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PROGRESS IN MINOR.

No branch of ringing has advanced faster in recent years than six-bell practice. Limited in the extent of changes that are possible, the scope of Minor ringing has been rapidly widened in a variety of directions, first by the publication of the Collection of Methods by the Central Council, then by the ingenious arrangement by which several methods are introduced into one true seven hundred and twenty. Old-time six-bell ringers used to find numerous methods with which to exercise their art, but many of these methods were of very poor quality from a constructional point of view. The Central Council's publication, however, changed all this and gave ringers a choice which provides a wide range of regular and really good Minor methods.

Until recent years Minor ringers who wanted a peal in more than seven methods had perforce to ring a round touch in each of a number, with the result that some changes might be repeated, say fourteen times—where a peal in fourteen 360's was rung—while other changes might not appear at all. This has been rendered avoidable by scientific splicing, so that it is possible to put something like thirty methods into a peal and still have each possible change only seven times. Moreover, these peals are produced without the tenors coming up together behind in an inverted coursing order, a position which is the bête noir of the majority of ringers. In many of the methods practised in the past the tenors were as often brought up the wrong way as not, but the progressive Minor ringer of to-day has provided for him considerable choice of methods which escape this limitation.

Now we have reached yet another stage in the advancement of Minor composition. Hitherto one of the drawbacks to ringing peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor has been the fact that seven differently composed 720's had not been obtained without sometimes having the tenors the wrong way. The Rev. E. Bankes James has constructed an ingenious 5040 by producing seven distinct 720's, which keep the tenors the right way together when behind. He has done it by a plan which discards the convention of joining them together at the rounds change. An examination of the figures will show that the extents start variously from 234, 423 and 342, but each seven hundred and twenty is true in itself. We do not know what some of the 'purists' will say to this plan, although we do not see how they can quibble with it when the peal begins and ends with rounds and contains seven true extents. At any rate it provides another instance of the genius of the Master of Seafield, and it is not unlikely we may see the plan applied to other Minor methods in the future.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	†JOHN PERRY	8
WILLIAM SHORT	3	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	9
JOHN BASS	4	‡THOMAS SMITH	10
WILLIAM A. COOPER... ...	5	HERBERT KNIGHT	11
SAMUEL GROVE	6	WILLIAM FISHER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve bells, also 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques away from the tenor. First attempt for Cinques as conductor by R. Matthews, who has now rung and conducted peals from Doubles to Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR	*Treble*	GEORGE HUGHES...	6
*EDWARD REEVES	2	JESSE SCREEN	7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
ALFRED ROWLEY	4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	9
JOSEPH WALKER	5	REUBEN HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Caters away from the treble. The above peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Reuben Hall who reached his 71st birthday on the Thursday previous. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. T. H. Burkitt, of the Wednesbury company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER JUDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM JUDGE	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	WILLIAM STONE	6
*LEONARD TUFFREY	3	ALBERT E. LOCK...	7
JACK HONEY	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method with a bob bell.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*DAVID GIBB	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
WILLIAM E. LYNCH	2	WILLIAM H. WILSON ...	6
RICHARD LYNCH	3	GEORGE F. WILMOT... ...	7
CECIL HARRISON	4	*HERBERT P. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal.

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KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM GIBBS	*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
JOHN BASS	2	JOSEPH DAVIES	6
FREDERICK DICKENS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
JOHN SMITH	4	ALFRED HACKETT...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2	WILLIAM T. COX...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	CHARLES FREEMAN	7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	4	FRANK PERVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by F. PERVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. WHEWELL	*Treble*	FRANK SHAW	5
JAMES SHAW...	2	JONATHAN WHEWELL	6
MISS ELLEN SHAW	3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... ...	7
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	4	JOHN WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Arranged for J. Watson, also as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Whewell.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also the first peal of Stedman by members of the Suffolk Guild.

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

On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. JUDD	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	HARRY KILBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal of Double Oxford by all the band, by the association, and in the county.

TOTNES, DEVON.—Devonshire Guild.—On Saturday, Oct. 6th, in 50 mins., at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) being the first quarter of Brook's Variation: T. G. Bartlett 1, A. L. Bennett 2, W. C. Wakley 3, H. W. Wilkes 4, F. T. Grover 5, W. Richardson 6, E. Shepherd (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

RICHMOND, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ...*Treble*		ROBERT HOLLOWAY	5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ...	2	*ARTHUR HARDING	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	3	CHARLES T. COLES	7
MAURICE SMITH	4	GEORGE SPENCER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Hollier, wife of the hon. sec. of the S.W. district of the association.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER V. WEBB	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. MACEY... ...	5
THOMAS EAST	2	RICHARD G. RICE	6
WILLIAM J. NAPPER	3	JAMES S. NAPPER	7
WALTER HITCHMAN	4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ISAAC EVANS	*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY...	5
BERT H. POUNTNEY	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	WILLIAM FISHER...	7
JOHN T. DAVIES	4	THOMAS JUSTICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE WEST	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	†W. RICHARD DRAGE... ...	6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
WILLIAM A. JANES	4	FRED W. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. Conducted by A. COPPOCK.

First peal in the method by all except No. 8, and the first ever rung in the City of Nottingham. * First Surprise peal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor (Oct. 9th).

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*JAMES FLOYD, JUN. ...	*Treble*	†JAMES FLOYD, SEN.	5
REGINALD S. COOK	2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... ...	6
‡HERBERT GATES	3	‡JOSEPH CHATLEY	7
HENRY GOLDING	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—For harvest festival on Thursday, Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering: A. Firth (conductor) 1, F. C. Wison 2, A. Mitchell 3, E. Pammenter 4, A. Stamp 5, G. F. Tuke 6, O. Torr 7, H. Mortimore 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT	2	*ALFRED G. HILL	6
†FREDERICK A. COLEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	7
‡JOHN S. MORTON	4	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal in the method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*JOHN F. SHARP	*Treble*	†FREDERICK T. CLINKARD	5
†HARRY TOLLEY	2	FRANCIS TAYLOR	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	WILLIAM JUDGE	7
LEONARD TUFFREY	4	†FREDERICK SHARPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

†EX.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT, E DIVISION	*Treble*
*SGT. FRED PORTER, H DIVISION	2
†P.C. GEORGE SCHLEUTER, E DIVISION	3
P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY, C DIVISION	4
†P.C. THOMAS W. G. WATERS, E DIVISION	5
P.C. GEORGE SHIPP, C DIVISION	6
SGT. WILLIAM BOTTRELL, Y DIVISION	7
‡P.C. ERNEST BRETT, E DIVISION	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. BRETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the above method. ‡ First peal in any method as Conductor. Rung by members of the Metropolitan Police as a farewell peal to Sergt. James Bennett of E. Division, who recently retired on a pension after 25 years' service in the above police force. The first peal of major by a police band.

UFFORD SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WARD	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
FRANK L. FISHER	2	CHARLES F. FISHER	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES SAMPSON	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

First peal for the treble ringer for 20 years. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LUTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALFRED KING	*Treble*	HARRY WOOD	5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS	2	THOMAS KENDALL	6
FREDERICK HUNT	3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	7
HARRY WALKER	4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON	*Treble*	JOSEPH S. CARTER	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
*SYDNEY COX	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. S. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late rector, Rev. J. E. Potts, who was accidentally killed Oct. 13th, 1919. * First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEORGE COOK	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	5
GEORGE MARRINER	2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6
†JOHN BEAMS	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
ALFRED H. WINCH	4	ARTHUR DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal for the above association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.B.	*Treble*	ALBERT MARKS	5
*ERNEST DUMPER	2	†EDWARD COLLINS	6
RICHARD PAINE	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
WALTER G. ROWE	4	OWEN H. GILES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major away from Treble. † First peal of Bob Major, and hails from Ringwood. First peal of Major as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BRIGGS	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBB	5
*MISS MONICA MOSSE	2	FREDERICK E. WILSON	6
TOM ATKINS	3	FRED COTTON	7
CHARLES H. BRIGGS	4	*ALBERT G. HERBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who was inducted on Thursday, Oct. 11th, also in connection with the harvest thanksgiving festival.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH	*Treble*	RICHARD FISHWICK	5
EDWARD EDWARDS	2	*GEORGE TYSON	6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD	3	PETER CROOK	7
ARTHUR HILL‡	4	ARTHUR SEWART	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the 6th. All the band are service ringers at the above church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	GEORGE M. KILBY	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	HARRY KILBY	6
ALBERT W. COLES	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	HAROLD W CLARK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BARRETT	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	GORDON CADDWELL	7
*JAMES ABERY	4	RICHARD G. RICE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS GLADYS DODDS	...*Treble*	FRANK PERVIN	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS... ...	3	HARRY BROUGHTON	7
E. HARRY STONELEY ...	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells. The ringers thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

A. TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	J. BROWN	5
T. STANCLIFFE	2	J. SANDERSON	6
A. INGHAM	3	J. WATSON	7
F. CHAMBERS	4	L. J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. E. BULWER. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major, and first of Treble Bob Major as Conductor. The ringer of 5th belongs to Hoghton, 3rd and tenor to Churchkirk, remainder to Blackburn.

SIX BELL PEALS.

The four following peals were rung on the occasion of the Jubilee Dedication Festival of S. Gabriel's Church, Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, built in 1873 by Mr. Samuel Martin, of Catterall, Hanley Castle, and completely furnished by him.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS	...*Treble*	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	4
ERNEST GIBBS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS	...*Treble*	*HARRY PRICE	4
*FREDERICK PRICE	2	†CHARLES YOUNG	5
JOHN BAYLISS	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, September 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BAYLISS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. T. HOLT.
* First Surprise peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, September 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK STANTON	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
ERNEST GIBBS	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE	...*Treble*	ERNEST TIGWELL, SEN. ...	4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	2	WILFRED HOOTON	5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON... ...	3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven 720's in nine methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR RIGGALL ...	...*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE	2	JOSEPH LANDON	5
WILLIAM TILLEY...	3	GEORGE H. WELLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on the 27th anniversary of Mr. W. Tilley's wedding day, and as a farewell to Rev. Canon Ashby, M.C., who retired from this church this month.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, Oct. 11th, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. Edwards 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, E. H. Kynaston 6.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY CARTER	4
WALTER FARLEY...	2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN	5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J T. DYKE.
First peal on the bells, recently rehung by Taylor.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's with ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILKINS MASSEY... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. ADLEY	4
JOHN HOWES	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	5
GEORGE HIGGS	3	WILLIAM A. TILLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.
First peal by all except the conductor, also the first peal on the bells since 1827.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY),
On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

*E. HOBART SMITH ...	...1—2	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS...	...5—6
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY...	...3—4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...7—8

FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...9—10
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Umpire: H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The only other peal of Oxford Royal rung in the county on handbells double-handed was at Ipswich on January 13th, 1890. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Tillett.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ...	...1—2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	...5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...3—4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE	...7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and JESSIE MELVILLE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, when a good muster of members was present from Bacup, Newchurch, Haslingden, Helmshore, Rams, bottom, Bury, and Burnley, in addition to the local ringers.
The bells were kept constantly going from 3.30 till 9 o'clock, the methods including Double Norwich Stedman, Kent Oxford and Bob Major, Grandsire and Surprise Methods.
The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on a date to be arranged, probably the 3rd or 17th November.

ARMISTICE DAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Armistice Day falls on Sunday this year, will it be proper to ring with muffled bells as a mark of respect to the fallen; or with open bells, or should they be rung according to the Vicar's wish?
Perhaps a little space in your correspondence columns to air the matter might give some ideas about it, and at the same time help those in doubt.—Yours truly,
Charing, Kent. CHAS. F. GOOD.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT ESSEX RINGER.

MR. ARTHUR EDWARDS, DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

A gloom has been cast over ringing circles in South-East Essex by the unexpected death of Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, Master of the S.E. District of the County Association. The sad event occurred on Sunday Sept. 30th, at the Chelmsford Isolation Hospital, from acute septicæmia followed by nephritis. The deceased, who was 53 years of age, had been ill for about a fortnight, but was taken suddenly worse on the Saturday, and died on Sunday. He was head gardener, and had been employed at Boreham Manor for about 17 years by the late Canon Hulton. He took a keen and active part in the affairs of the parish, where he will be greatly missed. He had been hon. secretary of the local Bowling Club since its formation, and had always taken an active interest in the Cottage Gardeners' Association. He was also associated with the Chelmsford Gardeners' Association. He was a sidesman at the church and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He leaves a widow and family of six sons and three daughters, with whom much sympathy will be felt.
His connection with ringing extended over a great many years, and he was a great enthusiast in the art. He had rung a considerable number of peals, including one by a band of 'Arthurs,' but he was never so happy as when instructing a young band or getting them through their first touch in a new method. Such men are the salt of the Exercise, and the death of Mr. Edwards leaves a gap which it will be difficult to fill.
The funeral took place at Boreham Churchyard, amid many signs of esteem and regret. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Hall (Vicar), assisted by the Rev G. Colley, of Chelmsford. The cortege was led from the deceased's residence by the members of the local band and other ringers, the bearers also being ringing friends. The chief mourners were: The widow; Harold Hirzel, Leonard, Stanley, and Horace, sons; Mrs. A. Bicknell (Chelmsford), the Misses Bernice and Margery Edwards, daughters; Mrs. A. Edwards (Writtle), mother; Messrs. Percy, Alfred, Albert and Fred Edwards, brothers; Mrs. A. Pettitt (Dunstable), sister; Mesdames F., A. and E. Edwards, sisters-in-law; Mrs. H. Edwards, daughter-in-law; R. and C. Edwards, nephews; Mr. G. Sach, friend of the family. Others present at the graveside included Miss Hulton, Boreham Manor; the Rev. A. E. Negus, Great Leighs; Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers; Messrs A. Head, F. Radley, F. W. Edwards, and T. B. Fairhead, of the Writtle company of ringers; W. Allen, W. Allison, and Mrs. Allison, B. Timson, C. Gentry, and J. Wood (St. Mary's Guild of Ringers), J. Walden (Coggeshall), J. E. Page, H. W. Smith, D. Emery, W. E. Wisbey (Chelmsford), Mrs. Everard, Miss Gibbons, and many others. Among those who sent wreaths were ringers at Boreham, Writtle, and the St. Mary's Guild.
Two short touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: Messrs. C. H. Howard, P. Timson, A. Church, S. Letch, A. Joslin, R. C., W. R., and L. H. Thrift, J. Walden and J. Wood.
In the evening, at Writtle Church, where the deceased learned to ring under the tuition of Mr. W. Lincoln, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Lincoln 1, T. W. Edwards 2, H. W. Kirton 3, F. G. Radley 3, H. Head 4, A. Head 5, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8; and at the Cathedral, Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Talworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, A. Head 4, J. Clark 5, C. Pease 6, P. Timson (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, October 6th, at Ducklington. Bob Minor was rung on the bells before service, which was held in the Parish Church, the preacher being the Rev. C. Tristram, Rector of Ducklington. There was not a large attendance, but the following towers were represented: Witney, Ducklington, Eynsham, Bampton, Yarnton, Kidlington and Stanton Harcourt. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was present, also Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon and Mr. F. M. Green, churchwarden, of Witney. Tea was served in the Village Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. — Mr. J. Monk (secretary) presented his report and the balance sheet, which showed an appreciable balance in hand.—Both were considered quite satisfactory.
The Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn was re-elected chairman and Mr. J. Monk secretary and treasurer, with expressions of gratitude for the way they had filled these offices in the past.
Messrs. N. Spindlow, G. A. King and G. Rose were elected branch representatives on the Guild Committee, and Woodstock was selected as the place for the spring meeting.
The Master spoke on the matter of Guild finance and on the importance of the attendance of members at committee meetings.
Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher for the service and his sermon, and to Mr. Steptoe for his kind services as organist.
This concluded the business, and the company returned to the tower to ring Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	5056 by G. Lindoff.				
	23456	W	B	M	H
2 1 4 3 5 7 6 8					
1 2 3 4 7 5 8 6	23564		—		—
2 1 4 3 7 8 5 6	52436	—		—	
2 4 1 3 8 7 6 5	52364		—		—
4 2 3 1 7 8 5 6	36245	—	—	—	—
2 4 1 3 7 5 8 6	24365	—			—
4 2 3 1 5 7 6 8	32465				—
2 4 3 5 1 7 8 6	63425	—			
4 2 5 3 7 1 6 8	26435	—			
4 5 2 3 1 7 8 6	43265	—			—
5 4 3 2 7 1 6 8	26354	—	—	—	—
4 5 2 3 7 6 1 8	35264	—			—
4 2 5 3 6 7 8 1					
2 4 3 5 7 6 1 8	42356	—		—	—
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1	34256				—
3 2 5 4 7 6 8 1	25346	—			—
3 5 2 4 6 7 1 8	32546				—
5 3 4 2 7 6 8 1	54326	—			—
5 4 3 2 6 7 1 8	35426				—
4 5 2 3 6 1 7 8	43526				—
5 4 3 2 1 6 8 7	24536	—			
5 3 4 2 6 1 7 8	53246	—			—
3 5 2 4 1 6 8 7	45236	—			
5 3 2 1 4 6 7 8	23156	—			—
3 5 1 2 6 4 8 7					
5 3 2 1 6 8 4 7					
3 5 1 2 8 6 7 4					
3 1 5 2 6 8 4 7					
1 3 2 5 6 4 8 7					
3 1 5 2 4 6 7 8					
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8					
1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6					
Rob					
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8					
1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6					

A peal in this method was rung for the first time at Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, and this enterprising and accomplished band have thus added yet another to the numerous Surprise methods which they have rung.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

A PEAL WITH TENORS ALWAYS THE RIGHT WAY.

Peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor are showing an increase, but one of the factors that has acted against a more general practice is the fact that seven different 720's could not be obtained without sometimes having the tenors the wrong way.

The following 5,040 has been put together by the Rev. E. Bankes James on a plan that was indicated in 'The Ringing World' some time ago. There are seven distinct 720's, but they do not come round at the end. The first seven hundred starts from the row 23456, and finishes at 43265 (the handstroke of 34256). The advantage of the arrangement is that it gives seven different callings for Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the tenors always come up the right way. This peal was rung at Grendon on Oct. 6th.

23456		34256		23456		42356	
35642	1	34562	3	35642	1	63425	2
42635	4	34625	3	42635	4	25463	4
23564	1	63425	5	56423	2	56342	1
64523	4	46325	5	45623	5	35642	5
42356	1	53462	2	64523	5	54263	1
56342	4	45362	5	42356	1	46325	1
64235	1	23458	2	56342	4	34625	5
35264	4	42356	5	64235	1	42563	1
56423	1			26435	5	63542	4
45623	5	42563	3	63542	1	34256	1
52364	1	42635	3	34256	1	23456	5
26435	1	35642	4				
63542	1	54263	1	62345	2	23564	3
34256	1	25463	5	36245	5	45236	2
		56342	1	23645	5	45362	3
		64235	1	56234	2	34562	5
		26435	5	25634	5	25346	2
		63542	1	62534	5	25463	3
		34256	1	23456	1	42563	5
		23456	5	42356	5	35426	2
						35264	3
						23456	P

The divisions are placed at the conventional ends of each 720 as a guide to the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new trebles which have been added to the ring at Canterbury Cathedral as a memorial to the members of the Kent County Association who fell in the war, were dedicated on Saturday, and one more is thus added to the peals of twelve.

Another new method has been added to the Surprise list, the first peal of Rutland Surprise Major having been rung at Bolsover.

Very few men have conducted peals from Doubles to Maximus, but by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton on Saturday Mr. Robert Matthews has completed the circuit.

An interesting peal is recorded in our columns this week, eight members of the Metropolitan Police Force having rung a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It was a farewell to P.S. Jas. Bennett, of E Division, after 25 years' service.

A peal of Minor, the first on the bells was rung at Croscombe, Somerset, on Wednesday of last week. The total distance travelled by the band was 154 miles, and some, at least, could not have arrived home before 12.30 a.m. on a dark, stormy night. There's enthusiasm for you!

In connection with the double-handed peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich last week, it is interesting to recall that the first 'in hand' was rung at Sheffield on Dec. 3rd 1811 by a band who about that time rang Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells.

One of the earliest peals of Treble Ten was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Oct. 19th 1766. This was the first 6,000 in the method, and was scored by the College Youths.

The only peal of Grandsire Cinques which John Holt rang with the Union Scholars was at St. Bride's, London, on Oct. 20th, 1751.

The Cambridge Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Great St. Mary's on December 22nd, 1734.

The first recorded peal of Stedman Triples, albeit a rival company threw doubts upon its truth, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Oct. 25th, 1731.

Oct. 25th is also the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London, viz., 5,292 at Birmingham in the year 1790.

A peal of 15,124 Bob Major was rung in 8 hr. 46 mins., at St. Paul's, Oldham, on Oct. 24th, 1807.

We hear an attempt is to be made shortly in a Midland county for a peal of Stedman Triples by eight members of the Ladies' Guild. The best of luck to them.

DEVON GUILD

REV. E. V. COX AT EXMOUTH.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter and District Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Littleham (Exmouth), on Saturday, Sept. 29th, when about 70 members were present from St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas', and Heavitree (Exeter), Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Topsham, Clyst St. George, Sowton, Otterton, Christow, Thorverton, Newton St. Cyres, together with the Paignton band, who were on their annual outing.

A service was held in Littleham Church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. V. Cox) and the Rev. J. E. B. Ball officiating. The Vicar preached, and dwelt on the necessity for realisation of the duties of the ringers' office, and the offering of the best work, especially for Sunday services.

Tea, kindly provided by Littleham friends, including the ringers, was held in the Church Hut, where Mesdames Cox, Bell and Dobbie, and Miss Ball and the ringers' wives, attended to the wants of the visitors.

Mr. E. Shepherd presided at the meeting which followed.

Mr. W. J. Southwood (the hon. secretary) spoke of the pleasure it gave them to have the Rev. E. V. Cox in the district, and congratulated him on his appointment to the living at Exmouth. Before coming there he was the hon. secretary of the North-East branch, and did splendid work in that district in encouraging campanology.—Rev. E. V. Cox, in response, said he was sorry to leave the North-East branch, and he congratulated the Exeter branch on its enthusiasm, as shown by the splendid attendance that day.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Sidwell's (Exeter), on Saturday, December 1st.

Mr. E. Shepherd moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the beautiful service, also to the organist and verger; thanks were also extended to the Rev. J. E. B. and Mrs. Ball, and to ladies and ringers' wives who had provided tea.—The Rev. J. E. B. Ball, in reply, expressed great pleasure at seeing the ringers at Littleham, and said they were heartily welcome. They had a splendid body of workers in the ladies, and the ringers, who had worked whole-heartily to make the gathering a success.

Some excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the bells of Littleham and Withycombe Raleigh.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FIVE-BELL TOWER.

There was an excellent muster on Saturday last at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild although the bells are a ring of five, and the 'go' anything but good. Undoubtedly it was the enthusiasm of Mr. Cram, the leader of the ringers, who at a previous meeting invited the association to hold a meeting there that brought the large gathering together, and it was most gratifying to see what a response was made to the invitation by members from even the extreme end of the diocese. The bells were started soon after three o'clock, and the first 120 included the two most energetic lady ringers of the association, Mrs. Jenkin, of St. Athan, and Miss Pacey, of Rumney. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Edward Davies), and was followed by a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall, very kindly provided and arranged by Mr. Cram, who had left nothing to chance, and to whom, at the conclusion, the heartiest thanks of the visitors was accorded.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, including instructors' reports, reports on restorations, applications for instruction, notices of motion for the annual meeting, and new members, including one hon. member, Miss Alexander of St. Andrew's, a lady who takes great interest in the local ringers.

The next meeting is the annual, to be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th.

It was arranged to hold the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Llanishen; failing there, Llantwit Major.

At the conclusion of the meeting a most enjoyable hour was spent with the locals. A more pleasant, better attended, and more successful meeting could not possibly have been held, even if the attraction had been a ring of twelve bells.

NEW PEAL OF TEN AT DERBY.

ST. ANDREW'S BELLS RESTORED AND AUGMENTED.

The dedication service in connection with the reopening of the peal of bells at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, which have been augmented to ten by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. C. E. Hart and family, and Mr. A. H. Ward and family, took place on Sunday morning, Sept. 30th, and was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford, M.A.), those present including the Mayor of Derby (Ald. Oswald Ling), Ald. R. B. Chambers, President of the Midland Counties Association, and other members of the Corporation, who, together with the churchwardens and a few members of the congregation, proceeded to the belfry for the dedication ceremony. Whilst this was in progress, the organist (Mr. W. J. Baker) and choir rendered the anthem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' very effectively.

After the service, and during the time the congregation was leaving the church, the ten bells were started and produced a very fine effect, after a silence of over three years.

A few rounds and call changes were first rung, followed by a course each of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. St Andrew's is fortunate to have been able to gather together all the old members of the band who were serving three years ago.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough have carried out the work of rehanging and providing the new bells, and although many obstacles have had to be surmounted they have fulfilled the contract exceedingly well. St. Andrew's can now boast of a peal of ten bells which are a credit to the church and town.

A new iron frame on steel girders has been substituted for the old wood frame, and the bells have been lowered about eight or nine feet below the tower louvres, producing a much more musical effect, which it is hoped, will avoid complaints re 'Noisy Bells.'

The thanks of the Bells Restoration Committee are tendered to Messrs. E. A. Lewis and E. Alexander Young for their advice on the bells and tower, respectively, which greatly enabled the committee to decide on the thorough overhauling of the bells. The committee also thank those ringers who have subscribed to the restoration fund.

MEMORIALS TO BRISTOL RINGERS.

On Tuesday, October 2nd St. Stephen's Church tower, Bristol, was visited by many of the friends of the late Raymond J. Wilkins. The Rector (the Rev. W. Heber Thomas), after suitable prayers and reference to the good work of the late Mr. Wilkins, unveiled the memorial tablet, erected by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and inscribed as follows:—

'In loving memory of Raymond John Wilkins who died Oct. 30th, 1921, for over 35 years a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.'

This was followed by the unveiling of a similar tablet by the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Vice-President of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) to the memory of William James Hinton which is inscribed as follows:—

'To the memory of William James Hinton, founder and for 15 years a member of the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers.'

THE WHITTINGTON COMMEMORATION.

ATTENDED BY THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Whittington celebration, briefly referred to in a previous issue, was held at the Old City Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal, on October 2nd, being the 500th anniversary of the death of the great Sir Richard Whittington, four times Lord Mayor of London.

Any such celebration would, of course, be incomplete without the presence of the Lord Mayor, the civic dignitaries, and the Masters and Liveries of the Old City Companies, and still more incomplete to the laity, especially ringers, without some recognition of Whittington's association with English folk-lore. In view of this, the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster, extended an invitation to the Ancient Society of College Youths to be present, and also to make tribute in its due place with their handbells. Owing to the limited accommodation available, the Rector was only able to allot seven tickets, and the following were elected to represent the society at the service, viz., the Master, Mr. W. Garrard, and Messrs. W. D. Smith, A. A. Hughes, E. Fenn, T. Walker, J. Howell and E. A. Young.

Students of the history of the Ancient Society of College Youths will remember that they were wont to make an annual procession to one of the city churches, headed by their beadle carrying the mace. It is interesting, therefore, to note that after a lapse of perhaps 200 years this procedure was revived, in a modified form on this occasion. The delegation formed up on College Hill, on the site of the College, from which the society obtained its name, and the Master wearing his badge of office, and preceded by Mr. W. D. Smith, carrying the mace, led the party in procession, to the church.

During the assembly of a full congregation, most of whom wore their traditional robes of scarlet and gold, Messrs. Smith, Garrard and Young, gave illustrations on handbells of ringing as practised in the earlier days, such changes as Whittington would probably have heard in his own lifetime. Six large size bells were used, and the effect, with the organ accompaniment, was singularly impressive and most appropriate having regard to the fact that Whittington himself, with his wife, were resting close by.

Several past Lord Mayors were present, together with the Lady Mayoress, the Acting Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Johnstone (who has himself been Lord Mayor), and the sheriffs and aldermen. The Master and Wardens of the Mercers Company (of which Whittington himself was Master), and the Vintners and other companies were represented, and amongst the very distinguished gathering, mention must be made of the 'Father of the House of Lords,' Lord Coventry, who, despite his advanced years, came as the direct descendant of John Coventry, the friend and executor of Whittington.

The beautiful order of service, the soft music of the organ, with the bells, together with the gorgeous robes of the congregation, the latter blending with the dim softness of the light from the stained glass windows, gave an impression of solemnity not easily forgotten by those who were privileged to be present on this historic occasion.

At the end of the service, and as a voluntary, a course of Grandsire Triples, to an organ accompaniment, were given by Messrs. Fenn, Garrard, Smith and Young, this bringing a memorable ceremony to a fitting termination, and the Rector has since written to express his deep appreciation for the attendance and help given by the Ancient Society.

'TEMPLE BAR.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Willington on Saturday last when members were present from Bedford, Turvey, Kempston, Biddenham, Roxton, Clapham, Cambridge and the local company. Tea was served in the new hall by Miss W. Endersby and Mrs. Eastwell, two of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, with Miss E. Steel in the chair, it was proposed to hold the annual district meeting at Bedford on Saturday, Nov. 17th, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Four members rang their first course of Cambridge Surprise Minor and others their first of Treble Bob.

The Vicar thanked the members for their kind invitation to tea, but was sorry he could not attend.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies for tea, brought a good meeting to a close.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS CELEBRATE A JUBILEE.

On September 25th 1873, five junior members of the Society of Cambridge Youths, whose charter dates back to 1724, rang a peal of 5,040 changes, consisting of forty-two 120's of Stedman Doubles, on the bells of the Parish Church, Old Chesterton. This was believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringers were Y. Green 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Dunn 3, C. Stanbridge 4, H. Mansfield 5. Present members of the society celebrated the jubilee of the event by ringing 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in first-class style followed by 120 of Stedman Doubles on the bells on Tuesday evening last week. The following took part: W. B. Kempton 1, H. Mansfield 2, W. Welch 3, P. Taylor 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. E. Kempton (conductor) 6.

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THE SOCIAL SIDE IN DERBY.

With the object of encouraging younger ringers in Derby to take up handbell ringing, and also to provide facilities for ringers connected with the various towers to meet for social intercourse and handbell ringing, weekly meetings have been arranged to take place every Wednesday. About half a dozen meetings have already been held with a fair amount of success, the youngsters having shown a keen interest and a strong determination to tackle and master the intricacies of double-handed ringing.

In order to create still stronger interest a musical evening, arranged by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, the secretary was held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Rising Sun Hotel. There was a splendid muster of ringers and friends, numbering about 60. Mr. W. Wallace presided, and songs were rendered by Miss Wileman, Messrs. Wright, Billington, Bell Calford, Fletcher, Brentnall and Alldridge. Mr. A. Poyser (ventriloquist) also contributed a welcome part of the programme. Mr. Saunders was at the piano.

Mr. Maurice Swinfield, that extraordinary young man from Burton, gave a wonderful display of cleverness by tapping a touch of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and it is hoped to arrange another similar evening in the near future.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A successful meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Cannock on Saturday week, when upwards of 60 members and friends attended. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer), and an interesting address was given by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar). A capital tea was laid in the Co-operative Hall, which was much appreciated. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and use of the church and bells, to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to the local ringers for making comfortable arrangements, was carried with applause.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Wood Green on January 12th.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Members were present from Smethwick, Evesham, Netherton, Derby and Handsworth. Miss Parker (the general sec. of the Guild) being also present. Mrs. White, of Coventry, was unable to attend owing to illness, and Miss Thatcher, of Clent, was also absent. With the help of the gentlemen, amongst whom was Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. G. Fletcher, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. J. E. Groves, ringing was done during the afternoon. The local gentlemen did not put in an appearance till after tea, but one of them had placed a lovely bunch of flowers in the ringing chamber. The ladies were delighted with them, and appreciated the kind thought.

The Rev. Harvey Brookes conducted the service, the Guild form being used. He also gave a very interesting address on the need of cheerfulness and helping one another in everything. After service, Mr. and Mrs. Martineau conducted the visitors to Dascombe's Cafe, where they had generously provided tea. A party of 38 sat down, and were joined by the Rector and Mrs. Harvey-Brooks. When tea was over, Mrs. Groves proposed, and Miss Pigott seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Martineau.

At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected.—One new ringing member was elected, and Harborne was chosen for the next place of meeting, if the bells are available, if not, St. John's, Deritend.

On the motion of Miss Parker, it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, upon being the first lady to ring a Surprise peal on handbells.

A vote of thanks to the local ladies and to Miss Parker for taking the chair brought the meeting to a close.

HALESWORTH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

A practice meeting of the Halesworth district of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association was held at Halesworth and Chediston on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Members were present from Saxmundham, Framlingham, St. Cross, Bungay, Croydon, Wissett, Chediston and Halesworth. The bells at Halesworth, a good old peal of eight, were kept going during the afternoon in the standard methods, and after tea the members visited Chediston Church, and practice in various Minor methods was maintained until 9 o'clock, the visitors enjoying a very pleasant day in the country.

It may interest some readers to know the dates of Halesworth bells. Treble and second 1770; 3rd, 1759; 4th, a pre-Reformation bell about 1460; 5th 1627; 6th, a pre-Reformation bell about 1460; 7th, 1611; tenor, 1624. The old sanctus bell was recast in 1826, and is now used as a clock bell.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

A meeting of the East Derbyshire Association was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 6th, when 22 members were present from Blackwell, Clay Cross, Denby, Derby, Sutton, Teversal, Mansfield Woodhouse, Swanwick and North Wingfield. The Rector conducted a short service, and welcomed the association to North Wingfield. After a splendid tea, the business meeting was held. The president (Mr. T. Allibone) presided, supported by Canon A. J. B. Ellerton (Rector), Mr. T. Stimpson (treasurer), Mr. J. P. Tarlton (churchwarden), and others.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Alfreton in December, and that all future meetings be notified in 'The Ringing World.'

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for use of bells and service in church, and the ladies for their services at the tea table.—Mr. J. Allibone responded for the ladies.

The bells were kept going to a late hour in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in the tower, the Rector (Canon Ellerton) presented Mr. T. Allibone (president) with a week-end case and Treasury notes as an appreciation of his long and sustained efforts on behalf of the association. Canon Ellerton hoped Mr. Allibone would be spared to make good use of the case now he had retired from his occupation on the railway.—Mr. Fretwell (secretary) said the gift was subscribed to by nearly 130 members of the association who hoped to have Mr. Allibone with them as often as he could come.—Mr. W. Wain also spoke of Mr. Allibone's services.

Mr. Allibone said the present was such a surprise that he could not say more than 'Thank you.' He asked the secretary to thank the members for him, and to be assured he was with them as he had ever been.

His many friends will wish Mr. Allibone a good and speedy recovery from an operation he is about to undergo.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

The Western District of the Yorkshire Association held a quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15th, at Bramley, near Leeds, on the occasion of the dedication of the new peal of eight bells, with a tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp (which have just been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough), and a new clock, with Cambridge quarter chimes, and fitted with an automatic switch for illuminating the dials (supplied by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds).

A special service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hinton Knowles, R.D.) the lessons being read by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and president of the Yorkshire Association. A dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop of Knaresborough, who also gave an appropriate address upon the message of the bells.

After the service, a party of over two hundred, of whom 150 were visiting ringers, were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom.—The Vicar welcomed the church workers, and thanked them for their help in getting the new bells started.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall responded, on behalf of the ringers, and expressed his gratitude to the Bramley people for entertaining them so well.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Batley, Birstal, Bingley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Holbeck St. Francis (R.C.), Horbury, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Lightcliffe, Mirfield, Northowram, Otley, Pudsey, Pontefract, Rothwell, Shipley, Selby, Silsden and Tong; Mr. J. Oldham represented the bell founders; Mr. J. Broadley acted as Ringing Master. Numerous companies rang various methods up to a late hour, and all spoke very highly of the 'go' and tone of the new bells.

DEATH OF A SURREY RINGER.

MR. H. PEDERICK'S DISTINCTION.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry Pederick, who passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at the age of 76. Deceased was a member of the Parish Church Ringers' Society, Ewell, Surrey, for 35 years, also a member of the Surrey Association for many years. He rang 16 peals for the association, two of which he was never tired of talking of, namely, that he was the only Surrey ringer to take part in the last peal of the 19th century, and the first peal in the 20th.

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, special hymns were sung at both services at the Parish Church, and the bells were also rung half-muffled.

Several ringers from Ewell, Epsom and Ashtead attended the funeral on the following day, when the bells were rung half-muffled. Deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer, and was very keen at practices.

Not far from the church, well within the sound of the bells, he lies—at rest from his labours.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 14th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for harvest festival, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Cuttmor 1, H. Dyas 2, W. Judd 3, H. Cook 4, F. Digby (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, G. Shipp 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, W. N. Park (conductor) 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, C. S. Burden 6.—Also on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Clark 1, C. S. Burden (first in the method) 2, F. Cook 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church for harvest festival, evening service, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Evans (Burnham-on-Sea) conductor, 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. E. Wilkins (Bristol) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Isles 5, E. W. Coulson 6, H. A. Folkard 7, W. Dalton 8.

EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 14th for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. Evans 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. Harris 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Chandler 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., taken from Holt's Original: Denis Ovington (first quarter-peal) 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. E. Miller 4, D. H. Pink (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, J. Worthington 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8. Rung for evening service for the harvest festival.

GODALMING.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, Oct. 7th, after the evening service, for the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Bish (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Moorey 2, C. Bish 3, B. Cole (first quarter-peal) 4, C. Childs 5, E. Raddon 6, S. Rainford (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS. — On Sunday, Oct 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Smith 1, C. Poole 2, E. Smith 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Quintin 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. The ringers of 1st and 4th hail from Thatcham, and the 5th from Swindon, Wilts.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 50 mins. (1,260 changes with three different callings): E. R. Partridge 1, R. Husskisson 2, C. J. Partridge 3, W. Jack 4, Chas. Allin 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band. First full 720 by ringer of treble. First quarter-peal as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: W. Wright 1, Miss M. Mosse 2, R. Mosse 3, T. Atkins 4, C. Brown 5, T. Cooper 6. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are daughter and son of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Mosse), and this is their first quarter-peal. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter on the bells by an entirely local band.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for morning service, at the harvest thanksgiving 1,040 Bob Major: C. S. Spurgeon 1, G. Walpole 2, R. Warman 3, A. C. Corbyn 4, H. Dennison 5, C. Walpole 6, H. W. Barrett 7, F. A. Finch (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major by all except ringers of 6th and 8th, and longest touch of Major as conductor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at the harvest festival, for morning and evening service 240 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor.—Also after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Summers 1, H. O. White 2, J. Taylor 3, E. E. Holman (first 720) 4, C. Aylett 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6.

DUFFIELD.—At St. Alkmund's Church, on Oct. 7th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: G. Warrington 1, W. Bates 2, F. Osborne 3, G. Sandy 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, H. Letts (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, Oct. 7th for evening service 952 Grandsire Triples: W. Pugh 1, F. C. Griffiths 2, W. Yeend 3, G. Watts 4, R. Harris 5, A. Hannis 6, C. W. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8. Longest touch by 1st, 2nd and 4th. Longest away from treble by five ringers.

PONTEFRACT.—For the harvest festival, evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Walker, junr., 1, W. Pearson 2, J. E. Pickard 3, W. Hawley 4, A. Walker, senr., 5, J. H. Lenton (conductor) 6, H. Walters 7, T. Holder 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCITION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT MEMBERS AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The Ashford District annual meeting, held at Appledore on the last Saturday in September, was attended by nearly 40 members, and good practice was obtained on the church bells in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) conducted the service, and Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac. (of Canterbury), an association member, presided at the organ.

Tea, provided by the association, was partaken of at the Swan Hotel with the Vicar in the chair.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden) was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, with a special vote of thanks for his services during the past twelve months.—Mr. Tribe returned thanks for the confidence they had again reposed in him, but he reminded them that the time would come when he would have to retire, so he strongly advised them to look around for a successor during the next twelve months, although all the time he could do the work he would stick to it.

Mr. G. Paine (Mersham) announced his intention of not seeking re-election as one of the two district representatives on the committee, and, in his remarks, said he thought more could be done in obtaining honorary members.

Mr. Paine was at the meeting at Mersham over 40 years ago, when the association was formed, and he has done much useful work.

Messrs. E. S. Ruck (Mersham) and P. H. Peirce (Brabourne) were chosen as the district representatives, and Mr. Ruck in returning thanks, said that when matters relating to their division came before the committee, he would always be ready to fight for the Ashford district. With regard to honorary members, he thought Mersham had more than any other parish. In naming a few, he mentioned that the late Mr. C. Bates was an honorary member for 30 years, and Mr. T. Pilcher for something like a quarter of a century. He felt quite certain that if members would look around more hon. members could be obtained. This would make a considerable difference, not only with regard to the funds, but would get people to take more interest in ringers and ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Paine for his long and splendid service as a district representative.

Places for meetings were selected as follows: Rolvenden in November: Ashford in February, and if Ashford is unobtainable Wye to be arranged: Stone-in-Oxney in June, and the annual meeting at Folkestone in August or September.

Mrs. W. Button (Rolvenden), Miss Want (Tenterden) and Mr. K. Pattenden (Rye) were admitted as members.

The association pays half travelling expenses, with a maximum of 2s., at one meeting in each district every year, and this subject formed an interesting debate, the point at issue being whether or no this should be announced in 'The Ringing World' advertisement. The allowances have always been paid each year, and the district secretary takes the view that if members are really interested enough in ringing to come to a meeting, they would turn up without an allowance notice to draw them there.

Some present appeared to favour it being inserted in the advertisement, and others preferred the district secretary's views. There were, however, no sharp words over the question, and no desire, as it were, to 'Pierce' one another with the bayonet, or to use any of 'Mills' ' bombs. Each speaker proved himself to be a courteous 'Player' for what he advocated, being careful not to 'Ruck' any feathers, or cause any 'Pain(e)' to be endured. There was no fear of the ship being 'Scutt'-led, for everybody, including the 'Baker,' kept a cool 'Head,' but as no definite solution was forthcoming, the chairman asked for a show of hands of those in favour of announcing the travelling allowance in the advertisement. Result, no votes, and a similar result when the chairman asked if the members approved of an advertisement not incorporating the allowance. It made one begin to wonder what the members did 'Want.' Did it look as if they hardly cared a 'Button' what happened? Not so; for when the chairman sought their opinion respecting leaving the matter in the hands of the district secretary to act at his discretion nearly all the members 'Rose' to the occasion, and practically the whole 'Tribe' signified their assent to this course which received the support of a strong 'Castle.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and allowing the meeting to be held at Appledore; to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to Messrs. G. and A. Johnson for assisting in arranging the meeting, concluded the business.

MR. A. J. TRAPPITT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 9; Grandsire Caters, 23; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Bob Minor 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus 1; Treble Bob Major, 5; Treble Bob Royal, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Stedman Triples, 15; Stedman Caters, 18; total, 100.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for October. — *St. Clement Danes, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30. — J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on October 20th. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Boys' Room at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea 6d., other expenses 3d. —Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea immediately afterwards. Usual business meeting after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present.—W. H. Dyson, District Master, High Street, Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. — S. Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Institute. The tower at Oxhey will be open in the evening. All cordially invited.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30, business meeting following. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A practice meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (six) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Important business will be discussed, and members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Tram No. 7 from Coventry Station will convey members to the church.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. —W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, October 20th (bells 8), commencing at 3 o'clock. —J. Saddington, Dist. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 7.15 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to

follow. Arrangements for tea will be announced next week. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Institute. A charge of 1s. per head for the tea (meat), and only for those who send their names to me, by first post, Wednesday, Oct. 24th. It is hoped there will be a good muster, as there is important business on the agenda.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 27th. Committee meeting at the King's Head Hotel at noon. Dinner at the same place at 2 p.m. (2/- to members, 3/6 to non-members) for those who notify me by Tuesday, October 23rd. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing. Ringers are requested to meet at St. John's, where bands can be arranged for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. Edington bells (6) also available from 2.30 till 4.30. Will those requiring tea please write early to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Litlington, Cambs, near Royston, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea those intending to be present should inform me by Oct. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Temperford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ratcliffe (Wollaton not being available) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. It is hoped all towers will be represented at this meeting to hear committee's report and other important business.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Shore, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; a short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the local band. Will all those members intending to be present kindly write direct to the locel secretary, Mr. F. Verney, St. Mary's Cottages, Elham? Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. — E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Two peal tablets will be unveiled by Canon H. J. Elsee. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made will those members and friends who intend being present notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 23rd? Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Kelmarsh on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Six bells, available at 2.30. Service in church at 4. Tea at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 23rd?—W. Bott, District Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. All ringers welcome. — H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec., 12, New Lees Street, Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. — Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., Manchester Branch, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, for those who advise me not later than Oct. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided after service and business meeting following. Those who hope to attend for tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. The usual allowance of half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th? — C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2 till 9. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. George's Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. James', Milnrow. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All are welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY. — Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 until further notice.—H. Hollick, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young.

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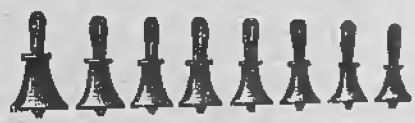

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