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THE SAFETY OF OLD RECORDS.

The history of the old ringing societies is always a subject of great interest to the majority of ringers. The present is built upon the past, and a knowledge of what was done by bygone generations is often of value—not only in upholding traditions, but in helping to a fuller realisation of the origin of present practices, and of the difficulties and obstacles which had to be surmounted, by those who in their day helped to lay the foundations upon which the Exercise has been erected. The modern associations have had the advantage of the ringing papers to record their progress, and their membership has been such that the printing of their own special Reports has been warranted, thereby providing, for all who come after, a reliable record of their doings. The old societies were not so fortunately placed. They had no ringing Press to help them, and could not afford to have recourse to printing. All they could leave us were their written records, and, happily, where these have survived, they are, for the most part, carefully preserved; and well they may be, for they are irreplaceable. Such records as those contained in the peal and minute books of the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands, the St. Martin's Guild and the Painswick Youths, which carry us back to the 17th and 18th centuries, are guarded with great care by the Societies, and some other of the old records have found safe lodgment in the British Museum. But there are, unfortunately, other records which do not now seem to be in existence, or, if they are, are in the hands of those to whom they are of no value, and, possibly, of no interest. Mr. E. Alex. Young is anxious to find the records of the earliest days of the 'Society of St. James' Youths,' which, as the London County Association, is now approaching its centenary. Although founded in 1824, there is no minute of any description in the records held by the Society before May, 1830, and yet these first six years must have been, and from an historical standpoint undoubtedly were, among the most important in the Society's career. Another organisation, not so old as the St. James', but now practically defunct—although there are numerous 'life members' still in the active ranks of ringing—is the Waterloo Society. It would be interesting to know where the 'belongings' of this former London organisation are, and to put them into safe keeping before they are lost. Doubtless many valuable old MSS. have disappeared merely because of the death of the person last entrusted with them, and the passing of the papers into the hands of someone who had no knowledge of their interest or value. Mr. Young's endeavour to find out something of the first years of the history of the St. James' Youths may, we hope, prompt others to take up the search for other lost records which are known to have existed.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

FREDERICK H. DEXTER Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
JAMES L. WELLS 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
JOHN OLDHAM 4	EDWARD READER 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN 5	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Ringers of treble and 6th hail from Leicester, 2nd, 5th and tenor from Birmingham, 8th from Manchester and the remainder from Loughborough. The band wish to thank Mr. and Miss Taylor for their kind hospitality after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BENT Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*LAURIE JACKSON 6
ARTHUR CATTELL 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	*CHARLES CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. The above ringers desire to thank the local band for giving them the privilege of ringing this peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	WALTER ROFFLES 5
SIDNEY C. ROWE 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

*HAROLD BANKS Treble	†CHARLES BAKER 5
PERCY DENTON 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
MICHAEL LAMBERT 3	HARRY SEAL 7
ARTHUR READER 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and tenor, and the daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*JOHN GARRETT Treble	HARRY HALL 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.)

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN HUGH, SEN. 5
HERBERT HERDMAN 2	ALGERNON P. G. STONE 6
CHARLES SANDERS 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	*EDWARD D. SMITH 5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

* First peal on 8 bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Cottis.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BISBY Treble	FRANCIS BISBY 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	CECIL R. RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. This composition, the Author's No. 213, is now rung for the first time.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR DAY Treble	THOMAS KENDALL 5
FREDERICK HUNT 2	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 6
HERBERT WOOD 3	*BEN JARMAN 7
HARRY WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to the local band, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Luton, and 6th from St. Albans Cathedral.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	*HENRY T. BARNES 5
*JAMES CARROTT 2	WILLIAM HARPER 6
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP 3	†WILLIAM E. WARE 7
JOHN BURLS 4	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by the late DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. Messrs. Carrott, Barnes and Ware are members of the local band. For calling see peal 121, sec. 2, Central Council Collection.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Kent and Oxford Spliced.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by JAS. MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This peal has one lead of Oxford in each course so that 7—8 are never in the slow. A. Newell has now rung a peal on each bell.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH PLANT, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRED BIRKS 2	JOHN WARRILOW 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
JOHN J. TAYLOR 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHTS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*GEORGE POWNALL 4	TITUS BARLOW Tenor

Composed by HARRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
J. H. Riding and R. D. Langford belong to Crewe. * First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

T. BALDWIN Treble	CAPT. A. A. BENNETT, C.A. 5
W. HARRIS 2	E. E. DAVIS 6
J. AUSTIN 3	C. H. AUSTIN 7
J. GILLET 4	J. STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bennett, wife of the ringer of the 5th, also to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
FIRTH HOPWOOD 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: T. Baker 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewett 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. Also in the evening, a 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Tizzard 3, G. Hewett 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	JOSEPH E. FENTON 6
WALTER MALINS 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings, rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*JACK WALFORD Treble	JOHN PERRY 3
†FRANK BILL 2	*H. E. BOOTH 6
†GEORGE WARNER 3	*ERIC SPEAKE 7
H. E. WAKELAM 4	A. G. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the unveiling of the parish war memorial by Colonel Frances Hugo Lindley Meynell, D.S.O., D.L. It is also the first peal rung in Brewod on tower bells by an entirely local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. CURTIS Treble	†SHIRLEY BURTON 4
JOHN WARRILOW 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
JOHN PERRY 3	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung for dedication festival.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*WALTER LYCETT Treble	*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*WILLIAM D. WASE 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
†CHARLES F. SAYER 2	EDWIN R. GOATE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods on a working bell. Arranged and rung to oblige the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who belong to Beccles, and as a birthday compliment to Albert J. L. Naunton.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRED HILL Treble	*ARTHUR ROWLEY 4
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST STONE 3	EDGAR VALLANCE Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

* First peal.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
HARRY SEAR 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 3	EDWIN YATES Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell by H. Sear and his goth for the Oxford Guild. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN CLARK 2	Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung on the 49th anniversary of Mr. J. Williams' wedding.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores Canterbury Pleasure, 4 Old, 4 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire and 20 with Extremes, each differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 3
CHARLES ALLSOPP 2	FRED STANFORTH 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Each variation was called by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 1, 5 respectively, and this is the first 'all conducted' peal of Doubles by the Association. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the marriage of the 4th ringer. This is the 60th tower in Leicestershire in which Mr. E. Morris has rung a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MOLLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CYRIL HERBERT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	*DOUGLAS HARRIS 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Witness: CHARLES HERBERT.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all except the conductor.
* First peal of Grandsire.

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

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	*JAMES GEORGE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referees: PERCY O. LAFLIN and W. G. ANKER.

* 700th peal.

CLAPHAM.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	F. I. HAIRS 5-6
J. A. TROLLOPE 3-4	*W. H. HEWETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.
Witness: MRS. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major on handbells. This composition has the 6th extent at home and 21 times wrong.

READING SOCIETY'S OUTINGS.

A very successful and enjoyable day was spent by the ringers of St. Mary's Society, Reading, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The party of 14, including a few ladies, went by motor to Southsea. Leaving at 8 a.m. Petersfield was the first halt. Here a visit was paid to the Church of St. Peter, the bells of which were placed at the disposal of the party, and a hearty welcome accorded them by the Vicar and the members of the Petersfield band. An interesting hour was spent looking round the church, which is a fine example of Norman architecture, and has a light, roomy tower, with a nice peal of eight bells. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Stedman, were successfully brought round.

Then the whole party retired to lunch, a repast which was well served and greatly appreciated. The journey was then continued, and Southsea reached about 2.30. The day being exceptionally fine and warm, the party decided to extend the trip across to the Isle of Wight. Touches, double-handed, of Grandsire Triples and Caters were indulged in en route. The day was well advanced by the time they reached Southsea again, and after a light tea, a start was made for home, Reading being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing.

On Saturday, August 20th, St. Giles' Society, Reading, had their annual outing. The party, consisting of the ringers, their wives and friends, 28 in all, left Reading by charabanc at 8.45 a.m., arriving at Hasbourne about 11 a.m., where a halt was called, and a visit paid to the belfry. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung, and tracks were then made to the Fleur de Lys, where another touch of 'knife and fork surprise' was partaken of, and justice was done to a substantial dinner provided by Host Napper. After dinner the party left for Blewbury, where attempts were made to ring touches on the bells, but without success, as the bells, especially the 6th, required a visit from the bell hanger instead of the ringers. The party next proceeded to Wantage, where tea was provided by Mr. Ash, the Market Place. Subsequently several touches were rung upon the fine peal of eight bells in the parish church, the ringers leaving for home at 8 p.m., and reaching Reading at 10 o'clock. They take the opportunity of tendering their thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to those who made the necessary arrangements.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON BRANCH SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday last about 30 members attending, and enjoying some good ringing on the fine peal of eight. The business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, and the list of towers for meetings, as prepared by the branch secretary (Mr. E. A. Martin) was adopted with one slight alteration. This list will be circulated in due course to all the towers in the branch. Information was given to members of the rise in subscriptions and the price of instruction books.

In presenting a report of the year's working, the Branch Secretary made a strong appeal to the eight-bell ringers to attend the six-bell meetings, and go in for something better than Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

At the close of business, a hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells (so readily given when another tower was not available). Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, when members were present from Ramsbottom, Helmshore; St. Saviour's, Bacup; Haslingden and Rawtenstall, in addition to the local ringers.

Some excellent touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being kept going till after nine o'clock. These bells, which have only recently been rehung on the latest principle by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., are satisfactory in every way, and are a splendid ring.

Ramsbottom was chosen for the next meeting, and the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for having all in readiness, brought the meeting to a close.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT HORSHAM

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Horsham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Members, including Miss Fisher, were present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Earlswood, Crawley, Dorking, Chiddingfold, Horley, Heene, Shipley, Pulborough, Shoreham, West Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Slinfold, Ruspur, Kirdford, and the local band. Ringing progressed during a full afternoon, and tea was served at the Queen's Head Hotel. A business meeting followed, Mr. E. C. Merrett occupying the chair.

Only one new member was elected, viz., Mr. G. Daynes.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Arundel on Dec. 17th. The new rules of the association were discussed, but nothing definite was arrived at.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Merrett for presiding, to the Vicar of Horsham for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. Leo Paice for making the arrangements.

The meeting over, most of the members returned to the belfry, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock. It is interesting to note that a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1756 is commemorated by a tablet in the belfry. The present bells have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them for the excellent tone and 'go' of the ring.

MR. H. SEAR'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	9	7
Grandsire and Plain Bob	4	3
Minor, 1 method	2	2
Minor, 7 methods	6	—
Grandsire Triples	29	16
Grandsire Caters	6	—
Grandsire Cinques	1	—
Stedman Triples	25	4
Stedman Caters	4	—
Stedman Cinques	1	—
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob	1	—
Double Norwich Major	3	1
Superlative Surprise		
Major	3	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Total	100	Conducted 36

Rung in 40 different towers.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Gentry, A. Tarhun, seur., P. Timson, J. Clarke, C. Pease, H. W. Kirton (conductor). J. Wood, W. Pease. A. Tarhun belongs to the local band, the rest from Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES GEORGE RINGS HIS 700th PEAL.

An aspiration is a joy for ever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. — Robert Louis Stevenson.

We have on many occasions in the past recorded items in connection with the extraordinary career of Mr. James George, and we now record in its proper place his 700th peal—Stedman Cinques on hand-bells rung in the Cathedral belfry, Birmingham, by members of the St. Martin's Guild.

We say 'extraordinary' advisedly, as although there are now quite a few men who have 700 peals to their credit (or discredit, according to the point of view!) we know of no other man who has achieved this huge total who did not start early in life, while our friend George did not learn to pull a bell until he was 36 years old. 'Old,' did we say! Tut, tut! the word is anathema to J. G., who swears that he feels better than he has ever felt in his life, and that not only could he do all the big jobs he has ever done over again, but do them better.



One of his greatest regrets is that no band has yet beaten the 12,240 of Treble Twelve rung at Ashton in 1911, in which he rang the tenor, as until this is beaten he has no excuse to go for a longer length. Can't someone oblige?

In the meantime, Mr. George is spending some of his boundless energy and enthusiasm in teaching a young band at Bishop Ryder's Church to follow in his footsteps, and all who have ever tried this know only too well what a difficult task it is. A ringing tour in which peals are scored every day with the help of a crack band is child's play compared to it, and there is no doubt as to which of the two ways of annoying the public helps the better to spread the art of change ringing.

Quite a large number of his peals are of the 12-bell variety, his first of Stedman Cinques being rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on October 16th, 1894. Only seven of those who took part in this peal are still in this vale of tears, and some of those have given up ringing and other bad habits, and are now living rational and respectable lives. But J. G. is positively incorrigible. We understand that before we have had time to announce to an expectant world the achievement of his 700th peal, he has actually rung another, and thus started gaily for another century. We warn him, however,

that we cannot undertake to write up his 800th peal before the end of the current year.

By-the-by, the photo which is here reproduced, is an excellent likeness of Mr. George as he is to-day, and it will be noticed from the air of complacency on his benign countenance that he is not at all worried about the present, repentant for the past, or troubled as to the future. We have no doubt but what he will in due course (or earlier), if his luck holds good, join the select few who can claim to have rung 1,000 peals, and we trust he will live to fulfil his ambition.

He has rung in almost every corner of the British Isles, and it is common knowledge that to enable him to do this to the best advantage, the whole resources of the L. and N.W. Railway were for many years placed at his command. Why, when he used to come to Birmingham from Rugby he frequently missed the last train home, but then he used to catch the one after that, and it was more than the officials dare do to let that train go out without first ascertaining whether 'the man from Rugby' was on board.

The following are the associations and societies of which Mr. George is a member: Essex, Midland Counties, Middlesex, Winchester, Salisbury, Sussex, Hertford, Oxford, Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire, Hereford, Lancashire, Kent, College Youths, London County, Waterloo, All Saints', Fulham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Durham and Newcastle; Raunds, Wellingborough and District; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Bedfordshire, United Counties, Ashton-under-Lyne, Gloucester and Bristol; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Norwich Diocesan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; Nun-eaton; St. Andrew's, Rugby; Surrey, Warwickshire, Cheltenham and District, Llandaff, Irish, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Salop, Dudley and District Guild, Chester Diocesan, Worcester Cathedral.

Appended is the list of his 700 peals, which have been rung in 260 different towers, and 41 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

	Tower Bells		Hand bells
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
Bob Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	59	14	6
Stedman Triples	110	3	4
Union Triples			1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	28	(A) 1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	43	(B)	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27	(C)	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	74		
Cambridge Surprise Major	12		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	5		
Grandsire Caters	30	(D)	1
Stedman Caters	113		10
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	33	(E)	
Bob Royal	9		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	3		
Stedman Cinques	86		16
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	10	(F)	
Forward Maximus	1		
	562	18	38

(A) including 6000 } Both rung (D) including 6011 and 8009.

(B) including 6336 } in one day. (E) including 6080 and 7280.

(C) including 6720 } (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

STOURBRIDGE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, held their annual outing recently, and journeyed to Bridgnorth by charabanc. The outward journey was through Wolverley and Shatterford. The party visited the tower of St. Leonard's, where they were welcomed by the local ringers. The belfry and the view from the tower were of special interest. Two good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and a move was then made to the Castle Restaurant, where a capital tea awaited the party. Another visit was made to the tower, and with some of the local men Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was made through Enville, Stourbridge being reached in good time. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Overton and his fellow ringers at Bridgnorth for the splendid arrangements, and for their hospitality in putting the bells at their disposal.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. TOWERS IN THE WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Earls Barton, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the following towers were represented: Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Peterborough, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Castle Ashby, Easton Mauduit, Doddington, Isham, Wilby, Bozeat, Mears Ashby, Ecton, and the local ringers. During the afternoon, short touches in various methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. A short service was held in the beautiful and interesting old Parish Church, and the Vicar, though far from being well after a recent operation, officiated. Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, kindly provided by the local ringers and their wives, the company numbering about 40.

The business meeting followed, and, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. W. Wilson, the treasurer of the association, was voted to the chair. Apologies were received from Mr. Wilford (of Northampton) and Mr. G. Basford (of Finedon).

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—Three out county members were elected, viz., Messrs. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey; A. W. Dix, Watford; and Mr. J. King, of Southam. Owing to three of the Yardley Hastings ringers having joined the association, the question arose as to whether they were in the Northampton or the Wellingborough district, the tower being about half-way between the two. In the discussion which ensued it was felt by those present that it should be in the latter district, as they had only three towers with peals of six bells, whilst the Northampton district had seven towers with six bells, and the secretary was requested to write to the Rector, expressing this view, and hoping that this would be satisfactory to him and his band of ringers.

It was decided to hold occasional meetings in various parts of the district, apart from the quarterly ones, in the hope of creating a greater interest in the work of the association, and to help forward the art of change ringing.

The newly-appointed secretary appealed to all the members for their hearty support during his term of office, and to do their best in regard to Sunday Service ringing, and by attending the services so that they could be looked upon as churchworkers in the true sense of the word.

Amongst those present at the meeting were Mr. D. J. Nichols (hon. general secretary of the association), Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet; Mr. T. Tehbutt, Miss Phyllis Hare, Miss A. Parkins, Miss C. Hepburn, etc.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, with the hope that he might speedily be restored to health, the local ringers, and the ladies who helped with the tea, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells; also a short touch of Stedman Triples, whilst others again visited the old tower to have another pull.

THE HATTERSLEY LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn regarding the Central Council Library, I desire to inform him that the Sheffield Cathedral Company have in their tower the 'Charles Henry Hattersley Library,' the contents of which are at the disposal of the ringing community, subject to the conditions shown in the catalogue. The books Mr. Jenkyn inquires about are amongst the collection. If you would kindly publish the contents of the catalogue much labour would be saved, and an advantage gained by those who are desirous of knowing what our collection consists of. It must be distinctly understood that postage both ways must be paid by those wishing to borrow books.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN HARRISON, Hon. Librarian.

53, Baltic Street, Sheffield.

We gladly comply with Mr. Harrison's request, and append the information he suggests. The library contains copies of 'Clavis Campanologia,' and the works by Shipway, Hubbard, Thackrah, Sottan-stall, Bannister, and Troyt; the Snowdon series, the Central Council publications; 'Duffield,' by Sir Arthur Heywood; Yorkshire Association Reports from Oct. 30th, 1875, to Sept. 30th 1915; 'Church Bells' from 1874 to 1879; 'Bell News' from 1881 to 1915; 'Campanologia' and 'The Bellringer.' The historical and other volumes are 'The Bell,' by the Rev. Alfred Gathy; 'Bells and Bellringers,' by Benjamin Lomax; 'The Bells of England,' by Dr. Raven; 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood; 'The History of Shoreditch Church,' by H. J. Bradley; and 'Sheffield Cathedral,' by the Rev. H. Cecil and J. R. Wigfull.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new ringing peal of ten for Scotland is to be dispatched from the Loughborough Foundry at the end of this month. They are for His Grace the Duke of Argyll, and are to be erected at Inveraray. The tenor is 41 cwt., and they will, we believe, be the heaviest ringing peal north of the Tweed.

A bazaar held recently at Llanfchain, in aid of the Church Belfry Fund, realised £160.

Mr. James George, 'of England,' has just rung his 700th peal, and has, we believe, now scored more than any other ringer in the Midlands.

By ringing his seven hundredth peal, Mr. George enters a small but select circle. The following are, we believe, the ringers who have previously passed the 700 mark: Mr. W. Pye, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the late Mr. E. Pye, Mr. I. G. Shade, and the late Mr. Bertram Prewett, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. K. Hart. If there are others we shall be glad to hear of them—they are not intentionally omitted.

There is to be a week of celebrations in connection with the re-opening of the bells at All Saints', Hereford, on All Saints' Day, November 1st. In addition to the ceremony itself, a week of peal ringing at neighbouring towers is to be arranged, and those who wish to take part should peruse the notice in another column.

Among the visitors at the dedication of the new peal at Bradford Cathedral, on Saturday, October 1st, was Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who, after the ceremony, was invited to call a touch of Stedman Caters, and next day to conduct a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells of St. Paul's, Shipley, along with Mr. Pryce Taylor. The peal unfortunately came to grief when half-way through.

We are approaching the 190th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, a performance claimed for the band at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Although this was challenged by a rival Norwich company, the figures of the peal are not now in existence, and its truth or otherwise cannot at this date be determined. But Oct. 25th is the anniversary of this performance. Will it be celebrated at the famous tower of Mancroft, where there is a most gratifying revival of ringing?

One of the early records put up in Treble Bob Royal was by the College Youths on Oct. 19th, 1766, when in 4 hrs. 21 mins. they brought round a peal of 6,000 at Shoreditch.

The first recorded peal of Treble Bob Major, containing the 60 course ends, was performed on Oct. 20th, 1794. It was 6,720 rung by the Cumberland Youths at St. Giles', Camberwell, and was conducted by that famous old ringer and composer, George Gross. William Shipway took part in the peal.

Thirty-eight years ago, on October 16th, 1883, the Amalgamated Society rang the longest peal of Grandsire Major on handbells. This was 10,176 in 4 hrs. and 55 mins., by: T. Russam 1—2, J. Carter 3—4, T. Miller 5—6, J. W. Cattle 7—8. It was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, and contained the 120 course ends and tenors together throughout. Mr. Carter was the first to compose a 13,320 with the tenors together throughout without a bob at every lead.

By the way, Mr. Carter has just returned to London, after a summer sojourn in the Isle of Man.

SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES' YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been trying to throw some light upon the opening years of the 'Society of St. James' Youths.' They were founded in February, 1824. There appears to be, however, no written memo or minute until May 17th, 1830. Neither is there a recorded Mastership, until that of Mr. William Dunn, who was so acting in September, 1834.

It would appear likely that Mr. J. Collinson and Mr. T. Tolladay were amongst the early Masters. I should be very glad to know of anything which may have come down either written or by way of tradition in this matter. Also, if there were two ringers about 1830 known as Mr. Mann and Mr. John Coleman.

Incidentally, I feel that it is a great pity that any of the old records of ringing societies should be lost or get into improper hands, as has been too often the case in the past. Our present Guilds, or the Central Council, would be only too glad to have the care of such records, and might well encourage the return of the same.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: A. J. Howard 1, R. Picton 2, T. Pitkin 3, P. H. Doick 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. E. Oakley 7, E. Elliott 8. * First quarter-peal. P. H. Doick was on a visit from Fulbourn, Sussex.

BRADFORD'S NEW BELLS.

A MAGNIFICENT RING.

On Saturday, October 1st, at the Cathedral, Bradford, the dedication of the recast ring of ten bells was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Perowne. Long before the appointed time, 3 p.m., the Cathedral was well filled, and well-known ringers from all parts of the country were striving to gain admittance to the tower to have a pull upon this glorious new ring. Yorkshire claims to possess more ringing peals of fine quality than any other county, and such magnificent rings as Heverley Minster; St. Mary's, Beverley; Bridlington Priory; Holy Trinity, Hull; Huddersfield Parish Church; Selby Abbey, etc., immediately occur to one's mind, and are justly famed. Bradford Cathedral is now to be added to the list.

The recast tenor weighs 25cwt. 2qr. 21lb., and both inside and outside the tower the purity and richness of the bells individually and collectively is truly remarkable. This is partly attributable to the openings made in the tower roof for the escape of the sound, but principally, of course, to the perfect musical qualities of the bells themselves. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of the famous Loughborough Foundry, have carried out the recasting of the bells and their re-hanging with new fittings of their latest type, and consequently the bells now 'go' with the greatest ease and precision. The harshness of the old peal was only too apparent, especially in close proximity to the tower, but Messrs. Taylor have produced a remarkable transformation, and everyone was enthusiastic upon the glorious and booming effect, without noise, of the recast rung.

The inscriptions of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'For unto you is paradise opened, a city is builded and rest allowed,' Book of Ezechiel.

From his desolate wife, in memory of her beloved husband. Sir J. Arthur Godwin, Kt., first Lord Mayor of Bradford, died April 29th, 1921, aged 68.

2nd.—'Praise to the Holiest in the height.'

In reverent thanksgiving to our immortal dead from the members of the Cathedral choir. Henry Coates, Organist and Choirmaster.

3rd.—'His servants serve Him day and night in His Temple.'

In memory of Edward Billson, Churchwarden, 1904-5, 1908-12. Died 17th April, 1919. Presented by his devoted widow, Sarah Billson.

4th.—'Lovest thou Me? Feed My lambs,' St. John xxi. 13.

The offerings of the teachers and scholars of the Cathedral Sunday Schools in gratitude for the heritage of freedom won by our splendid men.

5th.—'Labourers together with God,' 1 Cor. iii. 9.

This bell was given by the sidesmen of the Cathedral in thanksgiving for the blessings of victory and peace.

6th.—'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,' St. John xv. 13.

To place on record our love and gratitude to the men of this church and parish who paid the supreme sacrifice in the great war, 1914-1918. Given by the mothers of Bradford.

7th.—'He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him a long life: even for ever and ever,' Psalm xxi. 4.

In memory of Edward Alexander Shepherd, captain in 4th-5th Battalion of the Black Watch. Killed on Sept. 3rd, 1916, at Beaumont Hamel, aged 41. Presented by Elizabeth Mitchell.

8th.—'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain,' Psalm cxvii.

To commemorate the men of the city of Bradford who gave their lives for King and country in the great war, 1914-1918. Anthony Gadie, Lord Mayor, 1920-21. King George V.

9th.—'Te Deum Laudamus.'

In memory of the men of the Diocese of Bradford, who laid down their lives in the war, 1914-1918. Arthur William Thompson Perowne, D.D., first Bishop of Bradford.

Tenor.—To the Glory of God. Bradford Cathedral, 1921. The peal of ten bells was recast in memory of the men who fell in the great war, 1914-1918. William Stanton Jones, Vicar; Arthur Wellesley Ward, John Edward Holdsworth, Churchwardens.

The service was highly impressive in character. Clergy from many parts of the diocese were present. The congregation included the Lord Mayor of Bradford (Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Gadie) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Gadie).

Special hymns were sung, and the choir sang the anthem, 'How blest are they,' with impressive effect. At the selected part of the service the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, and choir marched in procession to the west door of the Cathedral, under the tower, where Archdeacon Stanton Jones (Vicar of Bradford) asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells.

The Bishop performed the dedication in the following words:—

To the glory of God, and in grateful memory of those who gave their lives for King and country and a righteous cause, I dedicate the memorial peal of bells in this tower. May all who hear their sound realise the peace of sins forgiven, the joy of faithful service, and the power of the endless life to which may God vouchsafe to bring us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A consecratory prayer followed, after which a short muffled peal was rung. Following the blessing the National Anthem was sung, and Trumpeter MacLoughlin sounded the Last Post.

The Bishop preached a thoughtful sermon on the lessons of the bells.

In the process of recasting, writes a correspondent, the bells have been changed from the worst peal in Yorkshire to the best for their weight. The new tenor is 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D, as against 27 cwt. 14 lb. for the old tenor. The new bells have been hung in the old oak frame, which is a very strong one. The bell hangers have braced and bolted it together in such a manner that it is quite rigid and likely to last for 100 years with a reasonable amount of attention which all frames require from time to time. Also the bells are hung in ball bearings, which is a great advantage. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed their work splendidly.

The Cathedral is surrounded by warehouses, and there have been complaints about the noise from time to time. To avoid this, the louvres have been closed up with reinforced glass, the roof of the tower opened out, and a lantern built on the top, which has proved very satisfactory in the moderation of the sound.

The opening ceremony was entirely a parochial affair. The ringers' opening will take place at a later date, when it is intended to invite the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting at Bradford. This meeting will be announced in 'The Ringing World' in the usual way.

FUTURE OF THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION. EFFECT OF DIVISION OF DIOCESE TO BE DISCUSSED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th, when a large number put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of eight, by Evans, of Chepstow, were cast in 1722, the tenor being about 15½ cwt., and hang, as most of Evans' rings were hung, left-handed, making it somewhat awkward for young ringers. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and at 4.30 an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where tea, most kindly provided by the local ringers, was served. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Hopkin-James). Inspectors' reports were read, and a number of new members made. It was decided to hold the next Llandaff Archdeaconry quarterly meeting at Llantrisant.

Notice was given that at the next annual meeting, which is to be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, that owing to the formation of the new Diocese of Monmouth, the title of the association must be amended, or a new association formed, the matter to be discussed and decided then.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, and to the local men for their hospitality, the meeting closed.

The bells were again requisitioned, and, as the bells of Llanblethian were also available, and were within easy distance, quite a number journeyed there. The weather was delightful, and with the presence of several ladies from St. Athan, Rumney, Whitchurch, Cardiff and Bridgend, added pleasure to the proceedings. From the ringing point of view, it was quite a red-letter day for Cowbridge, for never before has there been such a muster of ringers at the church. The meeting was a huge success.

AN ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

Ringers at Lenton, on Saturday week, had an alarming experience. An attempt was being made for a peal of Treble Bob, and ringing had gone on merrily for an hour and 25 minutes, when, to the surprise of the band, a piece of plaster from the ceiling came down with a crash beside the ringer of the 6th, whom it missed by about an inch. But the 6th man, being a miner, coolly remarked, 'Keep going, I am used to them.' A few minutes after, however, three bells had a scramble for the slow, and bringing up the wrong course end, put a finish to the attempt. The distance from the roof to the belfry floor is about 40 feet. The band was: W. Thornley 1, S. Wesley 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, A. Hickton 4, E. G. Goby (conductor) 5, H. Harrison 6, H. Turner 7, J. F. George 8.

DOUBLE NORWICH COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—In the Norwich and Ipswich Association report for 1920, peal No. 3,276 was composed by me and first rung at St. Mary's, Debenham, December 1st, 1897, conducted by W. Pye. The figures appear in the report for that year. Peals, No. 3,264, 3,369, 3,401, are only simple variations of my peal. I think young composers ought to look up old reports and ringing papers before publishing old peals as new.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

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PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Morris's question as to whether my being able to repeat a peal figure by figure has ever been any use of me, I may say at once 'yes,' since I should do so by the rule of the method and the coursing order; but at the same time, in my view, that does not imply that tapping is any aid to Mr. Morris's teaching. If so, in what way? As I yet fail to grasp his system of tapping, but I am open to be convinced.

Now, sir, to business. With reference to your leading articles, I agree with some exceptions. If I remember right, there was another ringer of exceptional ability besides the Brothers Pye, who helped to achieve the supposed impossible, i.e., ring the first peal of London double-handed, and it so happens to be your humble. No offence, Mr. Editor, but I rather like to see credit given where it is due. You say, sir, that a peal tapped is a greater performance than ringing double-handed. I, with Mr. Pye, say it is not. Tapping is not change ringing, and I am prepared if necessary to go anywhere within the four corners of the British Empire to debate this. You, sir, say it is a greater mental strain. I say it is not, for this reason: a man who taps by himself has a system, and never has the danger or risk of being shifted by another ringer. He has everything, so to speak, in his own mind and hands, and should he make a false blow or two can put it right without calling on another to do so. Now, sir, with all due respect to you as Editor, I maintain that tapping never was, is not now, and never will be, change ringing. I have always understood there are two strokes in ringing changes, i.e., handstroke and backstroke. What stroke does a tapper imply? None at all. I have discussed this tapping with several well-known ringers, including a well-known ringing family, who were present at Finchingsfield last Saturday, who can ring London on the tower bells, and most of whom are good double-handed ringers, and without exception their opinion is that a tapped peal does not supersede a peal 'rung' double-handed. There are three classes of men in ringing, as in other sciences; some are born great, others achieve great things, and some have greatness thrust upon them. There are plenty of the latter category about, and I will leave you, sir, and your readers to decide for themselves to which each one belongs, including Mr. Morris and yours truly,
W. KEEBLE.

Mr. Keeble points out some of the advantages which the peal tapper has over the 'double-handed' peal ringer, in order to justify the assertion that tapping a peal is not a greater mental strain than ringing a pair of handbells. May we point out some of the advantages on the other side? Mr. Keeble says it is not a greater strain to tap a peal for this reason, a man who taps by himself has a system, and never has the danger or risk of being shifted by another ringer. He has everything in his own mind and hands, and should he make a false blow or two, can put it right without calling on another to do so.

But it should also be borne in mind that in a 'double-handed' peal there are three others who by word or gesture may put the fourth one right when he makes a slip. That is an advantage which the peal tapper does not enjoy, and a trip is almost certain to be fatal. Again, in place making, and in leading in London Surprise and some other methods, there are whole pulls 'wrong.' The mechanical action of the up and downstrokes in ringing are a valuable aid in this matter, which, of course, the peal tapper cannot avail himself of.

As to 'system,' which, after all, is only another word for method, does not the double-handed ringer, ring by 'system' or 'method'? And which is the more difficult performance, to apply the system or method to two bells or to eight?

That is, after all, the only question with which we have been concerned, for it was upon that and that alone that we were challenged.

We have never said that tapping ever was, is now, or ever will be, change 'ringing'; neither have we said that the Central Council or the Essex Association are wrong in excluding these peals from their records. We have given both sides of the question as to whether these performances promote the art of change ringing; but we have never stated which view we take, because we are still open to conviction on this point.

We mention these matters once more, in order to keep the issue clear. Side issues as to what it has been imagined we have done and said, and what it has been imagined we have a right to do and say, have been raised; but it has not yet been proved that we were wrong when we said that 'by whatever system these peals are accomplished they are a far greater performance than ringing a pair of handbells to a peal.'

We have received a great number of letters on the subject from ringers in all parts of the country, and many competent handbell ringers, some of whom have had some practical experience of the difficulties of tapping, have endorsed our views. One letter, which was not sent for publication, contains, however, such valuable information, by a ringer who can both ring and tap methods, that we are

sure the writer will forgive us in making an extract. He says: 'Mr. Pye infers that there is some secret or trick in it, and that any other person in possession of the alleged secret could do the same. Before I joined up I could tap 720's of Minor in 35 methods, including about a dozen Surprise methods, and the only secret I know about it is—hard and constant practice. I have always transposed row by row, as one would write on paper, after learning what places have to be made. For Minor tapping I think this way would be the quickest to learn if one wants to tackle a peal of spliced methods. After the first method, anyone might make progress quickly, but Mr. Pye is very wide of the mark in talking of fame in a few weeks. It is the amount of study before the first peal that no one knows of, that takes the time, and is more likely to be many months. You are quite correct about the concentration. A single mistake is fatal. It is no use looking for the man you are dodging with to give you a friendly nod! Since being demobbed I have done very little. I am not able to concentrate as I did. Active service may be the cause. A 720 of Cambridge is about all I have bothered with lately.'

Sir,—The correspondence upon this subject has left one of your readers no wiser than he was before, but has reminded him of the old proverb, 'Ne autor ultra crepidam'—(A cobbler should stick to his last). Great eminence in peal ringing on tower or handbells in company with others does not carry with it the pen of a ready or convincing writer, nor (apparently) much appreciation of the different kind of skill shown by the single-handed 'tapper.' So far as I gather, the performances of Mr. Pye and Mr. Morris, though each remarkable, are on a different plane, and hardly comparable; and I think that the Essex Association showed, at the present stage, a wise discretion in confining itself to the entry in its peal book of one of Mr. Morris' tapped peals, as a curiosity in skilful execution, but hardly in pari materia (as lawyers say) with ordinary peal ringing performances.—Yours faithfully,
T. L. PAPILLON.

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VISIT TO WARWICK.

St. Martin's Society, Leicester, chose Warwick as the venue of their annual outing this year, and made the journey by road. 'We had some confidence in our bus this time,' writes a correspondent. Its buzz gave one the feeling that it would arrive where it was supposed to. On a previous annual excursion we had one that reminded us of a churn full of old tins. That one also arrived, but 'somewhere' 10 miles from our destination or a railway station, and there gave out. The faith in our converted Leyland was fully justified, for we reached Warwick within five minutes of scheduled time, after a splendid run via Nuneaton, Coventry and Kenilworth Castle, with a stop at Cotn Archers.

Our friends of St. Mary's gave us a hearty welcome, and the ringers soon had the bells (a fine peal of 10) going to Stedman Caters. The ladies of the party also got busy exploring the fine old town. The advance party was soon augmented by the 'millionaires,' who arrived in their own car, combinations, etc. With the 'millionaires' assistance the first course of Cambridge Royal on the bells was brought home, after which an adjournment was made to the Dale Hotel, where the ladies had already arrived. Full justice was done to a fine meat tea, and we owe a 'lemonade' to the man who recommended the Dale. After tea a further visit was made to the tower, when Superlative and more Stedman Caters were brought round, the ladies meantime visiting Leamington.

Mr. Adams, the genial sexton of St. Mary's, had made special arrangements for the use of a room at the Punch Bowl for an hour's convivial with the local ringers. Here the handbells were brought into use for tunes and change ringing, but all too soon our bus was ready for the homeward trip. Bidding adieu to our friends of Warwick, we started for Leicester in the wake of the millionaires. It was not a bee-line. Any old road seemed to suit. The intention was to travel home via Rugby, but on leaving Leamington our chauffeur introduced a course that was not in the main block, and promptly lost his way. No one worried, we knew the bus would get there; it did so in spite of us, so it did not matter. We only added 10 courses to the first half. Here we found the advance party waiting for us. The last half, Rugby-Leicester, 21 courses, was brought up in the small hours, in 1 hour 10 minutes. We would like to thank Mr. Adams and the Warwick ringers for their kindness in making the arrangements and meeting us. It was unanimously agreed that this was the best 'annual' we had ever had.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held a most successful meeting at Sutterton on Sept. 24th, when the bells were kept going by mixed bands until nine o'clock. Ringers were present from Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Peterborough, Kirton, Skirbeck, Freiston, Benington, Leake and Wrangle. A capital tea was provided at the Angel Inn, a party of 43 sitting down. The bells of Wigtoft and Algarth were also rung during the evening. The next meeting will be held at Wrangle in January.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. and 28 mins., by: W. Henniker (first touch away from tenor) 1, H. Good 2, S. Hopper (longest touch) 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (longest length as conductor) 5, J. Collreay 6. This is the longest touch on the bells since 1913.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Muntz 1, P. Wilshire 2, C. H. Jennings 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, A. W. Seviour (Bristol) 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival service, in the evening, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 41mins.: E. Dumper 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Williams (conductor) 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Marks 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's, for harvest festival, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: E. Easton 1, C. Brown 2, R. H. Boddington 3, S. D. Breeze 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, Robt. Fardon 7, A. E. Smith 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Wheadon 1, R. Smith (Northfleet) 2, W. J. Wheadon 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Simmons 7, H. Audsley 8.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE. — On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Mansfield 1, R. Rayner 2, H. Mansfield 3, A. W. Brighton (London) 4, F. E. Kempton 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6.

FRINDSBURY.—Kent County Association.—At All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th. For morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Beaumont 1, T. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, W. Evans 4, C. Winsor (conductor) 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, R. Paine 7, J. Aitkin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Winsor 1, W. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, T. Beaumont 4, T. M. Pattenden 5, W. Evans 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8. After evening service, 574 Grandsire Triples: T. M. Pattenden 1, T. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, R. Payne 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, W. Evans 6, C. Winsor (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

CHATHAM. — At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. Belsey 1, J. Hunt 2, H. Hogarth 3, S. Shellock 4, C-Sgt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor) 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Norris 7, G. Laurence 8.

FULHAM. — For harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. M. Tuke 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. W. Driver 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. Harding 5, F. Skevington 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

STEBBING.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, G. Wiffen (first in the method) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, G. Wiffen, Bocking (first in the method) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, 720 Double Court: E. Hynds 1, G. Wiffen (first in the method) 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, H. P. Emery 4, H. Redgewell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 4,120's of St. Simon, 4 of Plain Bob and 23 of Grandsire, in 45 mins.: E. Ball 1, A. Trueman 2, A. Lovelock 3, J. Vincent 4, W. Trueman (conductor) 5, A. Dennis 6. First quarter by all the band, and on the bells, and the longest length by all local ringers on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—After Divine service, on Sunday morning, Sept. 25th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 minutes on the occasion of the harvest festival: I. Evans 1, F. Ward, E. Hortin 3, D. Appleby 4, H. Coley 5, J. F. Davis 6, C. Wallator (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 616 Grandsire Triples, by: C. Willis (longest touch) 1, J. T. Williams 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (longest touch as conductor) 7, H. Warrie 8. For evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples, with R. Baird treble.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Collette 3, H. Gillett 4, H. Packer 5, W. Large, Todenham (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, J. Battler 8. Also 720 of Bob Minor: W. Stratford 1, J. Collett 2, H. Gillett 3, H. Packer 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, T. Banning 6, J. Battler 7.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Sid Hopper 1, H. C. Castle 2, A. Webb 3, P. Page 4, H. Parkes (conductor) 5, C. W. Everett 6, Tom Tabrett 7, E. Powell 8.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—Central Northants Association. — On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Moore 1, Miss K. Moore (first 720) 2, R. F. Lawrence 3, D. Shatford 4, R. W. Lawrence (first 720 as conductor) 5, R. G. Black 6. First 720 of Minor by an entirely local band.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evensong, the last 742 of Holt's Original: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, early service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Butler 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. For morning service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Mellin 1, W. Butler 2, V. Glass 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6; and 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Butler 1, E. Bright 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, W. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—For evening service, on Sept. 25th, the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. (1,260 changes): B. J. Toby 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. John's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss Phyllis Hare 1, W. Cross, junr., 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, senr., 4, T. Tebbutt 5, H. Bechey 6, F. Cooke 7, F. Davis 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard (conductor) 6, W. Floyd 7, H. D. Butler 8.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 1, H. Allsop 2, A. Dent 3, W. Jacques 4, F. May 5, C. Carr 6, T. Bettison (conductor) 7, J. Bleby 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss M. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, H. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Gould 5, F. Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Varndell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, for harvest (thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. W. Alps 1, H. P. James 2, T. Langden 3, C. Burden 4, A. F. Pike 5, E. Penn 6, J. E. Davis 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

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RESTORATION OF FINCHINGFIELD BELLS. REOPENING CEREMONY.

On Saturday week the ancient ring of eight in Finchingfield Church, Essex, were reopened, after being rehung and quarter turned. The Vicar, the Rev. Harry Jordan, entered into the restoration scheme most enthusiastically, and the work has been completed at a cost of £230. The bells are rehung on the most modern principles.

A special service marked the occasion. The Vicar officiated, and the lesson was read by Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.C. The Rev. J. A. Evans, D.D., Rector of Sible Hedingham, was the preacher, and he congratulated the parishioners on having made their church bells safe, sound, and serviceable. It was a great delight to the neighbouring churches that the work had been carried out so excellently. There was a charm in the sound of church bells which influenced the hearts of more people in the world than any other sound. Nothing was more charming and soothing, and nothing could better prepare the heart for service. People might ask, 'Why have bells to call people to church, when there are clocks?' The answer was that there was authority from God to use musical instruments to 'invite people to His house. God appointed first two silver trumpets to give the invitation, and trumpets were succeeded by bells. On some fonts could be seen the figure of a bell ringer, with an evil spirit in flight. The voice of the church bell was the voice of God, because it was God's command. He hoped that the bells of Finchingfield would now sound sweeter and merrier, would carry further, and that the voice of the messenger would be answered by the people responding, 'O Jesus, I come.'

The service closed with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and immediately afterwards a short touch of Treble Bob Major was rung, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association). The offertory for the bells' fund amounted to £4 17s. 4d.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, served by the ladies of the village. Among the guests were Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bart., M.P., and Lady Flannery. The Rev. H. Jordan welcomed the ringers and visitors, and gave a report on the finances, showing total receipts and promises of £203 5s. The ringers of Essex contributed £33 2s. 6d. The work was taken in hand fifteen months ago, so they had every cause to be satisfied with the speedy and successful progress made (applause).

THE RINGERS' HELP.

Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.C., on behalf of the parishioners, thanked the Vicar for the splendid enthusiasm he had shown in taking up the work, and Mr. Howard for the ready help the ringers had given.

Mr. Howard replied that it was the work of the Essex Association to help in getting peals of bells restored and repaired where such work was needed. The Vicar of Finchingfield and all the local ringers were members of the association, as Mr. Brise had been for a great many years. He (Mr. Howard) contended that ringers were the keenest workers in the church. If a church choir went out they admired the organ and all they saw at other churches, but they did not want to hear the organ played for them to sing, but if a band of ringers went to another church they were not satisfied till they had rung the bells. He never heard of a choir or a combination of choirs subscribing to purchase a new organ, but the ringers subscribed to restore bells and to provide new peals (hear, hear). The sound of the Finchingfield bells had been greatly improved by the bells being quarter turned and new clappers put to them, and he hoped the local band would now take up change ringing. The Master welcomed Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), the new secretary to the Essex Association, and thanked the ladies of Finchingfield, who provided the tea.

After the tea various touches were rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major by upwards of 50 ringers from Braintree, Saffron Walden, Sible Hedingham, Chelmsford, Yeldham, Felsted, Stebbing, Rayne, Feering, Kelvedon, Bardfield, Bocking, Earls Colne, Broomfield, Greenstead Green, Dunmow, Finchingfield, and Ipswich. Many of the ringers cycled long distances to the gathering. The arrangements for the day were efficiently carried out by Mr. B. Redgwell, hon. district secretary.

The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The 'go' of the bells (tenor 18½) and the improved tone were the admiration of all present.

During the evening, the Vicar threw open to the ringers his beautiful garden and grounds, which are in keeping with this picturesque village, which is acknowledged to be the prettiest in the county.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, after harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Gregory 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, E. Lathall 3, W. C. Brown 4, G. Boon 5, H. J. Warren (conductor) 6, W. F. Smith 7, J. Gregory 8.

NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 8d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting of the district will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open from 3 until 9 o'clock. Half railway fares up to 2/- allowed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's, Bolton, instead of Horwich, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Milnrow. All ringers and friends will be welcomed. Tickets: Gent's 2/6, ladies' 2/3; these may be purchased from F. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, Oct. 15th next. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. E. G. Berry, Mill View, Southam, not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 17th and 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus on Oct. 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon, Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Hounslow, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Church near the Barracks station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Please let me know on or before Oct. 16th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock (address by Rev. E. J. Atkins). Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Meat tea will be provided at The Chequers Hotel at 4 o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cuckney on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/3 per head to members, 2/- to non-members, who notify Mrs. Harvey, Church Cottage, Cuckney Mansfield, not later than Oct. 19th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy for those who send me notice by Tuesday the 18th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 18th.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec., Guilborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers please notify me by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The meeting at Pitminster arranged for Oct. 15th has been postponed until Oct. 29th owing to illness near the church. Times of service, tea, etc., to remain. Will intending visitors kindly let me know by the previous Tuesday, as tea is being provided?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. It is particularly requested that all who require tea notify me by Tuesday Oct. 18th, and not later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting at The Old George, Mortlake. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. Hunt, 34, Charles Street, Barnes, S.W. 13, not later than Wednesday, 26th inst., so that adequate arrangements can be made?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Mytton on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Smethwick. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday the 25th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m., Three Tuns Hotel. Service at the Cathedral at 12.30 with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 1.30 (members 2/-, non-members 4/-). By permission of the Dean and Chapter the Cathedral bells may be rung. The duration of touches must not exceed 15 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes between. Ringing must not interfere with services. By the Vicars' permission, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' bells will be available all day. All requiring dinner must notify me by the 25th inst. Subscriptions for 1921-2 are now due.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bell Hotel at 5.30. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 26th.—F. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere Oct. 29th. Ringing, service and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea, 6 o'clock, at the Café, 1/6 if ordered by 24th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—All Saints' Parish Church. Dedication and opening ceremony of new peal of eight bells Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Teas 1/- each. Intending visitors kindly notify E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec., 4, Church Terrace, Westbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reopening of All Saints' bells, Hereford, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., tea in St. Peter's Parish Hall free to those notifying me not later than Oct. 25th. Service 7 p.m.,

preacher Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Peals will be arranged at other towers during the week Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th, those wishing to take part must notify me not later than Oct. 22nd.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
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