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NOTES BY THE WAY.

A band rings a peal of (let us say) Grandsire Triples, and they are so pleased with themselves, and so proud of what they have done, that they not only enjoy the actual performance, but want other people to know about it too. So they get it published in 'The Ringing World' as a matter of course, and sometimes they record it on a tablet in the belfry. If, as does happen, the tablet is of stone or marble, there is no reason why, five hundred years hence, someone should not read about their peal and try and find out who and what manner of men they were. There is nothing like this among other people. Doubtless they are just as proud of what they do and just as anxious to let others know of it as we are; but they have not the opportunities we have of jogging the attention of posterity. Their records are writ in water. For of all buildings a church is the most permanent, and of all parts of the church, the belfry is one least liable to alteration and change. And though there are a few other people who might record their doings there, they do not. You will not find anything telling of the doings of the choir and organist or even of the parson. There is indeed in Woodbridge Church a tablet which tells how on such-and-such a date a man ran up and down the tower stairs so many times in a certain time for a wager; but that is an exception, and I imagine there might be some difficulty in erecting a similar record in this year of grace.

Now, having this unique possession, it is a duty laid on the Exercise to preserve it. If we want posterity to preserve our records and admire our performances we must set it a good example. We must preserve and care for the boards and tablets that have come down to us from the years that are gone. They form the basis of what we know about the ringers of old time, the men to whom we owe our art and science, and without whom there would have been no such thing as change-ringing. Not many of those tablets are of stone or marble; most of them are of wood, painted. Wood and paint will last with care for centuries, but time will gradually loosen joints, and fog and dirt will gradually hide the painted writing. A little care at wide intervals is sufficient to arrest this decay, and it should be exercised before anything like drastic treatment is necessary. Fortunately, many old and valuable boards have been restored and are likely to last quite as long again as they have already done.

The difficulty is that there are towers, once active centres of ringing, where, for one reason or another, no one now goes. Some of them have boards of great historical value which may be gradually falling into decay.

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There is no one there now to replace them if they should get loose on the wall, no one to see that they are not damaged or disfigured by ladders and clock cases and such things.

Here is a matter which well might engage the attention of the Central Council. A survey of these boards might be made, much in the same way as a Royal Commission is at present making a survey of all the old things throughout the country. It should be done through the territorial associations, each of which should be asked to make a return of the peal boards in its district earlier than a given date. A start might be made with those dating from the eighteenth century, which are comparatively few in number and of the greatest historical interest and value. Most of these, perhaps all, are known and have been copied and published in 'The Ringing World,' in the 'Bell News,' in 'Church Bells,' in Mr. Morris' book and elsewhere. But these copies are sometimes inaccurate and the information comes from times spread over a long stretch of years. It should be got up to date. The Council should possess a statement of all these boards, a correct copy of their wording and information as to their present condition. The making of such a survey would give a task in each district not particularly easy, but of extraordinary interest to the right man, and of its value only those who have tried to write on the history of change ringing can fully judge. We need to stimulate a greater interest in the doings of old time ringers. It has value, not only because history is always interesting for its own sake, but because of the light it throws on our present day problems.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON	LEICESTER CITY... ...	...*Treble*
DET. SGT. HAROLD J. POOLE	LEICESTER CITY... ...	... 2
EX-SGT. WILLIAM C. DOWDING	BIRMINGHAM CITY ...	... 3
*P.C. DONALD BROWN	MANCHESTER CITY ...	... 4
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	MANCHESTER CITY ...	... 5
*P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	METROPOLITAN	... 6
*P.C. ALAN R. RANDS	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ...	7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE	MANCHESTER CITY ...	... 8
P. SGT. CECIL A. SMITH	HIGH WYCOMBE... ...	... 9
*SUPT. FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS	MANCHESTER CITY	... 10
CH. INSP. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	METROPOLITAN... ...	... 11
*P. SGT. PETER CROOK	BOLTON BOROUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Reserve—P.Sgt. H. G. JENNEY, Leicester.

Composed by Ex-P.C. C. CHARGE, Metropolitan Police.

Conducted by Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques for the Guild and the first by a band of police officers. Rung as a compliment to Chief.-Insp. and Mrs. Bottrill on the occasion of their silver wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, Birmingham.

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

James S. Eastwood ...	*Treble*	Edgar T. Smith	7
*Alfred Buckley	2	Arthur T. Dutton	8
‡Christopher Wallater...	3	Walter R. Hughes ...	9
Daniel T. Matkin	4	Albert J. Hughes	10
Bert Horton	5	†Thomas J. Elton	11
Howard Howell	6	William A. Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Thomas J. Elton.
* First peal of Cinques. † 300th peal. ‡ 200th peal for the society. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Walsall on his appointment as a Canon at Lichfield Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church of All Saints, Poplar,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

Frederick G. Symonds	*Treble*	Francis C. Shorter	6
Thomas H. Taffender ...	2	George Hayden...	7
Ernest J. King	3	Edward D. Smith	8
Charles A. Hughes	4	James G. A. Prior	9
Ernest Brett	5	George H. Daynes ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. P. Bradley. Conducted by James G. A. Prior.
First peal of Caters and in the method as conductor. 25th peal together by E. D. Smith and the conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

Stanley E. Armstrong	*Treble*	C. Ernest Smith	6
Alfred T. Greenwood ...	2	Albert Harman	7
Frank I. Hairs	3	Jack M. Cripps	8
Kenneth Snelling	4	Oliver Sippetts...	9
Frederick W. Rogers ...	5	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Albert Wright	*Treble*	Leslie Barry	6
Travers Prichard	2	Thomas Price	7
William Ireland	3	Charles Dyson	8
Alfred Hannis	4	John F. Ballinger	9
George Orchard	5	William Dean	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Albert Wright.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Robert Sperring ...	*Treble*	James Swindley...	5
*William Griffiths... ...	2	James Morgan	6
George R. Jones	3	Samuel Jones, jun.	7
John Griffiths...	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by R. Sperring.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the centenary of a peal rung in this tower on October 1st, 1834.

GRESFORD, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

Alfred Steer	*Treble*	John Randles	5
George Williams	2	George R. Jones	6
Ronald G. W. Jones	3	Thomas Griffiths	7
James Alderman...	4	Arthur Tilston	*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. Jones.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the 263 miners entombed here in the recent pit disaster.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

William Seeley ...	*Treble*	Frederick W. Brinklow ...	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Francis Kirk	6
*Walter Paul	3	Harold G. Cashmore ..	7
Stephen H. Hoare	4	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.
* First peal in the method.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

George Stocker ...	*Treble*	Fred Dimond	5
William Hayman	2	Edward Sprague	6
*Leslie G. Walters... ...	3	John R. Hayman...	7
Alfred Lovering	4	George Rendell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Hayman.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

James E. Davis	*Treble*	William R. Madgwick ...	5
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	Alfred J. House	6
Jack M. Cripps	3	Ernest Brett	7
George R. Pye	4	Charles W. Roberts...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by W. R Madgwick.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, and was the conductor's 250th peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On October 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. W. Price 1, H. S. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, J. E. Waters 4, W. H. Hayward 5, H. C. Bond 6, F. J. Lewis, jun., 7, W. G. Cook 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., on September 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. Mills 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. J. King 7, L. Gray 8, S. Daynes 9, H. H. Peters 10.

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ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	5
REV. ERNEST V. COX	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	3	GEORGE W. STEEL	7
CHARLES E. LAWSON	4	HAROLD WALKER... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

Arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, who was on a visit to the district.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

RENE REDPATH	..*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	3	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7
MOLLIE REDPATH	4	JOHN A. C. ALSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung on the eve of St. Paulin's Day, and on the conductor's birthday. It was his 100th peal on the bells and the treble ringer's first peal.

ERITH KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ALFRED G. HILL...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the association. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince George becoming Duke of Kent.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	...*Treble*	FRANCIS BRADLEY	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	ALFRED BARRATT...	6
ALBERT COPPOCK...	3	JOHN E. HOBBS	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

HODDESDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
GEORGE MAXIM	2	GEORGE GRAY	6
*MISS G. CHURCH	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
*CHARLES RUSH	4	FREDERICK C. PERRIN...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*JAMES A. GLASS... ...	...*Treble*	†WALTER A. PECK	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	CECIL W. PIPE...	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	4	EDWARD S. T. FARR...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Mr. A. R. Pink's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Rapley, sister of the ringer of the 6th.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	...*Treble*	KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	5
GEORGE W. ABLITT	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING...	...*Treble*	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	5
*PHYLLIS E. TILLETT... ...	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	6
*CHARLES CLARK...	3	JOHN F. TILLETT	7
*HERBERT W. SHEMMING...	4	*FREDERICK C. CRAPNELL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First attempt for a peal in the method.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY TOOKE	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
*JOHN KENYON	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
ARTHUR G. KING	3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	7
JOHN A. GODFREY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	REGINALD CHANCE	5
JAMES HEMMING	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
JOHN BASS	4	HECTOR G. BIRCH... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Heathcock, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	EDWARD J. BEER	5
JOHN H. CHRESMAN	2	VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. ...	6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
HENRY SPRINGATE	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Peartree and Miss V. Burling (both ringers at this church), which took place the same day. The ringers wish them every happiness.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	WILLIAM SPICE	6
JOHN W. UNWIN	3	EDWARD H. SPICE	7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	4	*NORMAN E. TOMBER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Archbishop of Canterbury on October 15th, 1933; and also a birthday compliment to the two daughters of Mr. N. E. Tumber.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE L. HALL ...	...*Treble*	*WALTER GODDARD	5
*MRS. J. BRAY	2	GEORGE E. FRIRN	6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...	3	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	7
*GEORGE W. MOODY	4	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in method. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to Mr. F. F. Linley, the president of the Northern Branch. Also in memory of 17 Barton men killed in the Battle of Loos, October 13th, 1915.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE L. GROVER	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
PETER CHARMAN	3	JOHN COOK	7
WILLIAM STANFORD	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BARTRAM ...	...*Treble*	C. ALAN HEWITT...	5
*GEORGE L. A LUNN... ...	2	HARRY MORGAN	6
MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ...	3	HAROLD HARPER	7
JOSEPH DIXON	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung with open bells in compliance with the wish of Mrs. Linley and family, as an expression of thankfulness for the noble life and work of Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch, and formerly a churchwarden and ringer at the above church, who was interred in the afternoon.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Treble*	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	2	*JOHN F. ROOT	6
REGINALD GRAINGER	3	CHARLES W. BURTON ..	7
AMBROSE MASON	4	CHARLES SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. A birthday peal for Messrs. R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, eight of Plain Bob and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Treble*	†CECIL V. EBBERSON	3
†GEORGE MAYERS	2	*HERBERT C. READ	4
		*GEORGE BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

THORNER, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and College Exercise.
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSHUA WORMALD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	4
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	PERCY MASSAM	5
FRANK ELLIS...	3	GEORGE W. STEEL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN ARBON	...*Treble*	GEORGE PRYKE	4
KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	2	JAMES BENNETT	5
GEORGE BENNETT	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At Southwell Minster, on October 7th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, G. E. Foster 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster 6, E. H. Clulow 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. Longest in the method by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, to Miss A. Clulow, daughter of the ringer of the treble, and to Mrs. J. F. Milner.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK RALLISON	...Treble	†GEORGE T. BUNNING...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN...	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
†ERNEST S. NAYLOR	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal in more than four methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEBBLE ...	...Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
CHARLES W. BURTON... ...	2	AMBROSE MASON	5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT	3	CHARLES BOTTON... ...	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEBBLE.

Rung as a welcome home to Mr. Andrew Croft, only son of Rev. R. W. Croft (Vicar) and Mrs. Croft, who arrived home from an Antarctic expedition while the peal was being rung.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK FARR ...	...Treble	*HARRY NOAKES	4
†JAMES MARTIN	2	FREDERICK MARCHANT ...	5
*SIDNEY BECK	3	*EDWIN HUNT	...Tenor

Conducted by S. BECK.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. First peal as conductor.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

TOM SAUNDERS	...Treble	*WALTER J. RUCK	4
*FRANK G. FILE	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
ROBERT H. VIGOR	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	...Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal. First peal rung on the bells. Rung as an eighth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. H. G. Beake, the local captain.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD J. SCOTT ...	...Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS	4
ALBERT FLEET	2	EDWARD BELSON	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Cook (a member of the local band) to Miss Syrett.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PERCY GREEN	1-2	WILLIAM KEBBLE...	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	GEORGE GREEN	7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEBBLE.

* First peal on handbells.

DEATH OF MR. F. F. LINLEY.

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild have sustained a very severe loss by the passing away of Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) on October 10th, at the age of 74 years. The breaking-up of his health had been noticed for some considerable time. His last appearance amongst the members was at the branch annual meeting at Gainsborough on May 20th, 1933. It was on that occasion that the seriousness of his condition was realised. Since then he had been confined to his house for more than twelve months, and during the latter part of that time was practically semi-conscious.

His interest in bells and bellringing extended over a period of fifty years. He commenced his ringing career at St. Botolph's Church, Lincoln, under the tutorship of the late Mr. J. W. Watson, a former secretary of the old North Lincolnshire Association. He was transferred from the Midland Bank, Lincoln, to Gainsborough nearly fifty years ago. He held the position of manager for 24 years and relinquished that post in March, 1925.

On taking up residence in Gainsborough he became a member of the Parish Church company at a time, or thereabouts, when some of the Gainsborough Rowing Club members also practised bellringing, considering the required movements of the body an asset to them for attesting their skill at rowing.

In the eighties and early nineties he frequently joined the ringers and acted as pilot on the occasion of their annual Saturday afternoon outing to Corringham and Blyton. This was when Lady Beckett, who in her lifetime was a munificent benefactor to Corringham Church, resided at Somerby Hall, and annually invited the Gainsborough ringers to Corringham, at the same time providing them with a sumptuous tea at the Church Farm, which at that time was occupied by Mr. Ellis Smithson, captain of the Corringham ringers.

In addition to being a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. Linley was also a member of the College Youths. He was a vice-president of the North Lincolnshire Association from its formation in 1884, then a vice-president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from its amalgamation in 1899 to 1905, in the latter year being elected president of the Northern Branch, which office he held continuously to the time of his death.

No longer will the members of the Guild be able to seek his wise counsel and advice, but he has left behind him a pattern and an example worthy of imitation by those who mourn the loss of such a true friend. For fifty years he was a trustworthy guide and counsellor to the members, and had gained the highest admiration and respect of all those who came into close contact with him.

Previous to the interment a full choral service was held in the Parish Church, at which a large number of people were present, including representatives of various societies with which Mr. Linley was connected. Amongst those representing the ringing fraternity were the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary and Lincoln District president), Mr. H. Marson (Lincoln District secretary), Mr. H. Morgan (Gainsborough District secretary), Mr. G. W. Creasey (Gainsborough District Ringing Master), Mr. F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), Mr. R. Dawson (Gainsborough), Mr. E. Dawber (treasurer, Gainsborough), Miss Norton (Lincoln), Mr. J. T. Bartram (Misterton), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (Lea), Miss P. G. Baker, Miss E. Marshall, Mr. C. A. Hewitt, Mr. J. Dixon, Mr. G. Dixon and Mr. H. Harper (Gainsborough).

In compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Linley and family the bells were rung open (unmuffled) before and after the service, also a peal of Bob Major in the evening.

At All Saints' Church, Elsham, on October 14th, 720 Bob Minor Thomas J. Scott 1, Gordon B. Wraith 2, George E. Feirn 3, William Middleton 4, Leslie D. J. Whitehead 5, George L. Hall (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. F. Linley.

At Great Grimsby, Lincs, on October 13th, at the Parish Church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, G. Snell 3, A. Swain 4, W. Heyhoe 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, A. Pashley 7, A. Shepherd 8. Rung with bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. F. F. Linley.

DEATH OF MR. ALBAN FATHERS.

The death took place on October 5th of Mr. Alban Fathers, aged 86 years. He was a ringer at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, for 25 years, and for many years was foreman of the belfry. The funeral took place on October 10th, when the following old ringers were present: G. Bonfield, W. Felce and F. Vickers, besides a good number of his old workmates.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by: F. Vickers 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Insley 3, W. Brunsden (Burford, Oxfordshire) 4, J. Arnold (Leighton Buzzard, conductor) 5, F. Jeffs 6, E. Belson 7, C. Vincent (first quarter-peal) 8.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S RINGING CONTEST.

WON BY LIVERSEDGE.

Nine sets entered for the Halifax and District Association six-bell contest held at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on October 6th. The judges were Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Batley), with Mr. A. Hancock (Northowram) as marker. Some excellent ringing was heard, and the results were: 1 Liversedge 55 faults, 2 Holmfirth 77, 3 Shelley No. 1 79, 4 Meltham 121, 5 Friezland 141, 6 Calverley 154, 7 New Mills 162, 8 Halifax Parish 300, 9 Shelley No. 2 rang out.

The quarterly meeting followed, the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham), occupying the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a taken of respect to the late Mr. John Lawson, Lightcliffe, one of the association's founders. Thanks were accorded Canon Watkinson, Vicar of Northowram, for use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing tea. Canon Watkinson had offered a set of medals to go to the winners along with the cup.

Canon Watkinson replying to the vote of thanks, said he did not envy the task of the judges who had been locked up for over six hours. He thanked the ringers on behalf of himself and friends at Northowram.

Canon Watkinson presented the cup to Mr. E. Betts, of the Liversedge band. The Liversedge company offered their tower for the next contest.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT NUNEATON.

To commemorate a peal of London Surprise Major rung by the Nuneaton Society of the Warwickshire Guild, on February 8th, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of Nuneaton Parish Church by the Vicar (Canon J. L. White) on October 11th.

In the absence of Mr. T. W. Chapman (Master of the tower) Mr. D. H. Argyle, who conducted the peal, invited the Vicar to perform the ceremony.

Canon White spoke of the great mission that the bells had to the people who could not get to the church, those who were sick; how the bells gladdened their hearts and formed a link between them and their church. If the bells ceased there would be an uproar until they were ringing again. They had a message to give, whether it be of gladness or of deepest sorrow. He congratulated the band who rang the peal, and duly unveiled the board. The tablet was dedicated to the House of God.

The band who rang the peal were as follows: Alfred King 1, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 2, Thomas W. Chapman 3, Edwin Martin 4, Arthur Beamish 5, John Thompson 6, Ernest Stone 7, D. Harold Argyle 8.

The band have once again to thank Mr. T. W. Chapman who so beautifully painted the board.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting the South-Eastern Division was held at Pleshey on October 13th, when 28 members and friends were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. B. Woodd), who welcomed the ringers and gave an interesting address. Tea was served at the Mount Pleasant Tea Rooms, presided over by the Vicar. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Widford on November 24th. The District Master, Mr. H. W. Kirton, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, also to the organist and the local band.

A stop was made on the homeward journey by several members at Broomfield tower, where a number of touches were enjoyed.

The following towers were represented: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Broomfield, Maldon, Springfield, Danbury, Ford End, and the local company.

LADIES' GUILD AT PIRBRIGHT.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild received a very warm welcome at Pirbright on October 13th. Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the Guild service, supported by the organ and choir. About 40 enjoyed a good tea in the Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, Capt. Cann, who was responsible for the choir, and to Mr. Cherryman for making the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Melville presided at the business meeting, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Yorktown in February. The members then returned to the tower and rang several methods without the assistance of 'Henry VIII.' Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Guildford, Pirbright, Worplesdon, and two lady enthusiasts from Brede, Sussex.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRAMSHOTT.

The quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Bramshott on October 13th. Those present included the Rev. E. A. Berisford (Rector of Bramshott) and the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), and ringing members from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Petersfield and Steep. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to standard methods. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an interesting and unusual address on bellringing, with favourable observations on the B.B.C.'s interval signal of call changes on Bow bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, the catering being undertaken by Mrs. Berisford and Mrs. Titherington and helpers. A short business meeting followed. The Rector of Bramshott was elected an hon. member. Mr. C. Pounds (Hawkley) was elected a ringing member. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first touch of Stedman Triples rung by a local band at Truro Cathedral took place on October 7th, Mr. W. H. Southeard being the conductor.

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., conducted the 100th peal he had rung, at Crayford, Kent, on his birthday. Could any ringer wish for a happier birthday?

The peal of Bob Royal at Boston on October 4th was rung in three hours and 27 minutes and not two hours and 27 minutes, as reported in our last issue.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover, captain of the ringers at Bridport, Dorset, has been unanimously elected Mayor of that ancient borough for the ensuing year.

In ringing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Tilston, Cheshire, on September 29th, Mr. R. Sperring has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Arthur Tilson, who rang tenor in the memorial peal at Gresford to the memory of the 263 miners who lost their lives in the recent pit disaster, was a member of the first rescue party to descend the pit.

Mr. E. Jones is still an active service ringer at Watford, despite his 84 years. The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung for harvest festival at the Parish Church on October 7th was also a birthday compliment.

In 1587 the town authorities of Preston gave orders that 'no peals of pleasure were to be used or had at the Parish Church except it be at the request of a worshipful man or gentleman of the parish.' The intention was to confine ringing as a sport to the gentry.

How many belfry romances are there in the Exercise? A congratulatory peal was rung at Northfleet, Kent, on October 13th, on the occasion of the wedding of two local ringers—Mr. E. Peartree and Miss V. Durling. We wish them a long and happy partnership.

Encouragement was given to the ringers of Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, when three former members and a member from Heckington gave, at the conclusion of harvest festival on October 12th, some touches of Kent, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor.

Forty years ago Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, was taught to handle a bell at Swindon. A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) was arranged for him on October 14th at Christ Church, Swindon.

The weights of the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on October 13th, are: Treble 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., 2nd 10 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb., 3rd 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., 4th 20 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb., 5th 26 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

The Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild has lost a respected brother ringer by the death of Mr. Samuel Ford, of Long Melford. The district, at its meeting at Acton on October 6th, decided to discontinue meetings during the winter months. Great use was made of the bells. The Rector and Mrs. Harpur and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilding entertained the ringers to tea.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Heathcock, of Oldswinford, Worcestershire. In honour of the happy occasion a peal was rung at the church he has served so faithfully and well on October 13th. His life connection with the church reads: Born in the parish, baptised, confirmed and married at the Parish Church; ringer for 41 years, sidesman for 30 years, and member of the Church Council since its inception. Truly a splendid record of service. May Mr. and Mrs. Heathcock have many years spared to them to continue their good work.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

Two hundred years ago this month William Laughton and his Rambling Ringers Club were busy. On October 10th, 1734, they rang 1,008 on the three bells at Holy Trinity, The Minories. The bells, he says, were 'the hardest peal to raise that e-er I met with in my days,' and there were no sallies to the ropes. 'So with some Choak we made a mark, or else we-d all bin in the Dark; but that show-d us where abouts to Catch.'

Three days later they rang 5,040 Bob Major at St. Giles', Camberwell, on the old light octave, the tenor of which weighed about 7 cwt. They had had several attempts before without any luck. This time Tom Clark picked up a horseshoe on the way down. They nailed it up over the belfry door and all was well, 'for witch nor wizard cannot enter, nor o-er the threshold Dar-st they venter where-er that magic charm is nail'd.'

NEW COPYRIGHT HYMN TUNE.

We can thoroughly recommend the hymn tune, a notice of which will be found among the advertisements. It has a simple tuneful melody, and should appeal to those who, when there is no ringing, chime tunes on the bells. It fits the hymn, 'Jesus calls us o'er the tumult,' perfectly. It is published by Messrs. Novello in ordinary notation and tonic sol fa, and can be had from the composer, Mr. F. H. Marston, of Hucclecote, Glos.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

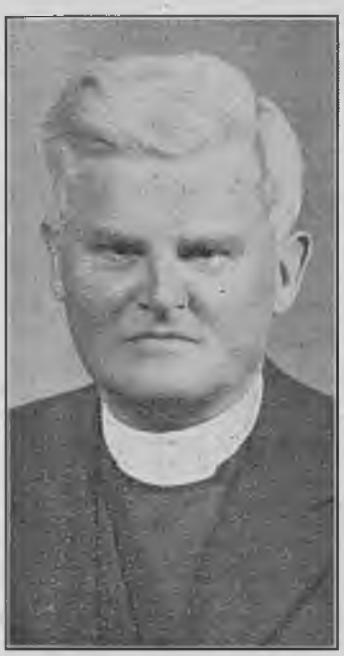
Handbell Ringing in the Red Sea.

RUPERT WINS THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The story received from s.s. 'Barrabool' this week is a short one. The run from the Suez Canal to Aden is one of the hottest sea journeys in the world, and the tropical conditions have prevented any very great ringing efforts.

s.s. 'Barrabool,'
In the Red Sea,
Friday, September 28th.

The party spent an interesting morning in exploring Port Said on Monday (September 24th). The ship entered the port when the early morning sun threw up the light and shadow of the town in vivid contrasts. The approach had nothing of the attractiveness of the entrance of Malta, but the scene in the port was not a bit less colourful and noisy. We found it best to enlist the services of a guide, and we tramped the streets for nearly three hours. There are a few buildings of outstanding note, but the native quarter was something both to see and smell. One of the drawbacks is that visitors are continually pestered by street venders from the moment of landing until they once more step aboard. One gentleman, who came on to the ship when we arrived, induced us to buy picture postcards—he also had postage stamps to sell. That was before our guide had been engaged. He sold us stamps for 2d. each—their proper value was 1½d. So he sold us as well. But that is how you buy your experience in these places.



THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

There are street performers who make their living by entertaining visitors. Wherever they see a small group they insinuate themselves and begin their show. While we sat at a cafe table a very clever child contortionist gave her show and collected our pence. Immediately she had gone a conjurer appeared, and with him apparently from nowhere appeared a small chicken, and out of the chicken's head he produced an egg, which, a moment after reappeared on my elbow. There are still magicians in Egypt, but they become something of a nuisance in their persistence, and it is just as well to guard your possessions when they are about. Indeed, I thought they had stolen our organising secretary's trousers from his legs when I saw him later in shorts. His lady friends in Slough would hardly know him now. He has joined the 'Topee' brigade (and so has George), and, with his shorts, looks as if he might be going on a big game hunting expedition. And I believe he would, if he could be sure he would remain the hunter and not become the hunted. There is just one difficulty about Bill's shorts. He has long since lost his youthful figure, and the pants are inclined to slip at the waist line, so that he had to tie them with the cord of his pyjamas. It would be safer if he wore the national 'nightshirt' of the Egyptians, which hangs safely from the shoulders.

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Our passage through the Suez Canal was full of interest. It is, of course, one of the wonder waterways of the world. The surrounding country is uninviting, except through the lakes. Swamp and desert predominate in the first stage from Port Said, afterwards the canal passes between high sand banks which obscure the view. But the management of the ships through the waterway is a revelation. The canal is a hundred miles long, and the journey takes about 14 hours. Boats have to tie up to the side to let others pass, and we were moored for two hours at one spot for the purpose, and a similar time at another. It is 'one-way' traffic and dead slow. On the western side of the canal is a narrow belt of trees, along which runs a well-made road and the railway. Except for this and towns like Ismailia and El Kamara the scene in daylight is one of desolation. But we saw part of it under the glow of a full moon. The sand was turned to silver; the desert looked almost a fairy land.

The boat did not stay sufficiently long at Suez to allow us to land, but the journey of several hours down the Gulf of Suez, between Africa and Asia Minor, gave us a view of the forbidding coast on both sides. At one point through the heat haze we could see in the far distance the conical peak of Mount Sinai. The barren country in between would make anyone grumble if they had to traverse it, and perhaps there was some excuse for the murmurings of the Israelites of old as they wandered over the waterless tracks of desert land.

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We reached the real tropical weather of the Red Sea on Wednesday, the 26th, and for the last three days we have been in a grilling heat, round about 100 degrees in the shade, relieved only occasionally by a welcome puff of air. We have had a following wind, so that even the ship's progress brings no help. We are, however, standing up—or rather sitting down—to the conditions, well; but handbell ringing is a trying job. The only opportunity for a peal attempt is immediately after breakfast, and a Grandsire Triples band have tried their hand on one or two occasions. They just ring on until they wilt. Evening peal attempts are out of the question. All the public rooms are in use, and the only outside spots at all suitable are, for navigational reasons, in darkness after the sun has set—and in these regions there is no twilight. There is no time for a peal after the heat 'danger' period is over before night comes down like a shutter drawn over a window.

A peal in the Red Sea has still to be rung, and must wait now until our return. We are hoping the conditions will be more suitable after we leave Aden, where this message will be posted. The best peal attempt in the Red Sea was on Thursday (September 27th), when just over three-parts of Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire were rung. Whether, had it gone to the end, there would have been anything left of George is somewhat uncertain. All the while the ringing was in progress he was fast melting away, and after another hour in the increasing heat there might have been nothing left but a few grease spots on the deck and a pair of handbells. But the trip which brought the peal to its end saved George to ring another day. The Rev. E. Bankes James has been the Grandsire conductor, and we hope he may yet succeed in calling the first peal of Grandsire on the sea.

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We usually get in an hour's handbell practice before sunset, and all nine take their turn. While we were practising on Wednesday (September 26th) a small flock of migrating swallows and other birds, which, exhausted and thirsty, had alighted on the rigging earlier in the day, seemed attracted by the bells, and one swallow actually remained perched on the back of one of the ringer's chairs while a touch was in progress. They seemed so tamed, possibly from want, that they could easily be caught by hand. Food and water were put out for them, and the next day they had vanished.

Despite the great heat through which we have passed—cabin temperature of 98 degrees at night—all the party are well and enjoying to the full the wonderful experiences of the voyage. They have asked me to convey their greetings and good wishes to all their friends in England.

Latest News.

The laurels in the team's swimming championship have gone to Rupert. Lifebuoys had to be thrown to the other competitors, who was in danger of being overwhelmed by the backwash.

LADIES' COMING OF AGE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Miss Bevys V. Dobson on her success in ringing her first peal in celebration of her 21st birthday, my sisters have asked me to reply to the relevant query contained in Belfry Gossip. Two of them both rang their first peals at first attempts for their respective 21st birthdays—Miss Florence A. Johnson rang Grandsire Doubles at Offenham, Worcs, in June, 1931 (incidentally a family peal rung by father, two sons and three daughters), and Miss Maggie Johnson rang Stedman Triples at Hinton in March of this year. It is more than probable, however, that Miss Dobson is the first Rector's daughter to ring such a peal. Anyone with a bevy of ringing sisters—and certainly anyone acquainted with mine—will probably say I am 'instructed' to write this letter, and, maybe, it would be the more correct.

J. D. JOHNSON.

Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

SUPPORT FOR KIDDERMINSTER RESTORATION FUND.

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held on October 6th at the Parish Church, Northfield. The church dates back to the Norman period, and is situated in most picturesque surroundings. Ringing in various methods and the Guild form of service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. A. Haysom), who gave a very helpful address, occupied the afternoon.

Thirty-six members sat down to tea served in the Church Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presided. A letter was read from Mr. Harry Mason, expressing regret at his inability to attend. The meeting decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd.

The appeal in connection with the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Kidderminster, was considered, and on the proposition of Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, it was unanimously decided to send a donation from the Guild's funds of £2 2s. Various suggestions were put forward to bring this appeal before individual members, and a collection made at the meeting amounted to £3 9s. The following new members were elected: As a full ringing member, Mr. Fred Aldnall (Handsworth); as a life member, Mr. John H. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent). The next meeting being the annual, it was decided to hold this at headquarters on the first Saturday in January.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' the chairman caused some little amusement regarding the age of Mr. James George. He said Mr. George was troubled because doubt had been expressed in certain quarters as to his correct age, and so in order to settle the matter once and for all he had brought his birth certificate for his inspection, and he could assure them that it proved conclusively that on November 27th next Mr. George would be 81 years of age. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Church Hall and for his address at the service, and to those who arranged and served tea was carried unanimously.

NORTH NOTTS RINGERS COMPETITION.

SHIREOAKS RETAIN CRAWFORD CUP.

Shireoaks churchringers retained the Crawford challenge cup at the annual competition of the North Notts Association held at Gamston Church, Retford, on September 29th. Each team was requested to ring 360 changes. There were five entries—Ordsall (two bands), East Markham, Shireoaks and Sutton-on-Trent. The judges were Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover, and Mr. J. Brothwell, Treeton, and their adjudications were: Winner of cup, Shireoaks (conductor, Mr. Hargreaves), 119 faults; 2 Ordsall 'A' team (conductor, Mr. R. Stockdale), 167 faults; 3 Sutton-on-Trent (conductor, Mr. L. Pierrepont), 196 faults; 4 East Markham (conductor, Mr. W. Freeman), 375 faults; 5 Ordsall 'B' (conductor, Mr. O. Street), rung out.

After the contest the competitors and friends had tea in the schoolroom.

The Rector (Rev. C. W. Whitacre) extended a hearty welcome to the large gathering of ringers and friends. He remarked that the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was not only popular in his own parish, but also among the ringing fraternity.

Mrs. Rowsell, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Crawford, in handing the cup to Mr. H. Hall, congratulated Shireoaks on winning the cup for the second year in succession, and remarked that it was a joy to come and listen to the bells. Mrs. Rowsell observed that there was a movement on foot to restore the church bells at Laneham, and she hoped that in course of time something would be done to start the bells ringing again at Rampton.

Mr. Flint said that only two teams did credit to themselves, but both erred in the same way. The little bells struck too close to the large bells. This was noticeable in Shireoaks, but notably in Ordsall 'A' team. The ringing was fairly good.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said that this was the seventh annual competition, and the judges had performed their duties to everybody's satisfaction. The challenge cup was a fine memorial to Charles Crawford, who was a distinguished ringer in North Notts. The success of the competition each year depended on the spirit in which it was taken up by the ringers, and it tended to improve the standard of ringing in church towers. He proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.

Mr. H. Stenton seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

The Rev. W. A. Loughborough, Vicar of Tuxford, was elected a vice-president of the association. The following from Tuxford tower were made members: Messrs. S. Brett, H. Smith, Harold Smith, W. Turner, W. O. Francis, and H. Gregory; and the following as beginners: Miss J. Sargent, Miss D. Brown, Mr. H. Turner and Mr. J. Martin.

Mr. Brett, who lives at 47, Ollerton Road, Tuxford, remarked that practice night was on Thursday, and he asked for the assistance of members in training beginners.

The next meeting of the association was fixed for Saturday, November 24th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and allowing the association the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the arrangements, and to the ladies for preparing tea was passed.

A LONDON CHURCH TRANSPORTED.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH AND BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY.

Thirty or forty years ago one of the most prominent of the West End churches was St. Andrew's, Wells Street, near Oxford Street. It had large and fashionable congregations, and it was specially noted for the excellence of its music. Then circumstances altered, the congregations dwindled and the usefulness of the church passed away. Meanwhile the fields and meadows of Middlesex were being covered by vast new towns, containing hundreds of thousands of inhabitants for whom church accommodation had to be found. The Bishop's policy was to pull down the redundant churches in the centre of the town and sell the sites, so as to find some of the money for building new churches in the suburbs, and St. Andrew's was one of those marked for destruction. There was much opposition, for it had many associations, and was a fine building, and the matter had to be taken into the Law Courts before it could be settled. A promise was given that the church should not be destroyed, but removed stone by stone, and re-erected at Kingsbury. Those who remembered it as it used to be, and last Saturday saw it in its new surroundings, were immensely struck with the contrast. It has a beauty and dignity that were quite unsuspected before. The Bishop consecrated the church in the presence of a packed congregation.

For ringers the main interest lay in the bells, for they are in some ways unique. They were cast (an octave with a tenor rather less than a ton) by C. T. Lewis, a member of a famous firm of organ builders. Lewis had very definite ideas about the qualities and tones of bells, and he had the courage of his opinions. His ideas were not those of modern founders, but he spoke on musical matters with authority. Among other things, he held that a bell should never be tuned, it should come out of the mould as it was finally intended to be; and the octave hum note, which all founders now aim at, he held to be not a virtue but a defect. To produce this ring he cast between twenty and thirty bells, breaking up those that did not come up to his very critical standard. As a business proposition, of course, that sort of thing did not pay, but the result is a set of bells all perfectly alike in quality, and to those people who do not care twopence how bells are tuned provided they sound right, they are an exceedingly fine and satisfying peal.

When it was first suggested to pull the church down, and before it was announced that it would be rebuilt exactly as before, ringers were rather anxious as to what was going to happen to the bells. First the Middlesex Association and then the Central Council approached the Bishop, pleading that they should neither be broken up nor dispersed, nor hung in a tower where they could not be properly rung. It is satisfactory to know that these fears are at an end.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung to 504 Stedman Triples by a picked band of the Middlesex Association, consisting of G. Kilby 1, A. W. Coles (conductor) 2, G. R. Pye 3, F. Barrett 4, C. T. Coles 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, H. Kilby 7, F. Goodfellow 8. There was a large gathering of ringers afterwards, including Mr. Albert Hughes (whose firm carried out the rehanging) and Mr. E. A. Young, the Master of the College Youths. The ringing throughout was excellent, much better than the writer remembers to have heard at any similar open meeting. It would be well if ringers always tried on similar occasions to have good striking first and leave complex methods for other times.

A new band has been formed under the leadership of Mr. Frank Barrett, and we wish them every success. J. A. T.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AT NORTON.

DEVON PRESIDENT CORDIALLY WELCOMED.

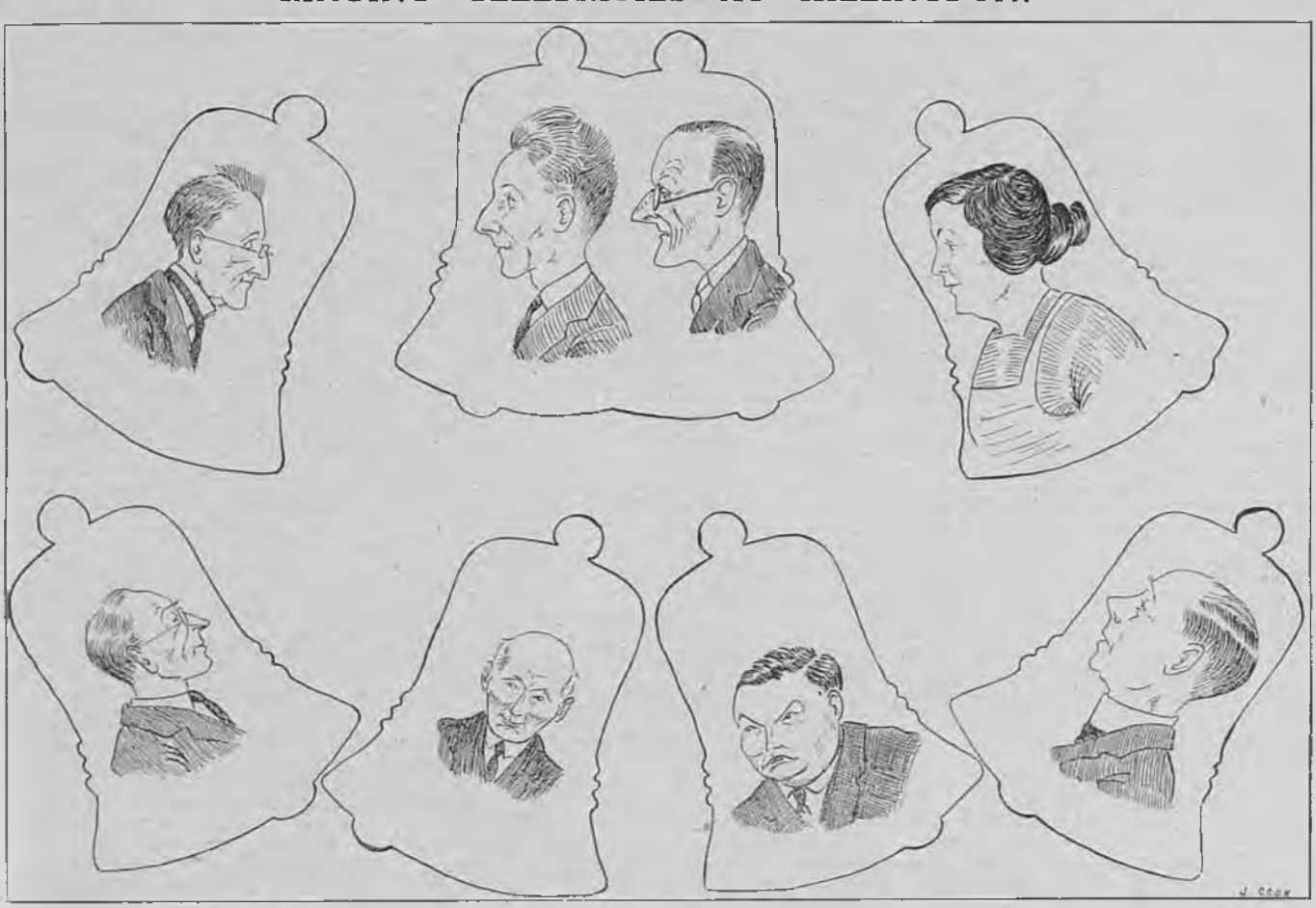
Over 50 members and friends of the Sheffield and District Society held their monthly meeting at the beautiful old Church at Norton on October 6th. Several good touches in various methods were brought round on the grand peal of eight bells. The visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. J. S. Pegge).

The Rector presided at the business meeting, when one new member was elected. Mr. C. Haynes (president), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for his generosity and the use of the bells, also extended to the visitors a very hearty welcome. Mr. S. F. Palmer seconded the vote of thanks, adding that one of the visitors, Rev. E. V. Cox, was president of the Devon Guild. He extended to him a hearty welcome to the North, as he had not forgotten the welcome he received at Plymouth when attending the Central Council meeting.

The Rector, replying to the vote of thanks, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to entertain the ringers at Norton. He paid a splendid tribute to the leader of his ringers (Mr. Wm. Biggin), and mentioned the encouragement he gave to those wishing to learn the art of campanology. Rev. E. V. Cox thanked the assembly for the wholehearted welcome he had received.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

RINGING CELEBRITIES AT HILLINGDON.



A clever caricature of some of the ringing celebrities at the joint meeting of the Middlesex and Oxford Associations at Hillingdon. The ringers, from left to right, are: Top row: Mr. Alexander Young (Master of College Youths), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association), Mr. A. D. Barker (secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mrs. Goodfellow (the hostess). Second row: Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. T. J. Fowler (Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. C. A. Nicholls and the Vicar of Hillingdon.

BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE AT HILLINGDON.

The joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon on Oct. 6th was, as usual, an enjoyable occasion. A large number of ringers did full justice to the easy-going ring of ten bells and also appreciated a new kind of address for ringers from the Rev. G. C. Battiscombe, of Denham, who, although considerably over 70, came to their aid in the search for a preacher. Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and helpers again served a tasty tea. The Vicar, who had been in residence less than a week, managed to look in for a few moments to add his welcome. After another visit to the tower, the ringing eventually concluded with a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, with several 'firsts' in it.

The social started off with a vote of thanks to everyone concerned with the arrangements, and it was afterwards discovered that the artistes really deserved it. Community singing, led by Mr. J. Herbert, was followed by a fox trot to warm the cold ones, and then in quick succession a monologue by Mr. S. L. Posnett, songs by Miss K. M. Bradford, Mrs. Humphrey, Messrs. T. J. Fowler and J. Herbert, a duet by Messrs. W. H. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, a violin selection by Mr. A. G. Bray (Miss G. Craven at the piano), a pianoforte duet by the Misses K. and J. Bradford, handbell ringing by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and J. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barker, with an interval for refreshments and dancing. The wireless experts were much in evidence for the dancing. Towards the end, a game of musical arms turned into a competition, but, fortunately for the last one in, it was

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal appears as the composition of the Rev. E. Bankes James. This is the second occasion it has appeared in the peal columns. It has been stated in your paper that only three different 720's have ever been composed.

If I understand aright, the Rev. James arranged (not a 720) 4,321 rows of figures. Then to complete 5,040 changes and one row you have to ring any ordinary 720. In years that are gone no composer's name has been given to any Minor peal, no matter how clever the job. The 35 methods rung at Norbury in 1923 is an example. I have no desire to take away credit due to the Rev. James. One fact remains, his figures will not produce a peal. Therefore he is not the composer of the peal in question.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

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not leap year. The evening closed with an enthusiastic rendering of 'Auld Lang Syne' by all present.

It may be mentioned that besides the two societies concerned the following were represented: Ancient Society of College Youths (Master), Ladies' Guild (general secretary), London County Association (North and South District secretaries), Central Council (secretary and five members). A rival of Tom Webster was also present for a short while, and his artistic skill is reproduced in this issue.

JOINT MEETING AT THETFORD.

In spite of the mistake in publishing the date of the meeting and the bad 'go' of the bells at Thetford, 20 members were present at the joint meeting of the Norfolk and Suffolk Guilds at St. Peter's Church on October 6th. Representatives were present from the following towers: Sawston and Fulbourne (Cambs), Newmarket (Suffolk), Garboldisham, Wymondham, Saxlingham, Starston, Pulham, Redenhall, Shelfanger, Diss and Norwich (Norfolk). A variety of methods were rung, though the bad 'go' played havoc at times with the striking.

At the business meeting following tea, the South Norfolk Branch decided to hold its annual meeting at Saxlingham on January 19th. Speaking on behalf of his own district, Mr. R. C. Sharpe, of Newmarket, said he hoped a further joint meeting could be arranged with the Norwich Association at Elveden some time next year. Votes of thanks to the Rev. Webb and Mr. W. Goodman, who had made all the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notes in Belfry Gossip on the above bells, they are quite accurate. I can, however, give you some further information. They are rung from the frame, and a piece is fixed on the stocks for a handgrip which, as the bell turns over, is grasped in alternate hands and then pulled back for the next stroke. The bells are five in number, and the tenor is approximately 28 cwt. Day and Son, of Eye, hung a new treble of 12 cwt. some years ago, which I believe was cast by Warner and Sons, London. The bells are rung in set changes twice every Sunday, and the practice night is usually on Thursday. There is also a small board fixed on one side of the cage in which the bells hang recording 120 of Doubles as having been rung in the early 19th century. The cage is surmounted by a thatched roof and stands in a corner of the churchyard by itself. I have no dates or names of founders, but am under the impression the back bells are by Miles Graye—some, at least, if not all.

W. KEEBLE.

YOUTHFUL BAND'S FURTHER PROGRESS.

The youthful band of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, continue to make progress. On Sunday last, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung by the following: *Ronald Taylor (age 12) 1, *John E. Taylor (age 13) 2, Gordon Limmer 3, *William Cyster (age 14) 4, *James Taylor (age 14) 5, †Beverley T. Harrison 6, George Limmer (conductor) 7, Geo. Gilbert 8. * First quarter other than Doubles. † First quarter 'inside.' First attempt to call a quarter by the conductor. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples ever rung in Burnham by a local band. The striking throughout was good in spite of the fact that the bells are practically all odd-struck.

It will interest many of our readers to know that this band commenced change ringing by Plain Hunt on four bells, thence to Plain Bob on four, five, six and seven, and are now making good progress in Bob Major. Great credit is due to all for the way they have worked practically unaided, and for their service ringing. This band possess other members aged 12, 14, 15 and 16 years.

DARTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. E. Audsley 1, J. E. Bailey 2, J. H. Cheesman 3, E. Brown 4, J. Wheadon 5, H. Simmons 6, G. H. Cross 7, H. Hoverd 8.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

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THE CORNISH TOUR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although much of what I meant to say has already been said by the writer of the report and by my old friend Mr. Hiscott, I feel that I cannot let an opportunity pass without at least saying, 'Thank you,' to Mr. Pye and his band of ringers, and apologising too, for I have a somewhat guilty feeling that we rather imposed on their kindness. Some while ago there was an embittered correspondence on the subject of touring ringers. I think I can see both points of view. But a ringing tour, like every other kind of tour, is probably undertaken mainly for pleasure and, in the case of expert ringers, to demonstrate perfect ringing, which, after all, most of us never hear. A certain standard is expected by listeners, and this standard is entirely marred by one poor ringer. Further it is a good deal to ask of men, coming to a strange and interesting country, to spend their spare time ringing Grandsire Doubles with a lot of us hobbledehoys! One could enlarge on this over several pages, but I expect I have said enough to show how very deeply we in Cornwall appreciate the kindness of these visiting ringers in giving up their spare time to helping us through peals and touches in the elementary methods, and, further, for the great honour of being enabled to ring with men whose names are honoured throughout the ringing world.

As regards Cornwall itself, 90 per cent. of the Guild's members and all association members are round ringers. Now, where an active band exists, rise, rounds and fall and, in many cases, call changes are rung absolutely perfectly. A bell the least bit ragged is a horror. One can fully understand, therefore, the antagonism towards poor change ringing that is rife in the district. I myself have never until now heard even merely good 'even bell' ringing, much less perfect ringing. Very few indeed of us have ever heard really good change ringing at all, even with the tenor behind; and I am quite certain that much harm has been done in the past by:—

(i.) Pressing change ringing on men who have never heard a well-struck touch.
(ii.) Ridiculing round ringing.
(iii.) Attempting peals in round ringing districts in methods unlikely to be well struck.

Those of us who have been privileged to hear the recent peals have for the first time understood what first-class ringing is, and we have now something to which we can point and say, 'That is our ideal, but remember that we are only beginners.' In West Cornwall we have one or two change-ringing towers, and we are used to hearing 'a noise,' but in East Cornwall they are not, and I would therefore ask visiting ringers to remember the last paragraph of Mr. Hiscott's letter, and unless they can really strike even-bell methods perfectly, as in the case of the recent tour, to stick to 'tenor behind.'

The old prize ringing in Cornwall is dying hard, but it is definitely dying, and the Guild is closing in round its borders. But it requires a lot of tact and a good deal of give and take. One **must** have something to replace it, and there is a definite future for change ringing, but it will be very slow. To force it is fatal, and, as Master of the Guild, my advice has been, and is, 'As long as your round ringers will stick to the tower, carry on; if they have or definitely ask for something new, through boredom with rounds, then help them all you can, and even then gently.' The plain hunting course can be learnt and rung well by any call change band in one evening, and if they enthuse at all over that then one can go on.

By the way it must seem somewhat absurd to up-country ringers to find a 'Master' who cannot ring the simplest methods, but please remember that one is Master here of only four change ringing and some 60 round ringing towers, and, further, for this same reason, one's opportunities of learning are practically nil.

My advice above is open to criticism, of course, but I believe that I am right. After all the chief object of bells is to be rung, and there seems to be no point in breaking up a band by trying to force something on them they don't want.

Steady advance from the few centres and the encouragement of hearing as often as possible really good touring bands is our hope, and, therefore, once again to our late visitors, 'Thank you, and come again.'

C. F. JERRAM,
Master, T.D.G.R.

P.S.—Several names have been missing from their usual weekly peals. Is it crame, pilchers or saffron cake that's responsible?

THE SHROPSHIRE SOCIETY.

Despite a wet day, 28 ringers, including a representative from Crewe and one from Stoke, attended the meeting of the Shropshire Society at Market Drayton on October 6th. Some excellent striking of this very pleasant peal was heard. Learners were also given instruction on Grandsire Triples, etc. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Major and Cambridge Minor. An attempt for a course of Double Norwich just failed to come round.

At the tea table Mr. Clark welcomed the company on behalf of the local band, who had provided tea. Mr. W. Saunders expressed the thanks of the ringers for this very kind gesture. Mr. E. Barnett presided over the business meeting, following which there was a return to the well-kept belfry, which was occupied until a late hour.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th (nomination night), Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On and after Friday, Oct. 19th, practice night will be on Friday, instead of Thursday, the usual evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—M. Dunn, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at Yorktown. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No arrangement for tea. Subscriptions for 1934 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Prince Regent, price 1s. each. Stapleford bells (6) may be rung during the evening.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH. — Dedication of Memorial to John William Taylor, senior. Service on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 3.30 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Curdridge Reading Room 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at the Parish Church, Llanelly. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea is provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Oct. 20th at Brixham. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BROMHAM, BEDS. — On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 6.30 p.m., the two new trebles added to the ring of six by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans. All ringers welcome. Splendid peal of 8. Tenor 23 cwt. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS. — On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of St. Albans will rededicate the ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All and any friends will be heartily welcomed. A Ringers' Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be ready afternoon and evening. Service. Tea and meeting. We shall look for a large number. Buses from Ware and Hertford outward 1.50, 2.50, 3.45, 4.50. Ware five minutes later. Townwards 6.58, 7.50, 9.50. All will be heartily welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyn on Thursday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) open 3.30. Service 6 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise for tea. Members, please note subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4, followed by tea and business.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be present and requiring tea notify Mr. F. Wilson, The Beverlie Inn, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on or before Thursday, Oct. 25th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows :—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Book your seats early, and not later than Wednesday, 23rd, and come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Oct. 27th, when methods for practice will be Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, Sheffield, by Oct. 25th. All are welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells (8) of St. Gregory's will be available from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's (8 bells) 4.30 to 5.30 and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.30 at the Black Boy Hotel, Market Hill.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Potte's Café, High Street, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to T. E. Warr, 36, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A meeting will be held at Netley on Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by 24th please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 24th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me by Oct. 24th. Edmonton bells from 6.30 to 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—An extra meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Oct. 27th. for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s. No rail allowance to this meeting, and names by previous Wednesday, please. — S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 3.15 p.m. An invitation is extended to all members of the Guild. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Oct. 22nd. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who require it. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Ringers meet at St. Cuthbert's Church.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the City Café, which will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, 23rd. Business meeting afterwards, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion, 5 p.m. A peal of handbells also available. A ' jubilee ' meeting, please. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Niton (5 bells) on Saturday, the 27th inst. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise if requiring tea by Tuesday, 24th, to W. Upton, 69, St. John's Road, Newport.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Usual arrangements. A good attendance wanted. Names for tea to me by Oct. 23rd, please.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec. 16, Peters St., Northampton.

BRIXTON, DEVON.—Bells restored and new treble added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 13 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday, Oct. 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KINGSBRIDGE, S. DEVON. — The ring of 8 bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Totnes on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Branston (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragly Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5

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LATE NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shapwick on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. — A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. J. Carter, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On October 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: C. W. Price 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. L. Cooke 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. S. Parsons 8, F. J. Lewis, jun., 9, W. H. Hayward 10. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Elisabeth Birchall, daughter of Sir John Birchall, M.P.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On September 20th, at the Church of St. Botolph, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): R. Brown 1, A. Appleby 2, S. Jessop 3, V. Taylor 4, J. Sharpe 5, A. Ellis 6, F. Dewey 7, B. Jackson 8, F. Leggott 9, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and also to Mr. F. Pratt, secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

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