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### CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The approach of Easter and the notification of numerous meetings is a reminder that Easter Monday and the succeeding weeks up to Whitsun bring with them the majority of the annual gatherings of the various county and diocesan associations. There is always special interest in these general meetings, and this year there is the promise of them being more successful than ever, for most of the ringing organisations have got back to something like pre-war level with the added zest which has come through the interregnum forced by the war. This year, too, the triennial elections of representatives upon the Central Council take place, and we hope to see some keen competition for the seats which are vacant. In some associations in the past sufficient importance has not been attached to representation upon the Council; but apart, perhaps, from the office of President or Master, election to the Central Council ought to be looked upon as the highest honour that a society can confer on a member, for, as we have so many times pointed out, the Council can, if its members are so minded, do much for the benefit of the Exercise. Some of the apathy which has stolen over the central body in the past may be traced to a half-hearted representation in some quarters, which has resulted in elected members failing to show initiative in bringing forward topics for discussion, and even to attend at all.

It should be the duty of every association to elect upon the Council the very ablest of its members—men who are capable not only of enjoying the pleasant reunion which the annual meeting provides, but of bringing ideas and practical suggestions into the work of the Council. The Exercise must have a central body to co-ordinate its affairs, but that body must be a capable one, and it rests with the associations to make it so. Until that responsibility is fully realised the Council cannot be expected to reach its highest utility, and associations ought not to complain that the Council is wanting in performance if they in the first place fail to elect upon it their best men. Further than this, the Council could be made a far more useful body if the associations were to send up to them for discussion subjects of general interest to the Exercise. Very rare, indeed, is it that proposals for the consideration of the Council are sent up from outside, as those who elect representatives leave everything to emanate from inside. One has only to refer to the great Friendly Societies' methods of providing business for their annual conferences to obtain an admirable plan upon which to work, and the various ringing organisations would find that the Central Council could be made a much more useful body if they themselves provided work for the Council and sent their best men to carry it out.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*REGINALD D. MARSHALL...Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 7
ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 3	HARRY MANCE ... .. 8
†ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... 4	ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 9
ERNEST J. KING... .. 5	*ALBERT A. COWARD ...Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters with an inside bell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

†EDWARD REEVES ... ..Treble	GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7
*CHARLES BERTCH... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 9
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5	*J. T. DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, who was made a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM HILL ... ..Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM FITCHFORD... .. 2	ARTHUR L. SMITH ... .. 6
*HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	ERNEST SHERRATT ... .. 7
BENJAMIN SNOW ... .. 4	REUBEN DEAVILLS ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

\* First peal. The conductor hails from Wolstanton, the ringer of the 5th from Stoke-on-Trent, the rest are local ringers.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... ..Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
*WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	*CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
†WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge away from treble.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

FARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY ARRAND ... ..Treble	†HENRY WOODHOUSE ... .. 5
†FRANCIS BEARDSMORE ... 2	GEORGE CLARK ... .. 6
REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... 3	†FREDERICK CLARK ... .. 7
GEORGE HALKSORTH ... 4	†HENRY TROUT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. CLARK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. Ringer of the treble elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*THOMAS ATKINS ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	†LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 6
†GEORGE CLEAL ... .. 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... .. 7
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First peal of Cambridge in Loughborough. The ringers wish to thank Mr. P. Taylor and Miss Taylor for their generous hospitality after the peal, a very enjoyable evening being spent with them.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 6
*HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for H. Summers and J. H. White, of Coventry.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	TOM A. OGDEN ... .. 6
FRANK BERRY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM HARDMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	TOM WELLENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First local peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment for the conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STEED ... .. 5
GEORGE H. STONESTREET ... 2	HARRY HARRINGTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM LATTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

For calling see R.C.A. Report for 1908, Peal No. 1284. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since they were recast.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... .. Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 5
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 2	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 6
ALLAN HICKTON ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7
THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This is the first peal of Kent Treble Bob rung on the bells single handed, also first peal of Major. Rung after meeting short for Treble & Bob Royal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*VICTOR ALLMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE BELL ... .. 5
*ALFRED NEWMAN ... .. 2	*LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 6
*ERNEST HIMBEST ... .. 3	JAMES W. LEONARD ... .. 7
GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. 4	*ERNEST KELVIE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

\* First peal of Bob Triples.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE PAICE ... .. 5
WILLIAM SABAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK SABAN ... .. 6
FRANK JELF ... .. 3	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4	JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE RADLEY.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellis.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THOMAS BRANCH ... .. Treble	JACK BRANCH ... .. 5
GEORGE WOODMAN ... .. 2	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 6
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
WESLEY PETTIFER ... .. 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 6
CHARLES GILES ... .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 7
ERNEST W. MENDAY ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. LOCKWOOD'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

E. J. NEWELL, ex-Herts. ... Treble	L. FIDLER, ex-R.N.A.S. ... 5
Regt. ... .. 2	H. E. DAY, ex-R.E. ... .. 6
E. W. DAY, ex-R.A.F. ... 2	G. T. CROFT, ex-Herts Regt. 7
*R. CROFT, ex-Herts Yeo, ... 3	W. J. CROFT, ex-Queens ... Tenor
*F. CROFT, ex-Beds Regt. ... 4	

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

This peal was rung by ex-Service men who took part in the Great war, and it is believed to be the first resident ex-Service peal for the Association. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, belong to the local band, 3rd and 4th from Great Wymondley. First peal in the method by all. \* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HORLEY, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF WORCESTER TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 5
JOHN RICE ... .. 2	GEORGE ILLMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by the Association.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES SHAW ... .. Treble	ALBERT HOUGH ... .. 5
*ARTHUR HAUGHTON ... .. 2	*SAMUEL BOWKER ... .. 6
*JOHN BRIERLEY ... .. 3	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7
TOM WILDE ... .. 4	*JOSHUA HOWCROFT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BEN THORP.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor.  
First peal in the method on the new bells and rung at the first attempt.  
B. Thorp hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest belong to the local band.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT O. HOLLOWAY ... .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This is the rooth tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul, HAMMERSMITH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY MANCE ... .. Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. CROOK ... .. 6
*ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 4	*EGGAR C. RUSSELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB GUILD.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS A. MAUD JORDAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. 2	PERCY C. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 3	ISAAC LONG ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. TYLER ... .. 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. G. S. Page, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Churchwarden at St. Phillips'. Dr. Page was for 33 years a member of the vestry, and has occupied the office of Churchwarden 11 times. His death will be keenly regretted by all who knew him.

## LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne, HIGHGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	FRANK SMITH ... .. 5
†MISS KITTY SMITH ... .. 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 6
ERNEST BONFIELD ... .. 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES PRYOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

## LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL ... .. Treble	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. 5
JOE HARDCASTLE ... .. 2	FRED SALMONS ... .. 6
JOHN LAWSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
JONAS S. AMBLER ... .. 4	GEORGE NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns,' and thanking him for his hospitality.

## SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

GERALD DUNCAN ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5
JOHN APPLETON ... .. 2	JOHN WEDGWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... .. 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 7
SIDNEY TUNNELL ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

The peal was arranged for A. H. Winch, who hails from Leatherhead, Surrey.

## PENSHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM BANKS ... .. Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 5
MICHAEL LAMBERT ... .. 2	HARRY SEAL ... .. 6
THOMAS SKINNER ... .. 3	PERCY DENTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR READER ... .. 4	CHARLES BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, the ring having been augmented to eight 25 years ago.

## HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

THOMAS WALTERS ... .. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY HOLT ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in a Surprise method by all except Messrs. Jones and Page. First Surprise peal as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells and by the Western Branch. Rung as the quarterly peal. First peal away from plain methods by Messrs. Walters and Holt, and this was the third peal by each of them.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.  
 ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble | LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. 4  
 SIEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2 | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 5  
 FREDERICK A. POULSON ... .. 3 | W. R. JOHN POULSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

SWEFFLING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford  
 Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

WALTER MILLER, JUN. ... Treble | ERNEST CURTIS ... .. 4  
 WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 2 | JOHN HALL ... .. 5  
 REGGIE ABBOT ... .. 3 | HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholar  
 Pleasure, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory  
 Tenor 14 cwt.

\*ARTHUR GILL ... .. Treble | THOMAS W. HILTON ... .. 4  
 HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... .. 2 | WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... .. 5  
 ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3 | CHARLES WALSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

\* First peal of Minor on treble.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent  
 Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

\*WILLIAM CUTMORE ... Treble | SIDNEY HALE ... .. 4  
 LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 2 | †BERNARD PETTITT ... .. 5  
 HORACE COOPER ... .. 3 | OLAVE BROYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods. William Cutmore was  
 elected a member of the Association in the tower.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Feb. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

In six methods, being 840 changes each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old  
 Doubles, Oxford Singles, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*FRANK HAYES ... Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 3  
 ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2 | HARRY HOWARD ... .. 4  
 ALBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the  
 3rd and 4th, also to Walter F. Sermons, a member of the above Society.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 16 with extremes, 4 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire, 12 with  
 extremes each called differently.

ROWLAND BARROW ... Treble | ALBERT MARTIN ... .. 3  
 ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 2 | FRED STANFORTH ... .. 4  
 ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been a peal of five since 1872.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Canterbury  
 Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble | WALTER KERRISON ... .. 4  
 \*CHARLES ROSE ... .. 2 | JAMES HOWARD ... .. 5  
 EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 3 | JOHN LARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who  
 hail from Beccles.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR DYE ... .. 1 | CHARLES WYBROW ... .. 4  
 WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2 | GEORGE COOKE ... .. 5  
 \*ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... .. 3 | ROBERT W. COOKE ... .. 6  
 †JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by W. E. BASON.

\* First peal on handbells. † First peal double-handed. The com-  
 position contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 3rd being never  
 in 6ths and the 2nd never in 5-6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6  
 ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

JAMES E. GROVES ... 1-2 | THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 5-6  
 ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7-8  
 MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

Seven 720's called differently.

FREDERICK MORTLOCK ... 1 | FRANK TURNER ... .. 4  
 ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 2-3 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. R. J. POULSON.

First peal by Messrs. Morlock and Turner.

**LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Friday, Feb. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLEE HILL DRU STONE CO.,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 8 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and College Single, 16 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire.

*WILLIAM BENNIAMS ... .. 1	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3-4
PERCY LANE ... .. 2	REGINALD HARRISON ... .. 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: WILLIAM HARRIS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles in four methods on handbells in the County and for the Guild. First in four methods by all and rung at first attempt.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*  
**IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 size in G.

*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 9-10	

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.  
 Umpire: G. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' First peal in the method by all. First peal in the method on handbells for the Association and in the County. First peal of Stedman Caters by five brothers.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**  
**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
 Witnesses: MRS. PULLING & ETHEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ethel Wood.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, Feb. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

**CAMBRIDGE.**  
**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Friday, Feb. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*  
**AT TRINITY COLLEGE,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	†REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 3-4	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. B. F. SHEPPARD.  
 Umpire: F. J. MUSTILL (Downing).

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, Feb. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,*  
**AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

First peal on handbells by the ringer of 7-8, who hails from Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th, and was attended by upwards of 50 ringers, including several members of the Lewisham District. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Superlative. At the usual service the association's form was used. The prayers were read by the Rev. Knight (curate), and the Rev. Harrison (who is temporarily in charge of the parish) gave an excellent address. After tea, at the Lime Tree Hotel, the business meeting was held in the Parish Room, and in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Harrison, the Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne) was voted to the chair.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, which showed that in point of numbers the district was in a flourishing condition; in fact, nearly up to the highest mark ever reached in pre-war years. Forty-five new members had been elected, including a new band at Staplehurst, which had been reorganised, and had been receiving instruction in change ringing. Three new hon. members were elected during the year, and the District Secretary appealed to the members to do their utmost to obtain more hon. members. Four district meetings were held at Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, East Peckham and Staplehurst, and were all well attended. At the three last-named places the members were kindly entertained to tea by the Revs. F. W. Edwards, C. E. Ryley and C. W. Bourne respectively. The District Secretary made an earnest appeal to the members for subscriptions to the Association War Memorial, remarking that during the past year he had not received anything for this fund from the bands, and suggested that the local secretaries should make a collection in the various towers as soon as possible, so that the committee could decide on a fitting memorial to the sixty members who had made the supreme sacrifice. He also strongly appealed for increased support for 'The Ringing World,' remarking that it would be little short of a calamity to ringers if the paper ceased, as it was the only journal devoted entirely to ringers and ringing.

Mr. W. Latter was unanimously re-elected to the office of district secretary; Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) was re-elected district representative; and Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells) was also elected a member of the Central Committee.

It was decided that meetings should be held in the coming year at Hadlow, Hawkhurst, Penshurst and Tonbridge.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. L. Schrieber for presiding, to the Rev. Harrison for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the Rev. Knight and Mr. Soyer (organist) and the vergers for their assistance at the service.

The District Secretary proposed that a special vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. H. J. Ford, the local secretary, for making arrangements for the meeting, and also for his perseverance in obtaining consent to hold a meeting at Sevenoaks. The tower had been closed to the association for some reason, and it was entirely due to Mr. Ford's efforts that these restrictions had been removed.—The motion was carried.

Mr. Ford, in replying, said that he was fully repaid for any trouble he had taken by having such a splendid meeting. He hoped they would have another meeting at Sevenoaks before long.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Aspatria on Saturday, Feb. 19th, when about 25 members were present from Aspatria, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Carlisle, Hensingham, and Egremont.—The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Wallis), of Carlisle.

The arrangements were completed for the contest, which is to be held on Easter Monday at Hensingham, when Mr. J. H. Banks, of Manchester, will be the adjudicator.

It was also decided that in future notices of meetings would be advertised through 'The Ringing World,' and it was recommended that at least one copy should be taken by each belfry.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Brighton for presiding.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Mr. J. Newton, who was interred the previous day. Mr. Newton was a very old ringer, and had been connected with the association for over 25 years.

After the meeting, ringing took place at St. Kentigern's, the bells being muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. Newton. Some very good practice was had, however, in Bob Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, and Grandsire Triples, Mr. Brighton taking a rope in the latter. Some had their first courses of Kent and Bob Major. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Wallis and W. T. Holmes.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

On Saturday week, a meeting was held at Bicton, when a beautiful day brought together a good attendance from several towers. Good practice was secured in a number of methods, and afterwards tea was provided at the Temperance Hotel. At the meeting which followed, it was decided to hold the next gathering at Wroxeter. Amongst the methods rung after tea were Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, and the proceedings concluded with 720 Grandsire Triples on handbells by four distinguished members of the Guild.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Kelvedon on February 26th, when upwards of 50 members were present. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. E. F. Hay officiating. An excellent address was given by Canon Russell, of Dedham.

The tea and meeting followed in the Infant Schoolroom. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided, supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Dyre (hon. secretary), and Mr. B. Redgwell (hon. district secretary).—Fifteen new members were elected.

A vote of condolence was passed with the District Master on the death of his father.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Vicar for his generosity in providing the bountiful tea, and for his hearty welcome to the Association.—The Master complimented the Vicar and his bell warden, Mr. W. T. Elliott, upon the rehanging of the noble and melodious ring of six, which are now in excellent ringing order. The work has been carried out very successfully by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It was decided to hold meetings at Stebbing, in April, and at Earl's Colne in June.

Touches of Minor in Surprise and other methods were rung, and some-ringers who went to Coggeshall brought round touches on the excellent ring of eight in that tower.

**SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.**

The quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Galleywood on Saturday last. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Double Norwich. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Keen). Tea was afterwards served at the Bear Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.

The Rector and Mr. J. O. Thomson (Mayor of Chelmsford) were elected honorary members. Messrs. F. Rainbird, E. Rajabird and F. Wyatt, of Bentley, and Messrs. Harrington and Wright, of Fryerning, were elected members, and Messrs. F. Lodge (Galleywood), F. Smith (Broomfield) and S. E. Edwards (Boreham), were elected probationary members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at South Wold, or failing that at Shenfield, in May.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells. About 30 members were present, representing Boreham, Broomfield, Bentley, Chelmsford, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, and the local company.

**DEATH OF A PONTEFRACT RINGER.**

The death took place, at a Leeds nursing home, on Feb. 23rd, of Mr. Thomas M. Barker, the popular conductor of the All Saints' company, Pontefract. The deceased had been ill about a fortnight, but it was not realised that anything very serious was the matter with him until Monday, the 21st, and, a specialist being called in, he was taken to Leeds for an immediate operation, which was performed on the 22nd, but despite all efforts Mr. Barker passed away late the following night. He was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.

Deceased had been connected with All Saints' tower, where he learnt to ring, for over 21 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1900, being on the committee for the Eastern Division, and, until recently, Ringing Master. He had rung 45 peals, a good number of which were Stedman Triples, in which he was a capable conductor. He was also churchwarden at the time of his death, and had held office as sidesman for a number of years. He was also a keen C.E.M.S. man; indeed it is safe to say there was no movement afoot for the church's welfare but had an enthusiastic supporter in Mr. Barker.

His remains were laid to rest on Monday, Feb. 28th, the first part of the service being held at the church, which was filled to overflowing with relatives and sympathisers anxious to pay a last tribute. Ringers were present from Leeds, Horbury, York and Selby, in addition to the local men. A 504 of Stedman was rung, muffled, on All Saints' bells as the cortege was approaching the church, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells at the grave-side, after the committal service, by W. Pearson, P. J. Johnson, J. H. Lenton, J. Carter and H. Walters.

The bells of the Parish Church, where the deceased was a welcome and frequent visitor, were also rung, muffled, after the interment. Most of the visitors taking part. The clergy officiating were the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Shipley, the Rev. T. H. V. Hartley, curate, and the Rev. Canon Hore, of York, a former Vicar of All Saints', and among the wreaths was one, in form of a bell, from 'his brother Ringers.'

In course of his sermon on the following Sunday evening, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Shipley), who was much moved, as were also many of the congregation, said they mourned the loss of a true friend. The belfry knew him, the church knew him, the communion table knew him. He was ever ready to answer the call of duty, and he would be sorely missed at that church—the church for which he had a great affection.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ancient rivalries which existed among ringers nearly 200 years ago are recalled by anniversaries which fall in next week. The London Scholars, who, in the early eighteenth century must have been a very capable society, rang the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on March 14th, 1727. This was 6006.

On the following day the College Youths, who, it is surmised, had been kept out of the tower until the London Scholars had rung the first peal on the bells, rang a longer peal in the same method, viz., 6314, which was conducted by Annable. Robert Catlin, London's leading bell founder of that day, also took part in the peal. In each of the peals mentioned two men rang the tenor.

The first peal by the Eastern Scholars, an old London Society, whose peal book is in the British Museum, was rung on March 13th, 1733. This was '5040 Grandsire Tribbles' at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East.

The anniversary of a more recent 'first peal' occurs next Thursday, for it was on March 17th, thirty years ago, that the first peal of Duffield Maximus was rung. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A meeting at Knebworth was reported in our last issue under the heading of the Hereford Association. It should, of course, have been the Hertford County Association.

The first peal rung by the College Youths on the bells at Willesden is particularly interesting from the fact that the Ancient Society opened the bells as a peal of six, 130 years ago. Incidentally it was the 100th tower in which Mr. John Thomas had rung a peal.

It is difficult to know at what age a child can learn to ring. We have marvelled from time to time at the precocity of some of the young folks, but Mr. P. Laffin's little son must be nearly the juvenile limit. Reared in the atmosphere of Birmingham ringing, this lad, who is now only eight years of age, could ring 5-6 to Plain Bob and Treble Bob on handbells when only seven.

At the ages of 10 and 12 years respectively, E. Rainbird and F. Rainbird, of Bentley, who were elected members of the Galleywood meeting of the Essex Association on Saturday, can both ring a six-score on an inside bell. They are believed to be the youngest members in the Essex Association, and great credit is due to them.

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, is lying in Evesham Cottage Hospital, having recently undergone an operation for an internal complaint. We are glad to say he is going on as satisfactorily as can be expected. Mr. Middleton was a member of the band who rang the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and his many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

C. J. Matthews, son of the Master of the Cumberlands, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday at his first attempt. This is only his second peal on tower bells, his first having been Treble Twelve. Another unique performance by the coming generation of London ringers.

At Ipswich, where the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, another peal in the same method was scored last Saturday, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

'Is is never too late to mend,' is the motto of the Windsor Parish Church band. After 120 years of call changes by local ringers, the present company have introduced change ringing, and last Sunday scored their first quarter-peal. It is good to hear of this progress in the Royal and Ancient Borough.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, continues slowly to improve.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Fulham, whose name is well known as a composer, left England for Greyling, New Zealand, yesterday. The good wishes of the Exercise will go with him.

After 17 years' service as hon. secretary of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. Robinson has resigned office.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Silverdale on Saturday last, but there was a very poor attendance, only three towers being represented, viz., Barrow, Broughton and Dalton. Two 720's of Bob Minor and touches of Bob Minor and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon. Tea was provided at the Ambrose Restaurant, where the meeting was presided over by Mr. Burrows.—Kirkby was selected for a ringing meeting in June, and Hawkshead for the half-yearly meeting in September.

Mr. W. Robinson, the hon. secretary, tendered his resignation, which was received with sincere regret, for he has carried out the duties most successfully since the branch was formed 17 years ago.—Mr. W. T. Clark, Broughton-in-Furness, was appointed secretary until the next half-yearly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the donors of the tea, and to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring. The Broughton and Ambleside ringers had to leave by an early train, and ringing was afterwards curtailed, owing to a request from the school room adjoining the church, where a concert was in progress.



**BEDWELLY BELLS.****ANOTHER OCTAVE FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

The towers of Llandaff Diocese are being gradually enriched by the addition of new bells, and another octave was completed on Thursday of last week, when two new trebles were dedicated at the Parish Church of St. Sannan, Bedwelly, Monmouthshire. The old ring of six, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., has been rehung in entirely new fittings, the cost having been defrayed by parishioners and friends. The new bells are the gift of Mr. Christopher Pond, of Blackwood, and a marble tablet erected in the tower wall in the church, records this munificent act in the following words: 'The two treble bells in this tower were given by Christopher Pond, to the Glory of God and to complete the octave, the first treble in loving memory of his beloved wife, C. J. Pond, A.D. 1920. R. W. Roberts, Rector and Rural Dean; E. Edwards, P. L. Lloyd, Churchwardens.'

The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with characteristic excellence, the 'splice' being pronounced by all who have heard the bells as remarkably fine, while the 'go' of the whole peal is perfect.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Monmouth, in the presence of a crowded congregation, the parishioners having shown the utmost interest in the restoration of their bells. The ringing was carried out by a selected band of the association, and the brief opening touch rung in the course of the ceremony was followed later by touches in the four standard methods.

**LINK WITH 18th CENTURY RINGERS.**

The funeral of Mr. John Heathorn, whose death has been recorded in 'The Ringing World,' took place at Guildford on Feb. 22nd, in the presence of a large gathering. In addition to the family mourners there were present representatives of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and of the Governors of the Hospital of the Blessed Trinity, of which institution Mr. Heathorn had been a brother from 1897 until his death. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The first part of the burial service took place in Holy Trinity Church, and the final offices at the graveside were taken by the Rev. J. C. Sharp. Immediately after the Blessing four ringers stepped forward, and with handbells, gave the ringers' beautiful and moving farewell, a course of Grandsire, perfectly rung. Later, at St. Nicolas' Church, where Mr. Heathorn did most of his ringing, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters were rung by: E. Etheridge 1, T. W. Radford 2, C. Hazelden 3, G. Nicholls 4, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 5, E. Raddon 6, G. Tomsett 7, W. W. Thorne 8, S. Radford 9, E. G. Death 10.

To say that the death of Mr. Heathorn removes from our midst the last living link with the old school of ringers who rang in Guildford and Godalming in the 18th century, may appear an extravagant use of language, yet so great was Mr. Heathorn's age, that he actually did know many of them personally. It was wonderfully interesting to hear the old gentleman converse, as he sometimes would, of men whose names now live only in peal records. It was one of the tragedies of Mr. Heathorn's early life as a ringer that, clever as the old ringers were, they did not pass on their skill to others, with the result that for 80 years there was very little change ringing in Guildford, and Mr. John Heathorn did not get a chance as a change ringer until 1889, when he rang his first peal, well past the prime of his life.

A. C. H.

**5016 STEDMAN CINQUES****IN SHORT COURSES THROUGHOUT.**

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, SUNDERLAND.

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623541

536421 7

465231 7

254136 6

142356 7

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513426 7

435216 7

254613 6

641325 6 S

315264

253614 7

632415 6

421536 6 7

514326 7

345216 7

253146 7

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Repeated.

First rung as printed above, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, February 19th, 1921, conducted by William H. Barber.

**PRESENTATION TO JOHN CARTER.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICES.**

Mr. John Carter, whose name has so long been associated with Birmingham, has taken up his residence in London, and at the John-sou Commemoration Dinner, on Saturday week, opportunity was taken to acknowledge his services to ringing, and to St. Martin's Guild in particular, by the presentation of an illuminated address. The presentation was made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, who said that Mr. Carter, having made a fortune with his picture house in the Isle of Man, had migrated to London, and was now living in Park Lane (laughter). The Guild had taken the opportunity of his removal from Birmingham, which, of course, they deeply regretted, to put into writing an expression of their esteem and affection for him, and their sense of the value of his unique services to the art of change ringing. Ald Pritchett then read the address, which was beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed, as follows:—

To JOHN CARTER, Esq.—The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham beg you to accept this illuminated address on your departure from the city of your adoption, to take up your residence in London, as a mark of the goodwill and esteem in which you have been held for so many years.

They desire also to express their sincere appreciation of the untiring devotion which you have always shown to the interests of the art of change ringing, and to the prosperity of the Guild and the welfare of its members.

Your departure from their midst is a matter of great regret, but they will ever remember with feelings of gratitude your valued services, and beg to tender you their warmest wishes for your future welfare and happiness.

(Signed) JOHN S. PRITCHETT, Presiding Ringing Master.

ALBERT WALKER, Deputy Ringing Master.

A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

February 26th, 1921.

Ald. Pritchett added that had there been room it would have been signed, he was sure, by hundreds of his fellow-ringers and well-wishers, but they united with those who had signed it in the most sincere expression of their good wishes to Mr. Carter that he would enjoy his mansion for many years, that he would embark in no further speculation with the risk of losing his fortune (laughter and applause), that he would come to see them at least once a year for many years to come, and that he would enjoy good health and great happiness (loud applause).

Mr. Carter, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the Guild very much for their gift which, he said, it was a great honour to receive. He should do his duty and come to that dinner every year as long as he possibly could (applause).

**STILL YOUNG AT 83.****MR. EDWIN HORREX'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

The veteran of the College Youths, who has just celebrated his 83rd birthday anniversary, does not yet intend to retire from peal ringing. Mr. Horrex, to celebrate the occasion, was anxious to ring another peal of Stedman Cinques, and eleven of his old friends gathered round him at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday last to help him to carry out his 'threat.' Unfortunately, however, a special address in the Cathedral, which had not been advertised, prevented the band gaining access to the tower until 6.30. By the time the bells were 'up' it was 6.45, and as it would have meant ringing on until about 10.45, if successful, it was decided that this hour was too late to keep bells going, and might result in complaints. A splendidly struck quarter-peal (1323 changes), was, however, rung in 62 minutes, the band standing as follows: Edwin Horrex 1, Richard T. Hibbert 2, William D. Smith 3, Thomas Faulkner 4, Challis F. Winney 5, Herbert Langdon (conductor) 6, Henry G. Miles 7, Albert A. Hughes 8, Thomas Langdon 9, William E. Garrard 10, Charles S. Burden 11, Walter E. Prime 12. The two oldest members of the band, it will be noticed, rang next to each other, viz., on the treble and tenor. Mr. Horrex rang with his usual skill and precision, his striking being an example of what good striking ought to be.

A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in the veteran's company, the band being reinforced by other friends, who all heartily congratulated Mr. Horrex, and wished him 'many happy returns of the day.'

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark is a four hour matter, and it is, therefore, all the more remarkable that a man of 83 years should be strong enough in health to make such an attempt. A start for the peal is to be made to-morrow.

**FINCHINGFIELD BELL FUND.**

Amount already acknowledged, £18 1s.; Chelmsford Cathedral company, 12s. 6d.; Prittlewell, £21 1s.; Feering, 12s. 6d.; Boreham, 10s.; Great Baddow, 17s.

Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordon, Finchingfield Vicarage, Braintree.

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**THE CROYDON  
BELL FOUNDRY  
1921.**

## THE JOHNSON DINNER.

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## THE GUILD AND THE CHURCH OFFICIALS.

In responding to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the Hon. Secretary, said it was always a very great pleasure to organise that function. There was some trouble in it, but when he looked round that room and saw that the great majority of those present were not entirely miserable (laughter), he felt to some extent rewarded. It was also an agreeable position to be in to be secretary of a Guild like St. Martin's Guild, for they were closely in touch with all the officers and people belonging to the Church, and especially with the man to whom the belfry belonged (applause). They had present that evening, as showing how closely they were in touch with the officials of St. Martin's, the Rector of Birmingham, who was, of course, Rector of St. Martin's, they had both the churchwardens, and they had also members of the choir. The fact that they had business men as churchwardens was, he thought, one reason why they always had such tip-top Rectors at St. Martin's (applause). They had a magnificent ring of bells—perhaps the finest at any Parish Church in England (applause); they had the finest organist and choir in Birmingham, and they had a band of ringers—well, they wanted to see the next lot that could beat them (laughter and applause).

Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) submitted 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and extended a hearty greeting to those members of other ringing organisations who were present. He thought it would be a great advantage if they could have more of those dinners, so that they could mix in such a happy way more often (applause). About a dozen kindred societies were represented there that evening, including the Surrey Association, by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dean; the Lancashire Association, by several members headed by Councillor Trippier, whom they took the opportunity of congratulating upon his attaining to municipal rank; the Worcestershire Association, represented by Mr. Albert Parsons, the Master, who always made the members of St. Martin's Guild so welcome at his house once a year for an annual peal; the Staffordshire Guild, represented by Mr. Herbert Knight, the hon. secretary; the Chester Guild, represented by Mr. Crawley, and two or three others from Crewe; the Midland Counties Association, which was strongly represented; the Lincoln Guild by Mr. Rupert Richardson, the Dudley Guild by Mr. Harry Mason; the Gloucester and Bristol Association by Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, and the Ladies' Guild by Miss Pigott (the President), and several other ladies. The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. J. Sykes; the Peterborough Association by that talented young lady, Miss Jutson, and her father; the Warwickshire Guild by Mr. Harry Argyle; Mr. Wilkerson, the hon. secretary, and Mr. Chapman; the Central Northants Association by Mr. Fred Wilford. They missed one or two faces, among them Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and also his wife. Mr. Wilkins was in a nursing home, and seriously ill, and they all wished him a speedy recovery (hear, hear). They also missed the presence of representatives of the College Youths and particularly their old friend, Mr. Ted Horrex. They were pleased, continued Mr. Walker, to see representatives of the bell founders with them, and while Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, regretted he could not be present, they had there that evening Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry. He could inform these gentlemen that there was any amount of work to be done. For instance, while ringing was in progress at the Cathedral that afternoon the clapper of the tenor came out, so there was some 'soiling and heeling' to be done there (laughter and applause).

Mr. Cyril Johnston, who replied to the toast, said the visitors had all enjoyed their evening very much, and they felt that the St. Martin's Guild Dinner in memory of Henry Johnson was the best 'show' that ringers in this country put up in the year (applause). Mr. Johnston added that he would like to mention as a matter of interest that a few days before he had had a conversation with the King at an industrial exhibition where his firm had an exhibit. The King was specially brought round to look at some bells and a big clock connected with them. The King showed great interest in them, and inquired about the tuning of the bells and many other points in which he appeared to be greatly interested. He (Mr. Johnston) mentioned this, because he knew that ringers were interested in the little things as well as the big ones that happened in the bell world (applause).

## A SUGGESTION TO BELL FOUNDERS.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' the importance of which to the Exercise, he said, could not be overstated. Without a journal it would be almost impossible for the associations to carry on, secretaries would find their labours increased to an enormous extent, and ringers would find more than half their interest in ringing gone. It was, therefore, a disgrace that the Editor had been left to carry on the paper without adequate support from the Exercise, and should be called upon to give the labour and maintain the paper at a loss. He sincerely trusted that every ringer would become an individual subscriber, and thus assist in the effort that was being made to make the journal a paying proposition. There was also a suggestion he would like to make to the bell founders and

others who relied for the whole or part of their business upon bells. If 'The Ringing World' were to stop, ringing would be so badly hit that, while he would not say the art would die out, much of the interest in it would be lost, and bell founders would find their business seriously declining. It was only by the existence of keen and enthusiastic ringers that bell restorations and augmentations were brought about, and if that keenness and enthusiasm waned it would be a bad thing for the founders. It was, therefore, a matter of vital importance to the founders to see that 'The Ringing World' was continued, and while he knew nothing of what they, as advertisers, were paying for space, he felt that, whatever it was, they should, as a means of assisting to maintain interest in ringing, and thereby increasing their business, double the price they were paying for their advertisements. He put this forward as a suggestion, which he hoped the bell founders would seriously consider (hear, hear).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith briefly acknowledged the toast, and expressed thanks for the more than cordial welcome which he always received in Birmingham, and for the excellent support which he knew the ringers in that area gave to 'The Ringing World.'

Ald. Pritchett, on behalf of the Guild, most cordially thanked the quartet for their service on that occasion (applause). He knew that the pleasure they all had of listening to the quartet was reciprocated by them, and that they always looked forward to coming. Nevertheless, the members were greatly indebted to them (applause). Proceeding, Ald. Pritchett proposed 'The Health of the Chairman,' and tendered their thanks to Canon Grose Hodge. He mentioned incidentally that the Rector of Birmingham was, in his day, President of the Cambridge Union—a position which many notable men had occupied. And not only had Canon Hodge been president, but his son also had been President of the Union—a record which was seldom equalled (applause). They thanked the Rector for his genial presence, and for the genial manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, and they fervently hoped he would be there to preside over them for many years to come (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and felicitously acknowledged by the Rector.

This concluded the speeches, and the interesting and enjoyable evening came to a conclusion with the National Anthem.

## LADIES' GUILD.

## NEW NORTHANTS BRANCH.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday week, and attended by upwards of 50 ringers, including a goodly number of gentlemen. Owing to the much-regretted illness of the Rev. Walter Frift, the Rector, no service took place, but an excellent tea was partaken of in the Church Schools. The company unanimously accorded hearty thanks to the anonymous donor of the repast, also to Mr. W. Perkins for making all the arrangements.

The Hon. Mrs. Frift presided over the business meeting which followed; Miss C. Heppburn, of Isham (hon. secretary) and other officers also being present. Peterborough, Bedford, Desborough, Geddingdon and Isham—as well as Irthlingborough—were among the places represented.—Eight new ringing members were elected, namely, the Misses D. and M. Newman, H. and W. Tyler, of Irthlingborough; Miss K. Moore, of Weekley; the Misses P. Hare and A. Parkins, of Peterborough; and Miss L. Law, of Weston Favell.

A vacancy having occurred on the Local Committee, Miss D. Newman was elected. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Thrapston.

Mrs. Frift was cordially thanked for taking the chair, and the meeting expressed similar gratitude to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung on the beautiful peal of eight: Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Minor.

## DEATH OF MR. T. SUART.

The St. Mary's Society, Dalton-in-Furness, have lost one of their oldest members, in Mr. T. Suart, who has been a regular ringer at the Parish Church for 32 years. He was one of the mainstays of the society, and his loss is deplored by all the band. He had rung in nearly all the towers in the Furness district, and also in a few belfries in the south of the county. He was a member of the Lancashire Association for over 30 years, and he had rung over a thousand 720's of Minor in various methods, and many quarter peals of Triples and Major with the writer. The last occasion upon which he rang was on October 10th, 1920, in a 640 of Bob Major. He was taken ill soon after, and passed away on February 14th, at the age of 53 years. The interment took place on the 17th. During the time the cortege was on its way to the church, a 672 Bob Major was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled: T. R. Jackson 1, G. Jackson 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, W. H. Dennison 6, J. Usher (St. James', Barrow) 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. Previous to ringing a vote of condolence was passed by the ringers to Mrs. Suart and family.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

What is the record for Sunday Service ringing? Or, perhaps, we ought to say, what are the records? for there must be a variety of interesting records in this most important work. For instance, the Little Munden (lierts) company, a village six-bell band, rang, prior to the war, twice every Sunday for service for fifteen years without a break. Are there any other bands that can beat this performance, and what, we wonder, is the best individual record?

We shall welcome interesting paragraphs, apart from touches, relating to Sunday service ringing for publication on this page.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S, STEPNEY, E.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sunday evening, January 23rd, 1239 Stedman Caters, composed by G. B. Fardon: R. A. Fardon 1, W. Tanner 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, C. S. Burden 4, J. Scholes 5, W. S. Langdon 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, W. A. Alps 8, T. Langdon 9, T. Joyce (first quarter-peal) 10.

**KENSINGTON.**—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: \*Miss Irene L. Hastie 1, W. E. Garrard 2, \*R. G. Brown 3, P. L. Miles 4, Robt. Holloway 5, A. E. Bradley 6, H. G. Miles 7, W. H. Woods 8, C. Chargo (composer and conductor) 9, M. L. F. Tuke 10.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, Feb. 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. Butler (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

**WRITTELE.**—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Head.

**BRAIN TREE, ESSEX.**—For evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by B. Thorpe, in 44 mins.: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Milbourne 4, W. H. Orson 5, W. S. Hammond 6, F. Ely 7, H. J. Collins 8. Rang to celebrate birthday of the ringers of 4 and 6.

**HOLLOWAY.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: \*N. Wilmot 1, J. Bullock 2, \*H. Hearn 3, \*B. Goodwin 4, W. P. Evans 5, W. H. Hotten 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, \*H. Wells 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: G. Marriner 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, H. Boxall 4, G. Cook 5, A. C. Otway (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 6, A. Harman 7, A. Dean 8.

**KING'S LANGLEY.**—Hertfordshire Association.—For evening service, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 minutes, by the local band: A. E. Dollimore 1, L. A. Walker 2, A. J. Rogers 3, J. W. Lane 4, A. E. Weaon 5, A. G. Cook 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, R. Haywood 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung on the bells, and also the first by all the band.

**NEWMARKET.**—On Sunday, March 6th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a 1280 Bob Major, in 47 mins.: T. H. Wiseman 1, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 2, S. Forward 3, Dick Fordham 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, W. Stannard 7, P. Pinder 8.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, also as a birthday compliment to E. Rippon, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1280 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Rippon 1, W. Hammond 2, J. Smithson 3, F. Shactleton 4, T. Chown 5, A. Gledstone 6, F. Willey 7, W. Stubbley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

**PORTSEA, HANTS.**—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Stedman Triples (from Haley's Variation): E. J. Harding, senr., 1, C. Groves 2, J. J. Symons 3, A. Ringer 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, J. W. Russell 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: A. Livermore (first 720) 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, H. Argent 3, G. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

**ACTON.**—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*Miss Smith 1, H. Wincoe 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Fardon 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Vickery 7, S. D. Breeze 8. \*First quarter-peal.—On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Smith 1, H. Wincoe 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze 4, Robt. Fardon (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. Vickery 7, E. Easton 8.

**HARPENDEN.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins., rung to welcome the Rev.

Rev. Andrew Keogh, a former Rector of Harpenden, who preached at the evening service: H. Jarman 1, W. Hill 2, A. Day 3, R. Newson 4, R. Cohn 5, G. Newson 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, C. Dellar 8. First quarter in method by treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford, for evening service, on Sunday, March 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Waghorn 1, T. Cranfield 2, R. Turner 3, A. Scambler 4, J. Scholes 5, R. Sanders (conductor) 6.

**BURY ST. EDMUND'S, SUFFOLK.**—At St. James's Cathedral Church (the Norman tower), for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 51 mins.: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, J. Levitt 2, W. Goodship 3, F. Levitt 4, F. Eaton 5, W. R. Moore 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Roper (Croydon) 8, G. Lilley 9, H. Watson 10.

## THE RINGER'S OFFICE.

### CANON BAKER ON SERVICE RINGING.

Church bell ringers have much cause for gratification in the position that is now assigned to them. Not so long ago they were often looked upon as a necessary evil to be tolerated but not respected. A great change has now come upon the scene, as was evidenced by the recent vote in the National Assembly, when it was decided that ringers as well as organists should continue to be appointed by the incumbent, and not be handed over to the Parochial Church Councils. It was as gratifying as unexpected to hear the cries of 'Agreed, agreed,' when one was trying to enlarge on the idea that the ringer should be treated on the same footing as the organist. There should be something significant to us in that decision. For it was remarked of the organist that he is a kind of 'spiritual person.' His duties are related to the worship of the church; he is, in a sense, a minister of the sanctuary. And ringers are now recognised as holding an equivalent office in the church. So ringing for service demands the care and devotion which that recognition entails. It is up to us to show that the confidence reposed in us is not misplaced, by giving of our best in the invitation to worship, and by taking our part ourselves in that worship to which we call others. It is most opportune that at this time the Editor should call attention to this branch of our work, and proffer assistance to it in the publication of suitable touches. I do not doubt that the effort will be successful, and heartily wish it God-speed.

W. W. C. BAKER.

## USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

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with 12 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's.  
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From 'The Clavis.'	

1280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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R. Lathbury.

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all of the parts.

J. Hunt.



## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, March 12th, at 4 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to be present.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Keighley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in West Lane Schools.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends of the above branch have received an invitation from the Vicar to take tea at Bray on Saturday, March 12th. Tower bells available from 3. Service at the Parish Church at 5, and social in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saltburn on March 12th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darley's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea in the same room. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 2/- each.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholm Hall at 5.45.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3.30. Subscriptions (1/6) now due. Should be obliged if members would remit same to me.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Luke Road, Chiswick.—N.B.—Combined practices are held at Heston the 1st, Isleworth the 3rd, and St. Stephen's, Ealing, the 4th Saturdays in the month.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3.30 till 9.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea obtainable near by. Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than March 15th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting at Sprothbrough (1 mile from Warmsworth tram) on March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1/3 per head, to those who notify Mr. E. Stacey, Lower Sprothbrough, before March 16th.—H. Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Annual subscriptions of 1/6 are now due.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley Saffron Walden.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Tea can be obtained in the village.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec.

**ALL SAINTS, BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—The ring of eight—re-cast, re-tuned and re-hung by Gillett and Johnston—will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on March 19th. Applications from bands of eight wishing to ring should be sent to Mr. Fred Woodiss, Chipstead Road, Banstead, not later than March 12th. Tea provided.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner will be served at the Church Hall Rooms at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich presiding. Dinner tickets 3/6 per head. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Secretary by Friday, March 25th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at Fakenham and the ring of six at Great Ryburgh will be available for the use of members.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, March 28th. By kind per-

mission of the authorities, all rings of bells will be available. Business meeting (for the election of officers, etc.) immediately following dinner, which will be served at 2 o'clock, Day's Restaurants, Cornhill, at 3/6 per head. Members intending to be present at dinner kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 23rd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available all day. Business meeting at 2.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-). Will those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Old Windsor on Easter Monday, March 28th, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, and the churchwardens of St. Peter's Church. Service at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne. Tea at the Tapestry Hall at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify the Secretary by the 22nd inst.? Business meeting at 6 p.m., the Vice-President in the chair. By kind permission of the several clergy, the following peals of bells will be available for combined practice and touches. Teams will make their own arrangements to ensure good ringing. Slough, 10.30 to 11.30. Windsor St. John Baptist, 12 to 1. Old Windsor, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Curfew Tower, Windsor, and Clewer, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood Pier Cafe at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6; non-members 3/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday, March 23rd. Any notice of motion or any alterations to rules must be sent in previous to this meeting, as per Rule IX. All friends kindly invited.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Meeting, St. Albans, Easter Monday.—Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Parnell, Vicar of Abbots Langley. 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Towers open as follows: Abbey, 12 noon (by arrangement with the steeple-keeper); others at 2 p.m. Ringing at six bell-towers earlier in the day by applying to me. If, dear reader, you are coming, please let me know, so that I can make ample arrangements for tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Leonard's will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and those at Immanuel

from 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Service at Immanuel at 5 p.m. Tea in Mission Room at 5.30; meeting after. Those expecting to be present at tea are kindly asked to let me know not later than Saturday, March 20th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Committee meeting 11.45 a.m. (St. Nicholas Vestry). Service at St. Nicholas 12.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. Pitman. Dinner in Church Room, 1.30 p.m. Business after dinner. Towers open for ringing: St. Nicholas (8), St. John's (8), Lewisham (8), Woolwich (8), Greenwich (10). Dinner tickets 2/4, non-resident members 4/-. P.O. to be sent with application. Nominations of candidates for election as representatives to the Central Council must be signed by two members and sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 15th.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., will preside at the general meeting in the Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. He will unveil the Memorial Window in the Cathedral Cloisters at 3.30 p.m. and will give an address at the service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10); St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas' (6); and St. John's (6).—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Leicester, Easter Monday, March 28th. Towers open for ringing from 10.30 to 7.30: St. Martin's (10), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Mark's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). Meat tea, 2/6 each, at the Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate, 4.30 prompt. Meeting to follow. Social and smoking concert same place free to all, 7.45 to 10 p.m. All members for tea must be guaranteed by Tuesday, March 21st (see notices in Association Belfries).—H. E. Norman, Local Hon. Sec., 4, Berners Street, Leicester; A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Easter Monday, March 28th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7p, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, April 9th. Will Secretaries please forward their subscriptions before or at this meeting? Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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**RAWMARSH, YORKS.**—On Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1360 changes): Sam Thomas 1, F. C. Wilson 2, T. Winchcomb 3, F. Pickering 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Cooper 6, H. Mortimore 7, H. K. White 8. All are members of the local band, of which Mr. Thomas is the instructor, and this was their first quarter-peal and the first attempt.

**FULBOURN, GLOS.**—On Monday, Feb. 21st, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Webb 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, J. Stalley 3, J. Page 4, C. E. Patten 5, C. Hall 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8. Longest length of Kent Major by all except conductor.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—On Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at 68, White Horse Hill, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 37 mins.: F. Groombridge 1-2, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 3-4, P. Brett Smith 5, T. Brett Smith 6, Cyril Brett Smith (aged 14 years 4 months) 7-8. This is the first quarter 'in hand' by all.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—On Monday, Feb. 28th, at St. Peter's Church, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal comprising 300 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 20 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. J. White 1, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 2, A. C. Langford 3, H. Clark 4, G. H. Neville 5, C. J. Mann 6. Ring as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**PENTRE, RHONDDA.**—On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hour: G. Wines 1, F. Lasbury 2, H. Davies 3, H. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, J. Cross 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all the band.

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