Bolland, 50 years; Mr. S. Oddy, 45 years; Mr. C. Sallaway, 45 years; Mr. E. Oddy, 31 years; Mr. G. Lambert, 30 years, a total of 255 years. Mr. Wm. Bolland is now in his 75th year, and rang his previous peal at Bramley (Leeds) on the occasion of the death of King Edward.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, J. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.

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DEDICATION OF LAMBETH BELLS.

WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY'S 350 YEARS' CONNECTION WITH THE PEAL.

At a most impressive service on Friday week, the Bishop of Southwark dedicated the restored ring of bells at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth. We have already given some particulars about the bells themselves, the restoration having consisted of recasting the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor, which were cracked, and the rehanging of the whole octave with new gudgeons and bearings. The cracking of the bells was due to the old 'cast in' crown staples, which are a frequent cause of this kind of damage. The old framework was found to be in splendid condition, after 200 years' service. It is made of heavy section timbers, and of very good construction. The existing headstocks and wheels were of comparatively modern make, and were brought into use again.

The service was attended by a large congregation, and the Bishop, after dedicating the bells, which were heard for the first time during the ceremony, preached an exceedingly interesting sermon. He dealt with the great age of the bells in the tower, viz., over 400 years, and mentioned important historical occasions on which they must have been rung. He also dealt with the effect of church bells on history, architecture and poetry, instancing, in history, the threat by the people of Florence to the King of France to ring their bells if the terms of a certain treaty were forced, which would have the effect of turning every house in the place into a miniature fortress with disastrous effects to the enemy forces. On architecture, the effect of bells had made it necessary to build fine lofty and massive towers, and gave scope for the various styles in architecture. In poetry, the Bishop mentioned several famous passages by renowned poets dealing with bells.

After the sermon, and during the singing of appropriate hymns, a parish procession took place, the Bishop and clergy, church officials, the architect (Mr. Forsyth), the founders (represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, with whom was Mr. Alan Macdonald), the builder (Mr. Samson) being followed by the scouts, guides, school children and teachers, members of parochial organisations, the ringers, sidesmen, and Church Council. The procession passed down the nave, up the north aisle, past the altar, through the side chapel and south aisle, up the nave and through the sanctuary. The service concluded with the Te Deum and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

There was little time left for ringing afterwards, but all who tried the bells, which now constitute a very fine peal, were delighted with their 'go,' and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their work. Their connection with Lambeth bells, as has already been mentioned, goes back 350 years.

BOLSOVER RINGER'S DEATH.

RESULT OF A COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

In the death of Mr. Frank Wagstaff, Bolsover, loses one of its best and most regular Sunday Service ringers. The deceased met with an accident on Saturday, January 27th, at the Bolsover Colliery. He was admitted into the Chesterfield Hospital, and died on January 31st, after an operation. Mr. Wagstaff commenced to pull a bell 31 years ago, and has been one of the most regular service ringers during that time. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung about a dozen peals of Minor and Major, but he could always be relied upon for Sunday. He was one of the mainstays of the band in getting the peal of six increased to eight 20 years ago, when the scheme was opposed by church officials and many others. A native of Bolsover, and greatly respected by all, he was carried to his last resting-place by six of the local ringers. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter to mourn for him. The bells were rung half-muffled to a peal of 5,408 Kent Treble Bob.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern division was held at Boreham on Saturday, January 27th. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Hall). A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Lady Curtis Bennett, and other ladies.

At the business meeting, a vote of thanks was passed to them for providing such an excellent tea.—In responding, Lady Curtis Bennett said they would be pleased to do it again the next time the ringers visited Boreham.

Miss M. C. Hulton was elected an honorary life member, and Mr. C. C. Pilkington and Mr. H. H. Wheaton were elected honorary members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch with a view to getting this tower into the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for helping the service.

A vote of condolence was passed with Miss Hulton on the death of the Rev. Canon Hulton, who was an honorary member of the association. Touches and tunes were afterwards rung on the handbells, and other members returned to the tower for further ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association was held at St. Thomas's, City, on Saturday, January 17th. The bells of St. Philip's and St. Thomas's were open for ringing in the afternoon. Service, which was choral, was held at St. Thomas's Church. The Rev. W. G. Bower (Vicar) and the Rev. W. Francis officiating, the Rev. W. G. Bower giving a very interesting and helpful address. Tea was arranged in the Church Room, and over 60 ringers and friends sat down.

After tea, Mr. H. T. Howell (Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and friends of St. Thomas's for the very hearty welcome, and said he was sorry to hear that the Vicar was leaving St. Thomas's to take up duties in Australia.

The Vicar, in replying, said it had been a very great pleasure to welcome the ringers to St. Thomas's, and was the means of carrying away with him many happy memories. He was also taking with him a form of the ringers' service, and hoped the time would come when he would have some bells at his church at Warrnambool, Australia.—As a farewell the party joined hands, sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and wished the Vicar and Mrs. Bower 'bon voyage.'

The Chairman, in giving a hearty welcome to visiting members from Wells, Newport, Midsomer Norton and Weymouth, referred to the Belfry Repair Fund, and spoke of the poverty of some parishes where there was not sufficient money to maintain the belfry. It was suggested that 1s. per annum be paid by every member which would bring in £17 each half-year if taken up by all the members of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association. There were many rings of six in the area that wanted rehanging. Some were unringable. If incumbents knew that the ringers were willing and anxious to help they would be stimulated to do their part.

Mr. W. A. Cave observed that they could not take action, but they could recommend the association to adopt the Central Council's recommendation that a fund be started for repairs to bells and towers. He moved that.—The Rev. E. J. Phillips seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. secretary, gave a brief report of the last year. There had been fourteen meetings, which had been well attended. There had been admitted 10 associate members, 22 performing members, two life members, and two out-diocesan. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £11 15s. 6d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Chairman mentioned that he was elected to his present office in 1912, and most wonderful good fellowship had existed among them during that period. He praised the abilities and energy of the secretary, and suggested that the ringers attend one service a Sunday. Having put in long service—his absences from meetings he could count on the fingers of one hand—he asked to be relieved of his post.

After a discussion the Rev. E. J. Phillips was chosen as his successor.—The new Chairman, thanking the company for the honour, said he took great interest in ringing and in his own bells, and invited members to join in the inauguration of the ring of six which was soon to be made at his church (applause).

The meeting re-elected Mr. P. C. Williams hon. secretary; Mr. J. Gould was chosen representative on the Management Committee, and several members were elected. The dates and places of quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: St. Matthew's, Feb. 24th; Olveston, May 12th; Coalpit Heath, Aug. 11th, and Clifton, Nov. 10th.—Votes of thanks to the ladies who provided the tea closed the proceedings.

DEATH OF MR. JOSIAH PANTHER.

LOSS TO WATH-ON-DEARNE BAND.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Josiah Panther, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire. The deceased was a very old member of the Yorkshire Association, and a regular ringer of the above band for 50 years. He was also a chorister for 42 years. Although in his 76th year he was a very active ringer, and quite recently rang the 3rd at the Ecclesfield contest, in which his band obtained the third prize. He had also a goodly number of peals to his credit.

The funeral took place at the Wath-on-Dearne Cemetery on Thursday, January 25th, and was attended by ringers from the district. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by A. Nash (conductor) 1—2, J. Chamberlin 3—4, A. Gill 5—6. Immediately after the funeral a muffled 720 Royston Delight was rung on the church bells, in 27 mins.: E. Nichols 1, A. Gill 2, H. Chamberlin 3, A. Nash (conductor) 4, R. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh 6. In the evening, 720 Sandal Exercise: H. Chamberlin 1, A. Gill 2, J. Champion 3, G. Lord 4, R. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh (conductor) 6.

THE HEAVIEST PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue it is stated that Exeter Cathedral boasts of the heaviest tenor and the heaviest ringing peal in the world. The weight of the whole peal, including the extra 6th (11½ cwt.) is 271 cwt. 3 qr. 7lb.; but the 12 at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, weighs 271 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.; and, as only 12 can be rung at Exeter at any one time, I should say that St. Paul's Cathedral contains the heaviest ringing peal in the world. At any rate it is a heavier peal of 12.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GUILDFORD. — On Sunday, February 11th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the anniversary service of the Caleb Lovejoy Charity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Chivers 1, G. J. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, Mrs. A. C. Hazelden 4, A. C. Hazelden 5, G. Petter 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. First quarter on ten bells by the treble and tenor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: G. Illman 1, G. Ellis 2, O. Sippetts 3, W. Beeston 4, A. Bull 5, W. Stanford 6, A. Ellis 7, F. Rice (conductor) 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Gregory, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mrs. Tatum, wife of one of the ringers. Also on the day of the funeral, 720 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled. The ringers were: P. Gridley, M. Silvester, W. Heard, W. Lee, A. Maxim, F. Chinery, D. Elliott (conductor), A. Scott, G. Dixon.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, G. H. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, E. Sharpe 4, A. Phillips (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: *F. Norris 1, W. Wood 2, W. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Cutmor 5, G. C. Iles 6, A. Harding 7, J. Driver (conductor) 8, F. Skevington 9, *H. Page 10. * First quarter-peal.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: E. Vickers (Stowting) 1, W. Good 2, G. Youngs (Boughton Aulph) 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Wiffen, jun., 1, H. E. Hammond 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, L. W. Wiffen, senr. (conductor), 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For evensong, 672 Stedman Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wiffen, senr. (conductor), 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 720 changes Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Howard (conductor) 1, A. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Howard 5, W. Sermons 6. Also for evening service, 720 changes College Single: F. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons (conductor) 5, H. Howard 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., for morning service: W. Haigh 1, F. Ockwell 2, R. Ockwell 3, W. Rayner 4, F. H. Champion 5, W. Cook 6, C. Belsey (first quarter as conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8. W. Haigh belongs to Gillingham, all others are local ringers.

HALESOWEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for service, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Worcester of a newly-erected choir screen in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Somers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, with tenor covering, 720 Kent Treble and 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Buttress (conductor) 1, C. E. Patten 2, J. Giddens 3, J. T. Nowington 4, A. Page 5, G. Bridge 6, C. Hall 7.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss A. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, J. J. Judson 3, E. Tilley 4, W. Waldorn 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Groves' Variation, in 46 mins.: S. Hughes (first quarter) 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman (first quarter on a bob bell) 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Clark 5, H. Tyler 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, J. Judge 2, W. Stone 3, R. G. Rice 4, L. Tuffrey 5, G. Holifield 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 10 courses of Stedman Caters (1,080 changes), in 50 mins.: C. E. Lawson 1, J. A. Teale 2, W. Woodhead 3, J. Redfern 4, F. Renton 5, J. Jessop 6, G. Tingle 7, F. Barker 8, W. E. M. Ash (conductor) 9, M. Smith 10. This was rung in honour of the 40th anniversary of Mr. M. Smith's wedding. Also Mr. W. Woodhead's silver wedding.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Slater 1, P. Gridley 2, A. Maxim 3, A. Ives 4, T. Chinery 5, H. Perkins 6, B. W. Pettitt 7, S. Evans (conductor) 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE. — On Sunday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: W. Goodenough 1, Miss M. Butler (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Webb 3, W. Webb 4, T. East, senr. (conductor), 5, F. Abbott 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. Warwick 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 360 Double Oxford, 360 Oxford Single Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Double Court, in 38 mins.: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Wilfred Sharp 6. First quarter-peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the tenor.

KING'S LYNN.—For Matins, on Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. G. Cross (conductor) 1, T. Groenacre 2, Mr. Newson 3, Mr. Chrome 4, W. Rose 5, W. J. Eldred 6.—For evensong, 224 Bob Major.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Brothwell 1, A. Hill 2, A. Johnson 3, Ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., 4, H. Haigh (composer and conductor) 5, G. Hardwick 6, J. T. Wilson 7, W. H. Dale 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Hoff 1, G. A. Black 2, K. C. Fox 3, C. R. Morss 4, E. Plummer 5, E. Wightman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: *A. Reeves 1, E. Wightman (conductor) 2, L. Hoff 3, W. Shute 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Morss 6. Also 360 Double Court: W. Shute 1, G. E. Wightman 2, E. Wightman (conductor) 3, L. Hoff 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Morss 6. * First 720.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: C. Harrison 1, T. O'Hara 2, H. Bower 3, J. Evinson 4, R. Harrison 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. Dixon 7, H. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal on the bells for over nine years.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following: Mrs. C. Hazelden 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, E. Raddon 3, G. J. Nichols 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. Petter 6, G. Tomsett 7, W. Thorne 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. Le Feuvre 10.—On the preceding Wednesday, for Confirmation service, 668 Bob Major: G. Petter 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. J. Nichols 4, G. Tomsett 5, E. Raddon 6, S. Radford 7, C. Hazelden (conductor) 8.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very well attended and successful gathering was held at Bromyard, on Saturday, January 20th, ringers being present from Bredenbury, Bromyard, Whitbourne, Pencombe, Kimbolton, Berrington and Eye. The quarterly service was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards most hospitably entertained the company to tea.

At the annual meeting, Mr. Alfred Tomkins, secretary and District Ringing Master, presented the accounts, which showed a balance of £4 13s. 9d. His report also showed that the number of ringing members of the district during 1922 was 25; but before the meeting closed the number was increased by the election of nine more (seven from Bromyard and two from Pencombe).

Mr. A. Tomkins was reappointed District Ringing Master and secretary for the ensuing year, and the following were elected members of the committee: Mr. Miles (Bromyard), Mr. W. Watkins (Bredenbury), Mr. C. Jones (Pencombe), and Mr. Caswell (Whitbourne).

The number of ringing members is now 34, but the secretary pointed out that there was much room for improvement in the number of hon. members of the Guild. The Guild has done much to develop the science of bell ringing, and to raise the tone of service and fellowship in the ringing chambers of the church towers. The ministry of the bell ringers was a benefit to the whole community, and though it was a labour that ringers delighted in it called for a definite amount of sacrifice, and needed the guidance of ringing masters and instructors. It was hoped that the appeal of the secretary would produce good results, and that at the end of the year there may be a larger number of supporters who are willing to show their value and appreciation of bell ringing by becoming hon. members of the Diocesan Guild.

The meeting appointed Mr. C. Jones, Mr. Ranford, Mr. G. Soley and Mr. R. Bethell as official instructors to assist the District Ringing Master in teaching beginners.

Unfortunately Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master of the Diocese, was prevented from attending, and all regretted the absence, through illness, of Mr. Caswell.—Cordial thanks were offered to the Vicar for his hospitality and interest in the Guild, and the meeting then adjourned to the church tower, where the bells were kept going in Plain Bob, Oxford Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. This proved one of the best meetings held in the district.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Spilsby on Saturday, January 27th. As Spilsby lies almost at the northern extremity of the district, there was not a large number of ringers present, but nevertheless a very successful meeting was held, ringers attending from Boston, Skirbeck, Frieston, Butterwick, Benington, Old Leake, Wrangle, Surfleet, Stickney, and the local band. Visitors were also present from Pinchbeck.

Ringing took place on the nice toned peal of six, and touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, after which tea was partaken of at the George Hotel. Following this the business meeting was held, Mr. Rupert Richardson, in the absence of the president, occupying the chair. The Rev. C. V. Camplin-Cogan was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. S. F. Staffurth resigned his position as secretary. He will shortly be taking up his residence in Ramsey, Hunts. Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was unanimously elected to the office of hon. secretary, and Mr. Arthur H. Palmer was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master of the branch.

Swineshead was chosen for the quarterly meeting, held in April.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Rupert Richardson for presiding concluded the business.

Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells. During the evening touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round on the church bells.

NORTHERN BRANCH PROPOSE REDUCTION OF SUBSCRIPTION.

The Grimsby district annual meeting of the above was held at Grimsby on January 27th. The bells of St. Andrew's and the Parish Church were rung in various methods, young ringers taking part. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. A. Markham), who gave a suitable address. Mr. Harold Rusby presided at the organ. Tea at the Church House was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair owing to the vice-president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) being called away. Places for meetings for the year were voted for, and a welcome was extended to the new Vicar of Ulceby (the Rev. Mr. Newton), who was elected, together with several new members.—Mr. Hoodless, of Barton, proposed a reduction in the fee for subscriptions on account of reduced wages, etc., and this resolution is to be forwarded to the committee.—Votes of thanks and ringing in the evening concluded a pleasant meeting.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW PEAL OF 5,024 BY J. W. PARKER.

Conductors of peals of Cambridge Surprise will study with interest the appended peal of 5,024, which has been composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and was rung for the first time on Jan. 25th, at Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

Hitherto Middleton's peal, with its five symmetrical parts, has been practically the only one available. Now Mr. Parker has given us another which, we imagine, will be welcomed by those to whom a change will commend itself.

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	—			
63254		—		
56234		—		
56342	—			—
35642				—
63542				—
34625	—			
64523		—		
54326		—		
54263	—			—
25463				—
42563				—
42635	—			—
64235				—
26435				—
547236			Fourths	
52364	In	—		
63425			—	—
32654	—			
56423			—	—
62534	—			
35426			—	—
42356				— —
34256				—
23456				—

REVERSE VARIATION.

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
32654		—		
56423		—	—	
62534	—			
35426		—	—	
52364	—			
63425		—	—	
547236			—	and Fourths
54263		In	and	—
25463				—
42563				—
42635	—			—
64235				—
26435				—
63254	—			
56234			—	
35264			—	
35642	—			—
63542				—
56342				—
64523	—			
54326		—		
34625		—		
34256	—			—
23456				—

This peal is composed from a three-part set of twenty-four courses, which are quite distinct from Middleton's, and is the second original composition having this number of courses with the tenors together. The seventh is moved for one course only, when the sixth takes its place.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held at Farnham on Saturday last, and was attended by ringers from Aldershot, Alton, Binsted, Cranleigh, Dorking, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Seale, etc. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), who also gave an address. The organist presided at the organ, and the churchwardens were also present. Tea was provided at Ransom's Tea Rooms, presided over by the Rector.

A short business meeting followed.—The Ringing Master presented his report, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Melville, to the Rector and wardens for the use of the church and bells; also to the organist, and to the members of the local company for making the necessary arrangements.

After some touches on handbells, in which Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Mr. W. R. Melville, Mr. T. Upshaw and Mr. A. P. Duffield took part, the company returned to the tower, and the bells, as in the afternoon, were rung in various methods.

HEAVY GOING BELLS AT ALRESFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Alresford on Saturday, Feb. 4th, when members attended from Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, North Stoneham, Farnham, Portsea, Winchester and Alresford. Tea was provided at Crook's Restaurant, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master) and Mr. G. Pullinger (peal recorder). During the afternoon and evening the peal of eight were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The heavy 'go' of the tenor made a course of Major enough at a time for those who rang this bell, although Mr. Pullinger's castor oil improved matters a little. The two back bells at least require new bearings.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 42 members being present from Chertsey, Bagshot, Binfield, Farnborough, Hersham, Old Windsor, Staines, Walton-on-Thames, Yorktown, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter), and an excellent tea was provided by the lady church workers in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair, supported by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. E. F. Stead, and ten new members were elected.

Mr. Nye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the kind way in which he had received the Guild; also to the ladies for their hospitality in arranging such an excellent tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Woodrow.—The Vicar thanked the members for coming, and said he was pleased to meet them. — The tower was again visited until 8.45 p.m. The methods during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire to Kent Treble Bob Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western district was held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. The bells are a nice peal of six, which go round opposite to the customary way. Various touches were brought round during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Pope). Tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, was served in the Church Room, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector, who presided, welcomed the association to Northchurch for the first time. He hoped they would come again, and said they would be made welcome whenever they desired to come.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and Apsley was selected for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, on the motion of Mr. W. Shephard, seconded by Mr. O. Bayes, for providing the tea, for the use of the bells, and for the welcome extended to the association; and also to the ladies for serving the tea.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 7.30, when they were lowered in peal. Some of the members then went on to Berkhampsted and rang for an hour.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Cheshunt on Jan. 20th, and 23 members attended from Edmonton, Ware, Nazeing and Little Munden, besides the members of the Cheshunt band. Some good ringing was done, and all spent a very pleasant time. Service was held in church, at which the Rev. C. R. Law, Vicar, who, by the way, is himself a ringer, gave a very helpful address from Exodus xii. 26, 'What mean ye by this service?'

NOTICES.

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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.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.—The tablet to the memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford will be dedicated at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 5 p.m. There will be a short special service held, and it is earnestly hoped that all fellow ringers will make an effort to attend.—L. Harris and F. W. Romaine, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at Christ Church from 3 p.m. Tea at King's Arms Hotel, 4.45. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Blagdon (near Bristol) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells at 3. All will be welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, Feb. 19th, March 5th and 19th. Bishopsgate, March 12th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Feb. 20th. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the kind permission of Canon W. B. Forster, M.A., the annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Idle on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. A short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Church School. All applications for tickets should be made to Mr. R. Umpleby, 6, Highdal Terrace, Idle, not later than Feb. 20th. General meeting at 6 p.m. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dale. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon, 1/3 each, at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 20th? Subscriptions which are now due will be gladly received at this meeting.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Meet at St. Mary's, Gateshead, at 2.30. Newcastle Cathedral bells available till 5 p.m. Tea at 'The Anchorage' at 5 o'clock, 1/- each. Will members intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, the 20th?—Geo. S. Taylor, District Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Farnworth Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Feb. 24th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 20th. A good attendance is desired at this, the first, meeting of the year. Subscriptions are now due, and tower secretaries are asked to collect them from their towers, and to pay them to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. The Annual meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Feb. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 8 bells. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

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. Magnus on March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 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.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Bocking (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 3rd. See notice next week. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—Bert Redgwell, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea. It is important that all those expecting to be present at the tea should let me know by Monday, March 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — I shall be glad to receive from the local secretaries of those towers in the two dioceses the subscriptions of their honorary and ordinary ringing members who have not already paid for the years 1921-22 and 1922-23 at their earliest possible convenience.—A. M. Hall, Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Quayside, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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