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### A REFERENCE SYSTEM REQUIRED.

A letter which appeared in a recent issue from Mr. Edgar Wightman with regard to Double Norwich compositions, in which he points out that in one report of the Norwich and Ipswich Association there is claimed as new one peal composed by him as long ago as 1897, and three which are variations of peals by him, calls attention once more to the views which we have previously expressed as to the importance of verifying the originality of compositions. Other recent instances besides those mentioned by Mr. Wightman come to mind, including the publication of a peal of Stedman Triples which was composed by Mr. J. W. Washbrook more than twenty years ago, and a peal of London by the Rev. H. Law James cropping up as the composition used in the first peal in a new method. Now, in all these cases there is no question of piracy. The later composers have obtained their peals by perfectly legitimate methods and independent research and without any knowledge of their prior existence. But we have got to remember that the composition of peals has been going on in a more or less intensive manner for the last half-century and over, and that, therefore, in the common methods, at any rate, it is extremely difficult to get anything new; indeed, the fact that a previously composed peal of London was again produced as a peal of Northampton Surprise goes to show that it is never safe to assume that a composition for an absolutely brand-new method is necessarily obtained for the first time. All this, however, only goes to emphasize the need for great care in claiming the authorship of a peal.

The real difficulty about the matter appears to be in the means available for checking the originality. Reference to all the existing text-books and publications would not necessarily enable a composer to be certain that his peal was or was not new, even supposing all these books were at his disposal and that he was prepared to spend the great time that would be involved in the search. In the same way, it would not follow that he would be sure of obtaining the information if his peal were published, say, in our columns, for there are many compositions which have been rung in past years which are now unknown to all but a very few, and the reappearance of the figures would not in all cases call the original to mind.

What is required is some sort of reference file in which the peals are so classified that those most nearly like any freshly produced composition could be turned up in a few minutes. It was suggested recently that some such scheme was necessary for methods; it is more necessary for peals, for scores of compositions of peals are produced for every new method that sees the light. In com-

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piling the Central Council's 'Collection of Peals,' the Committee had through their hands a great number of compositions which they could not use, and these, with those that have been published and those which could be obtained from living conductors, would form the nucleus, at any rate, of a collection which could be classified for the purpose of reference. The task would be a big one, but it will grow bigger still as the years go on, and unless some scheme on these lines is adopted the future will be chaos, and ringers yet unborn will be putting forward, as original, compositions rung by their grandfathers.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANCES**

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 9
FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 4	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 10
*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6	ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on 12 bells and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Cinques, and is from Norwich.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES**

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN N. ONBORROW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 6
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 3	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS ... 8
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 4	HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 9
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 5	*JAMES H. RUMLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

\* First peal.

SOUTHGATE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

*GEORGE BESTER ... .. Treble	*WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 2	*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 7
*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 3	*HARRY MILLER ... .. 8
GEORGE B. LUCAS ... .. 4	*JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 9
CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering. Rung as a welcome home to Lord and Lady Inverforth on their return from America, they having recently had electric light installed in the church as a thankoffering for mercies received.

## ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

APPLETON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER8, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE STACE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ... .. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
W. H. J. HOLIFIELD ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 5	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

The treble man hails from Headington, and it was his first peal of Caters and first attempt.

WIMBORNE, DORSET  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER OF ST. CUTHBERGA,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 6
EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 2	*A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 7
CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 3	ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 8
*PERCY W. WITHAM ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in the Salisbury Diocese. The band desire to express their keen appreciation of the welcome accorded to them by the Vicar, the churchwardens and local ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HALE ... .. 5
HORACE COOPER ... .. 2	BERNARD PETTITT ... .. 6
FRED WILKIN ... .. 3	CECIL BARKER ... .. 7
ARTHUR WASH ... .. 4	WILLIAM CROSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

The ringers are members of the Sible Hedingham company. First peal on the bells since restoration. It is upwards of a hundred years since the last peal was rung here.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON ... .. Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT ... .. 5
*MISS GLADYS M. A. GEORGE ... 2	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS ... .. 6
GEORGE SPARKS ... .. 3	ROBERT BLAKE ... .. 7
GEORGE T. PEGNELL ... .. 4	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

\* First peal.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 5
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
GEORGE PINGOTT ... .. 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. R. Parkin, of St. Mark's, Beesley Green, who died the previous day. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor hail from Bolton, 3rd from Walkden and the remainder from the local band.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	FRANK WEBB ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

H. H. Smith's 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Tenor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. PARKER ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 4	JOHN H. PRESTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung for the festival of St. Luke.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. TURNER ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 4	*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Mr. Lindoff, who was on a visit from Dublin, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*HUGH J. WARREN ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 2	MARK LANE ... .. 6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7
CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

\* First peal. It was intended to ring Superlative, but one of the band failed to turn up. Mr. Warren kindly filled the breach and was heartily congratulated on ringing a most excellent peal, as he had previously had very little practice in Major ringing. First peal in the method on the bells since being recast. This composition is now rung for the first time.



WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR MARKWELL ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST HERBERT ... .. 6
CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 7
EDMOND J. HOBBS ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALFRED HISCOCK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. PARKER ... .. 2	JOHN H. PRESTON ... .. 6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. WELLING.

This and the peal at Staines were arranged for Mr. Keith Hart.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Treble	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
† WILLIAM NYE ... .. 2	† THOMAS JULL ... .. 6
* THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 7
SAMUEL TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
THOMAS WALTERS ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
SIDNEY HOLT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the band except Messrs. Jones, Mackman and Page. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Superlative on the bells, in the city of Worcester and by the Western Branch. Rung as the annual peal for the Association.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

* LESLIE GEO. FRANKS ... .. Treble	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 5
WALTER FRANKS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 6
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
ROBERT CURTIS ... .. 4	CHARLES G. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a token of respect to and in memory of the late Mr. Frank Mathis, for 32 years verger at the above church and a respected member of the local band of ringers, who died on the 15th inst., aged 63 years. The Messrs. Franks and Curtis belong to the local band, the remainder to Salehurst.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 5
ROBERT W. HYNTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... .. 6
TOM O'HARA ... .. 3	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 7
GEORGE LANCASTER ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains 22 courses each 6-4-8 and 6-7-8, 6th undisturbed throughout, and is now rung in full for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. Treble	HAROLD G. JENNY ... .. 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 2	THOS. H. VALLANCE ... .. 6
GEORGE CLEAL ... .. 3	* EDWARD READER ... .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Arranged as a birthday peal for Harold J. Poole.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WILLIAM STINTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES E. PEPPINS ... .. 4
† WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Hussellbee, an old Wordsley ringer, on his 90th birthday, also to Mr. A. E. Parsons and the conductor.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court, and one each of Kent and Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK RUFFLES ... .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 4
ERNEST CURTIS ... .. 2	PERCY POTTOR ... .. 5
GEORGE STANNARD ... .. 3	HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. HALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, London Scholar's Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

* ERNEST BROOKE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HILTON ... .. 4
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. HILL.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Harold Chappell, late of Hoylandswaine band, and to John Aaron, late of Darfield and Wath bands. Ringers of 2nd and 5th hail from Wath, 4th from Darfield, 3rd from Bolsterstone. Ringers of treble and tenor belong to Hoylandswaine.

**BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
 At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being 960 Oxford, 960 Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire  
 Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALFRED LIVINGSON ... .. Treble	ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 4
WILLIAM MARRABLE ... .. 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM LITTLECHILD ... .. 3	*WILLIAM MANSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

\* First peal.

**LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
 At the Parish Church,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	JOHN BEVAN ... .. 4
JOHN GWYNNE ... .. 2	THOMAS HART ... .. 5
CAPT. BENNETT, C.A. ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Williams on his 69th birthday, it also being his 69th peal. First peal on the bells.

**WILLINGTON, BEDS.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
 At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Being seven differently called 720's.

*HUBERT FOLBRIGG ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM E. HOLDEN ... .. 4
EDWARD WHITE ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5
*THOMAS BARTHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
 In the Tower,

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

Seven 720's called differently.

MISS EDITH E. G. HEAD ... .. 1	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2-3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... .. 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: Mr. W. HEAD.

This is the first peal in which a lady has taken part for the Suffolk Diocesan Association. Miss Head hails from Little Waldingfield.

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

On Friday, Oct. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
 In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

Witness: H. PEARSON.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 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 GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

Witness: H. PEARSON.

**EALING.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 69, BALFOUR ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... .. 1-2	HAROLD P. JAMES ... .. 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 3-4	DODGLAS HARBOUR ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

This composition has the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6, with no calls at wrong or middle and only six at home.

**LONDON.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;**

ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 9-10
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 5-6	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 11-12

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire: Mr. H. J. WALTON.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES**

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7-8
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 9-10
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witnesses: H. PEARSON and GEORGE BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. F. Bailey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT LEWISHAM.**

A successful meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 15th, about 50 members being present, including ringers from Reading, Slough, Kingston New Malden, Wimbledon, Croydon, and other districts. The association's veterans also attended, including Mr. John Carter, Mr. Ted Horrex, and Mr. J. Waghorn, senr. Mr. T. H. Taffender acted as Ringing Master, and various methods up to London Surprise were rung on the fine peal of eight. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart, and several ladies were present.

The business meeting was held afterwards and, in the absence of the District Master (Mr. H. Burton), Mr. T. H. Taffender was voted to the chair.—Mr. Skelt, of Croydon, was elected a member, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. H. Warnett for arranging the tea and having the bells in good order, thus making the afternoon and evening enjoyable for the visitors. After a short touch on handbells the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

## A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

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### DEVON ROUND RINGERS.

With the arrival of Canon Coleridge we were almost a double team. Seven took hot lunch at two o'clock, and relaid for eight hungry peal men at 2.30. We learnt that a 'prize contest' was to be held at North Molton, and adjoining parish, for the following week, when it was expected that some 16 or 18 teams of eight would compete. Proceedings were to commence at 10 a.m., each set having the ropes for 30 minutes, and raising and falling the eight bells in peal. Umpires were provided, lodged in a private room near the tower, and would number the teams, take a note of errors, and award points without knowing who the bands were, or the order they were drawn for ringing. These trials of strength and skill would last all day—keenness and sportsmanlike emulation would pervade the whole village for about 12 hours—allowing a brief interval for dinners and a ringers' service in the church. There is a greater value in these contests as church work than the change ringer usually imagines. Framed certificates, mostly printed (on neat cards similar to the larger peal cards we use) are hanging in many a North Devon tower showing the local band to be 'first prize' or 'second prize team,' as the case may be in hard-fought competitions of pre-war days. In several churches hang framed photographs of all the competitors, sometimes mustering over 100 strong, fine stalwart Devonshire men who carry on their Sunday work, simple though it may be, with faithful punctuality and very accurate ringing, irrespective of the bad going or the weight of the bells they handle.

There are more than a dozen towers in this district where round ringing only is practised, and none of them belong to the Devon Guild. Some unusual advantages we found, viz., not a broken rope during the tour, not a bearing left ungreated, no disturbance during the peals, and the lighting at night in good order. One cannot but admire the thoroughness of the Devon round ringers.

In the afternoon we motored in our 14-seater with 16 up to Chittlehampton, miles from anywhere, it was said, and found the village centre consisted of an open rectangular square, with the church on one side and 'the Bells' on the other, with picturesque houses on each frontage. It was a fine Decorated tower, similar to those of Somerset, with a useful octave, tenor 15 cwt. Forty minutes of London Surprise and 30 of Stedman were sufficient to end our efforts, which, like the weather all day, was on the damp side. In justice to the band, I may say, however, both ventures were lost by the conductors' omissions—who would be a conductor? On the other side of the square we were successful, and not quite so dry round the teatable our shepherd proving himself to be a veritable 'cow-maid' when the dishes of cream came round. Double-handed (10 bells) ringing in the open square, with all the neighbours looking out of doors; their prolific families clustering around us with the commanding Canon as centrepiece; afforded an interesting theme for an artist to record on canvas, and I wished that it could appear on a cinema screen. Fast falls the eventide—South Molton was duly reached, and train at 10.10 p.m. onward boarded, motors taking us from the G.W. Railway terminus, a mile to the Hotel Central, our headquarters in Barnstaple, till Saturday.

Wednesday in Barnstaple was our 'at home' day, with two towers close by and our party at full strength and, a three days' fair beginning in the town, joybells and joviality reigned supreme. We ordered a leg of mutton dinner for this especial occasion, and placed 'Old Caversham' and 'New Mills' to do duty as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Of the Central Hotel, I would like to mention its reasonable charges and our general appreciation of the attention, comfort and scrupulous cleanliness to be had there. Mr. J. Broom, the host, gave us a private room, and set one long table for our use at meal times, and what passed across it, by way of ringers' 'jargon,' besides the Devon edibles would fill a book. If you would know how to 'extend' L-O-N-D-O-N, ask the compositor. If you 'tap' a bell what sound is produced? Is it a growl or a squeak? As a motorist you would know that the 'gradient' of Fiddler's Elbow caused his army rejection—and should you happen to have an action in the High Courts, ask Lord Chagford, K.C., to brief you. When ringing double-handed 'Granta' never permit Little Bob to hear you, for unkind words have a way of coming home to roost.

Pilton Church for Stedman, in the morning, only a mile out, resulted in an excellent performance at this fine Ruhlhall eight (tenor 25 cwt.), and the pride of North Devon. The strapping end was taken off the tenor rope, surprise being expressed by several local men that so 'lean' an Arab could stay the time, as two locals usually handle it for touches. Those who know the physique and stature of Messrs. Coleridge and Williams will realise that it was a decided case of 'up over' and 'down under' when they were dodging together whilst ringing the trebles.

In the evening, Double Norwich at Barnstaple Parish Church (tenor 18 cwt.) ended when the tenor clapper came out broken, with a crash that alarmed the onlookers, after 2½ hours' ringing; the Arab afore-

said expressing his genuine 'thanks' at the mishap, as the going of the tenor was too big a pill to swallow on top of Pilton. Here we rang on the ground floor with three sides, having tall pointed arches, quite open to the whole church. It was most interesting to see the townspeople and some of the Devon prize ringing men come to the pews near us to sit and watch our efforts. Stripped as we were for a peal in earnest, the whole scene gave one the impression of a free side-show for those who had come 'fairing'; but the fun of this affair was not to our liking. Our solace at home ended with a full measure of cider, tobacco, handbells, and ringers' anecdotes. Then what care I, let the peal go by, for another we'll try on the morrow.

(To be Continued.)

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

#### MID-DEVON BRANCH PROGRESS.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, October 8th. The President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) was present, also ringers from London, Lifton, Exeter, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Dartmouth, Cockington, Paignton. The Rev. C. S. Powell (of Plymouth), gen. hon. secretary, wrote expressing his regret at being unable to attend. Some well-struck touches were brought round, the president, although nearly 50 years of age, taking part. Nearly 30 members were present, and the president congratulated the branch on its progress, and exclaimed, 'at last, after many years' struggle.' He recalled a visit made by the Guild to Torquay nearly 40 years ago, trying to introduce change ringing, and said it was a great pleasure to him to know the 'method' was taken up in real earnest. He held very high hope of a bright future for the Mid-Devon Branch, and suggested combined practices at various towers.

Owing to the long journey back to Lifton, the president had to leave early, to the regret of all present.

Mr. H. W. Wilkes (chairman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president, and said the whole of the branch most heartily welcomed him.—This was seconded by Mr. F. T. Gover, who said what a pleasure it was to welcome him, and especially to have the pleasure of ringing with him—an expression which met with a cordial 'hear, hear.'

The business meeting followed. After several propositions and much discussion it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Paignton on January 21st, 1922.—Mr. C. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Upton for the use of the bells, and supported the proposal of combined practices.—The motion was seconded by Mrs. F. T. Gover, and carried, and Mr. C. Roberts (churchwarden) responded, saying what a pleasure it was to welcome the Guild and to hear what good progress the branch was making in change ringing. The Vicar and himself would always be pleased to welcome them, and he only wished a band could be started in Torquay.

Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors, especially alluding to Mr. Shepherd, of Exeter, whose knowledge of the art of change ringing was always a very valuable help to any band. Paignton had benefited this summer by visitors from London, Birmingham and Bristol, who had helped to ring a good quarter-peal.—Mr. Shepherd, in reply, said it was a pleasure to come to Mid-Devon and find such progress being made. It made his heart glad to think the branch was in real earnest. Ringing was a fine exercise, both for brain and body, and a sure cure for indigestion (laughter), and many pleasant hours could be spent by the fireside learning the methods.

The ringers then adjourned to the belfry again, and the tit-bit of the day was a splendidly struck 504 Grandsire Triples, which, if rumours are correct, left the 'have-beens' and 'would-like-to-be' critics 'stony' cold.

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter and District Branch of the Guild took place at Exeter on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tea was provided at St. Sidwell's Institute, and was attended by 36 members.—The Chairman (Mr. E. Shepherd), on behalf of the branch, extended a hearty welcome to visitors from Plymouth, Torquay and Llandaff.

The holding of the annual meeting at Heavitree, on November 26th, was confirmed. Visits were paid to various towers, including the Cathedral, St. David's and St. Sidwell's, and some excellent touches were rung in various methods.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at the Church of The Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday week, when members attended from the various towers in the district, and visitors from Leyland, Preston, Standish and Manchester. Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung until 7 p.m., a concert in the school adjoining preventing further ringing.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Walkden, and the branch secretary was appointed on the general committee in place of the vice-president.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their preparation.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space, several reports are unavoidably held over.

There is every promise of a big gathering at the College Youths dinner at the London Tavern on the 12th November, and those who desire to secure tickets should do so at once.

The peal of ten at All Saints', Maidstone (tenor 31 cwt.), are to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This will be welcome news to Kentish ringers, for the back end bells of this ring have provided plenty of hard work for the ringers, and, as one prominent gentleman has put it, have made more than one good heavyweight groan.

A new treble to make a peal of six at Longhope, Glos., is being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and the bells are to be rehung in a new frame.

The first handbell peal was rung 110 years ago next Sunday—Oct. 30th. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield, and the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather took part. On Oct. 30th, 1911, a centenary peal was rung, and was 'timed' by the same grandfather clock that was used for the purpose in the original peal.

A hundred and thirty years ago next Monday—Oct. 31st, 1791—a peal of 7,002 Grandsire 'Quaters' was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, by a band of Cambridge Youths. There must have been a good company at Cambridge at that time, for there are records still in the tower recording this, and peals of Bob Maximus (6,600) and Oxford Treble Ten (6,000) within the three preceding years.

On November 3rd, 1796, the first 'name' peal was rung. It was achieved by the Williams at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

There should be a number of peals of Superlative rung on Nov. 5th next, which will be the centenary of what is said to be the first peal in the method. It was at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, but whether the composition of that peal was true we are unable to say. Perhaps some of our Yorkshire readers could give us some enlightenment upon this performance.

Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, is an enthusiastic hockey player, and between the ringing of peals, finds time, in what leisure he has, to turn out for his town's hockey club. In a match against Beeston on Saturday week he scored three goals!

Ringers who remember the doings of former days at Debenham will read with interest of the ringing of a peal at this celebrated Suffolk tower by a local band—the first for upwards of 20 years.

Few ringers can beat the record of ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent, Glos., whose 69th peal is recorded this week. Although able to pull a bell for years previously, it was not until he was 60 years of age that he rang his first peal—one of Bob Minor—at Newent in October, 1912. Since then he has rung 69 peals in many different methods, on from five to twelve bells, and entailing much travelling. He is now one of the keenest ringers to be found in the West of England, and is secretary of the Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Surely a wonderful example of keenness to many young men, whose enthusiasm is often only lukewarm.

Mr. G. E. Symonds has conducted his first peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, one, two and three Minor methods on tower bells; and on handbells, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Does this constitute a record?

## A REMARKABLE YEAR'S WORK.

**MESSRS. TAYLOR AND CO.'S WONDERFUL OUTPUT.**

Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s advertisement on another page reveals the remarkable activities of this firm during the present year. In addition to having cast twenty new peals of bells with less than 20 cwt. tenors, they are the founders of 13 rings and carillons, with tenors ranging from a ton to 130 cwt. The total weight of bells cast by them during the past year is upwards of 250 tons. A prodigious output and a testimony to the enterprise of the firm and their sterling work.

## YOUNG COMPOSERS' PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Edgar Wightman's letter should be a warning to young composers palming off on the Exercise variations of peals as new compositions; particularly now we have the Central Council's collections of peals with plain hunt treble. The names of those composers who have joined the great majority ought to be revealed, and not have their masterpieces thoughtlessly usurped.—Yours, etc.,

28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

## NEW BAND IN MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Parish Church of Bassaleg, Monmouthshire, has a ring of six steel beds, by Vickers, but for a number of years there was no local band of ringers. A few months ago the local schoolmaster, Mr. J. Gould, although not a ringer himself, called a meeting in the parish for the purpose of starting a band, and old pupils of Mr. Gould's readily responded. The hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) was approached, and asked for his assistance, and he readily responded. A start was made in teaching the novices how to handle a bell, followed by Grandsire Doubles. The new band can now ring 120's of Doubles, and the bells are rung for the Sunday services. The association's object is thus once more attained.



## NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

The annual general meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk was held in Norwich on Thursday, October 13th, and was attended by 72 members from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. The general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) had mapped out an interesting programme, and the visitors as a consequence had a pleasant time during their brief sojourn in the city. The bells of the city churches were a special attraction, and many touches in various methods were rung under the skilful guidance of the association members.

Divine service was held in the magnificent church of St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the President of the Association (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich). The address was given by the Bishop of Thetford. Luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, Oldford Hill, under the presidency of the Dean of Norwich, with whom were the Bishop of Thetford, Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett, Rev. W. C. Pearson, Rev. R. Drake, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. G. P. Burton (Kinging Master, Norfolk Branch), Mr. J. Motts (Kinging Master, Suffolk Branch), Mr. E. Evans (secretary, Suffolk Branch), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), Mr. F. Knights, Mr. W. L. Duffield, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. Souter, Mr. E. F. Poppy, and the following District Secretaries: Messrs. F. R. Copeman, G. H. Cross, F. R. Borrett, T. Fitzjohn, and 54 members.

The King having been heartily toasted on the call of the President, the toast of 'the Church' was submitted by Mr. G. P. Burton, and acknowledged by the Bishop of Thetford.

The business meeting followed, at which the president, the vice-presidents and all the officers were re-elected en bloc.—Mr. Charles S. Tuthill was appointed district secretary for Fakenham; Mr. Fredk. Salter, district secretary for Thetford; and Mr. Victor E. Kerridge, district secretary for Framlingham.

The following were elected non-members of the association: The Right Hon. Lord Cozens-Hardy (Letheringsett Hall) and Mr. Gilbert Wellesley Overman (Manor House, Wensham). The following thirteen were elected performing members, viz.: Messrs. G. Gibson, L. Knights, E. Newson, F. Jay, R. Smy, A. Sawyer, W. Sawyer, J. Starling, S. Love, E. Kimin, F. Wilson, F. Pearce, L. Burton.

The committee were empowered to pass the revised rules, and to transact the remainder of the business on the agenda.

A vote of thanks was moved by the President to the Bishop of Thetford for his address, and also to the clergy for the use of their bells, and this concluded the general business meeting, after which the Dean conducted a large party of ringers round the Cathedral, which was much appreciated by the visitors.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 40th annual report of the 44th year of the association was a record of continual steady progress. During the year six hon. members, 12 hon. life members and 56 performing members had been elected, and regret was expressed at the loss of two members by death and 12 by resignation, bringing the net total membership up to 1,052. Five branch meetings were held during the year, and emphasis was laid on the necessity and importance of the district and practice meetings, which were held at 18 different towers, with thanks to those district secretaries who have carried out this very useful work on behalf of the association. The peal performances for the past 12 months showed a steady progress in quality and quantity. The report recorded that 178 peals were rung in many methods ranging from Doubles to Maximus. Four performances, however, called for special mention, being first peals by the association, viz., Suffolk Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major and two handbell peals, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Stedman Cinques. These four peals were rung by the St. Margaret's, Leiston, company, and conducted by Charles F. Bailey, and were fresh achievements to the unique family records of the Bailey brothers. The St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich, were also to be congratulated on adding to the association peal records of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. The association occupied first place in the Central Council's Analysis, 1920, with a grand total of 179 peals, with a total value in points 2,490.

### A SUBSCRIPTION OF TWO SHILLINGS.

At the subsequent General Committee meeting, the revised association rules were passed, on a motion of which notice was given at the general meeting held at Ipswich on Oct. 6th, 1920.

The Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. A. L. Coleman) presented a financial statement, and reviewed the present financial condition of the association. He reported that there was still a large amount of subscriptions outstanding, and thought the greater part of that amount would be paid before the end of the year, as up to the present the members had been most loyal in paying the increased contributions.

If all paid up, he estimated a small balance at the end of the year, and on the strength of that he would recommend that the annual subscription be two shillings per annum.

Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, that the annual subscription for the year 1922 be two shillings per annum, and this was carried.

The Secretary reported the resignation of Mr. T. Fitzjohn, as district secretary for Thetford, and moved a vote of thanks to him for the services he had rendered for the past twelve years.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for presiding, and this concluded the business, the day being gloriously fine, added much to the enjoyment of all present, and the annual festival was an exceedingly successful one.

## STAFFORD BELLS RESTORED.

### TRANSFORMED BY RETUNING.

St. Mary's, Stafford, is again in possession of its ring of ten bells, but a greatly improved peal is now to be heard, after the long silence. Some of them are more than 200 years old, and they are by various founders, but, short of recasting, they are now as good a ring of ten as one could hope to obtain. The founders and the dates are as follow:—

- Tenor.—By Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, 1742.
- 9th.—By Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1751.
- 8th.—By Henry Bagley, of Ecton, 1692.
- 7th.—By Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1709.
- 6th.—By Henry Bagley, of Ecton, 1692.
- 5th.—Same as 6th.
- 4th.—Same as 7th.
- 3rd.—Same as 7th.
- 2nd.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1887.
- Treble.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1887.

The bells have been cleaned of all their corrosion, and tuned, and have all been rehung with entirely new fittings, which include iron headstocks and the latest type of ball bearings. The framework has been considerably strengthened with tie bolts, and repaired, and three heavy steel girders, horizontally cross braced, have been put in under the timbers as additional centre support. The tenor pit has been replaced by a new one, constructed of larger framing, these timbers having been specially selected from some very old oak.

It is satisfactory to note, that although the framework had previously been condemned, it has now been found, after inspection, to be perfectly rigid during ringing, and is quite clear of the tower walls. During the restoration, the timber in the framework was found to be in excellent condition, and capable of service for at least the better part of another century. St. Mary's, Stafford, now has a good old peal which are a pleasure to handle. The opening ceremony took place on Sunday, October 9th, but this being an awkward day for visitors, an 'open' day was arranged for Saturday, Oct. 15th, when ringers from various parts of the country, including Walsall, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Coseley, Uttoxeter, Brewwood, Coalbrookdale (Shropshire), Stoke-on-Trent, Crewe, London, etc., spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening. Touches of Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Bob Royal, etc., were rung. The unanimous opinion was that the 'go' of the bells was perfect, and admiration was expressed at the greatly improved tone. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who were represented at the re-opening by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Pitsford on Saturday week, when 26 members attended including the Vicar of Pitsford (the Rev. J. White) and the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols). Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, and a collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 11s. 4d. This fund is not new to the association. It was proposed some years ago by Mr. Fred Hopper, whom many ringers thank, for it has been the means of helping in the rehanging of many peals of bells.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. White were present at tea, after which a meeting was held, the Vicar being in the chair.—Mr. Bertram Murby was presented with a certificate in recognition of ringing his first peal with a working bell.

Mr. Nichols, the General Secretary, kindly explained the position of Yardley Hastings tower, regarding the Northampton and the Wellingborough districts, and thanks are due to him for the way the business was carried out.

Mr. Nichols also mentioned the muffled ringing on Armistice Day, and hoped that all towers, if possible, would ring muffled on Nov. 11th.

Mr. B. Meadows was re-elected to the association, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Moulton on Saturday, January 21st, 1922, with a 'special' at Ecton on November 26th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. England, and seconded by Miss Law, and to this the Vicar suitably replied.

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## PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not at all agree with all Mr. Pye has said in this controversy, and I think it a pity that he has allowed himself to be drawn into argument with, not only the performer on the merits of his performances, but with you, Sir, just because your 'leaders' on the subject are not such as he would have written himself. Whatever our friend may say, for one man to tap a peal of London Surprise Major is a marvellous performance, and entitles the performer to one of the seats in the front row of campanologists. Where the mistake has been made is in trying to compare 'tapping' with 'ringing' two handbells to the same peal. As well try to compare a violinist in an orchestra with an organist. One only plays his part, while the other plays the whole composition himself.

With regard to my second point, I will only mention one item. The sentence, 'You are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council.' May I remind your readers that the Central Council has had no opportunity of setting up a decision on the matter. What happened was this: When the Peals Analysis Committee were giving their report a member asked: 'What about the peals tapped by Mr. Morris?' And the answer came sharp, without hesitation: 'We only record peals rung.' This answer was not vociferously received, but I certainly heard several people in different parts of the room say 'hear, hear.'

Instead of an argument, 'Handbell peals' versus 'tapped peals,' I expected, from the letter from the captain and secretary of the St. Nicholas' band, Harwich (the first on the subject), a discussion on, say, 'Does tapping promote the art of campanology?' I am prepared to argue that it does not. It is useful, as Mr. Morris says, to let outsiders hear what change ringing sounds like, but to spread the knowledge of it among a band of learners I regard it as ridiculous.

Twenty-six years ago we had a ringer in Bristol who could tap a plain course of Grandsire Cinques like clockwork, and whenever we had a dinner or social evening, this was always looked forward to, but we never had it at any other time. Ringing in Bristol to-day would not be what it is if he had only been content to show us what he could do, or what Grandsire Cinques sounded like. No; to his credit, he it said, he worked hard, and encouraged everyone of us to reach his standard, by practice in the towers round about Bristol. That we eventually caught up to him, and even (to be truthful) passed him, is entirely due to his spade-work of from 26 to 30 years ago. But he would never have done it by tapping.—Yours very truly,

W. A. CAVE.

## MR. KEEBLE'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Morris claims that I am proving that his tapping is of the same value to him as my ability to transpose is to me. Nothing of the sort. I have gained my knowledge and ability through study and experience, and one ounce of the latter is worth a ton of theory. If Mr. Morris thinks he can gain the same experience by tapping, let him by all means keep on thinking so. I have proved what I can do, having taught a band to ring double-handed, from Bob Minor on to Bob Major Kent, Oxford, Superlative, New Cambridge, Bob Royal and Kent Royal; and, I beg to remind him, did this without any tapping or without any outside help. I note, also, Mr. Morris is slow to accept my offer to umpire, and also to accept any of the challenges offered to him. Why? I can tell Mr. Morris this, if he tackles the job of ringing a pair of handbells to London he will find it a vastly different job to the transposing of figures. I know, I have 'had some,' and I say it is not a greater, but a lesser mental strain to transpose eight figures than to ring a pair of handbells to any one method. You, Sir, say in last week's issue only one of many private correspondents has taken a view entirely opposite to yours on this question. Probably so, but may I ask how many of such are capable double-handed ringers? I am quite aware that my name has been bandied about from one end of the county of Essex to the other in connection with certain incidents of the Essex Association. But may I request these private correspondents to do so in future on their own notepaper? Verb. sap.

Now, Sir, just a word with Canon Papillon. Quoth he, when the first peal of London was rung, double-handed: 'While congratulating these men on their achievement, we think their time would have been better occupied in teaching young ringers the rudiments of Grandsire Triples.' I note he does not tell Mr. Morris so. Of course one man is gaining all the experience, the others never did. The cobbler should indeed stick to his last, but are not men with ability and experience to be allowed to express their opinion? If Mr. Morris says I use strange arguments, perhaps so. May I remind him, 'adversity doth oft strange bedfellows meet.' I note he refers me to Rule 1 of the Essex Association. I beg to refer him to Rule 8, which deals with peals rung and the booking thereof. Will Mr. Morris now accept your offer, and that of 'Once a Beginner' (at London) which is practically the same. If so, and he rings the peal double-handed, and gets his fare to

the Metropolis, I will pay the fare back to Harwich. I think your readers generally will say this is a sportsman's offer.—Yours sincerely,  
W. KEEBLE.

## MR. MORRIS RESENTS.

Dear Sir,—I have just been reading Mr. Pye's latest outburst, and I see that my friend has 'got 'em badly'; but for all his open insults and taunts, I will try as politely as possible to answer one or two of his accusations as briefly as possible, and finish this so-called debate. Mr. Pye is great on telling us what he can do and what he knows. There is one thing it is quite apparent he does not know, and that is anything about tapping. Another thing he does not seem to know is that a ringer, when ringing changes, except when making places, is continually transposing his rope or figure (whichever name he likes to give it) with another. Mr. Pye also hints that I tell lies. Many thanks for that compliment, also for giving me the right to do as I like. I hope to continue to do so without his aid for the rest of my ringing life. I agree with him, it is much better to have fame given one, than it is to take it to oneself. I note, too, that he has made a great deal out of there being 18 ringing members to our band, but he forgot to mention that eight of those names have been scratched off long since. One has actually been dead for years, which fact, as an official of the Essex Association, he ought to have known, as they have been duly notified. Out of those remaining, two are in Scotland, two can only attend once a fortnight, one once in about seven weeks and one is too old to do any active ringing. Perhaps Mr. Pye is right about the fault of their leader, only I do not happen to be their leader at present. Will he please look over my letters again, and see where I made the mistake of professing to ring eight bells and scratch it out, as I confess I cannot see it myself? Perhaps my spectacles are not strong enough. I must apologise for thinking that Mr. Pye flattered himself on his knowledge of London, for now I find that he only flatters himself on telling a man's capabilities. But, seriously, I started in this debate hoping to have a good give-and-take argument, and when I saw Mr. Pye's name in it, I anticipated somehow that we were going to derive much benefit from it, with a hearty laugh here and there, to liven up the proceedings. But I was doomed to great disappointment, for first it was the Editor, now it is me, and there is no blinking the fact that Mr. Pye's latest outburst is nothing more or less than an open insult to me. There was a time during the debate when I felt myself trying to fall in with his plans, by showing him what I could or could not do, but thanks to him I am wiser now, as I can see very clearly that I should have been held up to ridicule, and I must take an action I very much regret. Will the officials of the Essex Association please take my name off their register, as I will not profess to belong to an association where on asking a question, and daring to pass an opinion, one is insulted in the way I have been by one of its officials. I hope Mr. Pye does not think that by his bluff he is washing me off the slate. If he does I am afraid he will be greatly disappointed, for circumstances permitting, it will still go on. On concluding this debate, so far as I am concerned, I only hope, when the time comes for me to call 'stand,' I shall be able, on turning back the pages of my ringing life, to say with truth I have done my best. I hope Mr. Pye will be able to do the same, and I hope he will remember that whether on Sundays we ring London Surprise or only Plain Bob, our services are of equal value to the Church. If we are doing our best, that is all she demands.—Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

P.S.—Will 'Once a Beginner' please note that when I come to the Metropolis I hope to be able to pay my own fare?

## MR. PYE'S MEMORY.

Sir,—Mr. Pye claims to be expert at judging a man when he is at the end of a rope, and we are, I imagine, equally justified in judging him by the sorry figure he cuts when he rushes into print. From his pedestal he attempts to belittle a very clever performance by arguments based on a defective memory. He describes as 'novices' a band which six days previously had rung 15,000 of Double Norwich. One member had previously rung Superlative, Cambridge and London, and also 13,000 of Double Norwich, before he came under Mr. Pye's tuition, and another had travelled many times to Brighton for practice, and had also rung peals of London and Superlative, and had been meeting other bands in London for practice at the time of the historic 'first attempt.' Mr. Pye is undoubtedly a good judge, when necessary, of the man at the end of the rope, for he has scoured the British Isles for the best men in some of his efforts to mount the pedestal. Can he point to a single footnote to a peal of Surprise as the first in the method by an entirely local band? I quite agree, Mr. Editor, with your sporting suggestion, and should like to have the pleasure of acting as umpire.—Yours faithfully,

J. PARKER.

HEMDEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Thursday, Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding (conductor) 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, J. Floyd, junr., 8.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Mr. T. E. Sone points out that the 504 Grandsire Triples by Mr. J. Beams, published on this page on October 7th, is false, the handstroke in the lead before 'Queens' in the first part, repeating with the backstroke at the single in the third part. Similar repetition will, of course, occur in the other parts.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. R. Jackson 2, M. Bend 3, L. J. Abbott 4, J. W. Kinton 5, A. Mackears (conductor) 6, A. W. Ward 7, F. Martin (longest length) 8. Rung on the back seven, with tenor covering, after meeting snort for Grandsire Triples.

**CHELSEA.**—At the Church of St. Luke, for dedication service, by the local band of Sunday ringers, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins.: G. Watkin 1, C. F. Mitchell (first quarter in method) 2, A. G. Newman 3, W. Dean 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, E. Reeve 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, for evening service, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hour: A. E. Wilkins 1, York Green (conductor) 2, V. E. Shorter 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6, W. Welsh 7, J. D. Williamson 8. Arranged for Mr. Williamson.

**BLACKPOOL.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Greenwood 1, W. Wilde 2, A. Hague 3, F. Abbot 4, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 5, O. Sharples 6, J. Potter 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a welcome to a 'little stranger' at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hague.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes), in 51 mins.: G. Cottes 1, H. E. Parker 2, E. H. King 3, E. Andrews 4, A. C. Hardy (composer) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Butler 1, F. Burnett 2, L. C. Best (Havant), conductor, 3, W. Ayles 4, W. Tate 5, P. Cook 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, E. O. Edney 8. First 504 as conductor. Rung after meeting snort for 1,260 of Stedman Triples; the spare rope being kindly taken by Mr. A. Butler, of Petersfield.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, J. Henley 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Redwell 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for morning service, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins.: W. Powell 1, J. Bevan 2, W. T. Poston 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all; also the first by the Hereford Diocesan Guild by a resident band.

**OLDSWINFORD.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, 1,344 of Grandsire Triples: W. Gibbs (1st quarter-peal) 1, T. Heathcock 2, J. Bass 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, P. Pope (1st quarter-peal) 5, J. Newnam 6, I. Orford 7, O. Berry 8.

**MARTOCK.**—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for the evening harvest festival service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by Mr. H. W. Wilde, published in 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 23rd: W. Forte 1, W. Gould 2, F. Strickland 3, T. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Worner 5, W. Strickland 6, T. Gale 7, A. Alexander 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: W. G. Jackson 1, H. E. Parker 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Andrews

4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. H. King 6, R. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8. Composed by York Green.

**WINDSOR.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, L. Stilwell 3, T. Farr 4, W. Weiting 5, C. Farr 6, P. E. Jones (conductor) 7, J. H. Crowley 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evensong, at harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by A. Squires, in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Booth 3, T. Hoag 4, E. Mills 5, C. Creasey 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8.

**CARPHILL, GLAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival services, morning, 840 Grandsire, 168 Stedman Triples: evening, 700 and 216 Grandsire Triples. The following took part: S. Addicott, P. Jones, W. Pike, H. Broughton, F. Boucher, A. Addicott, B. Addicott, G. Cooke, T. Dare, E. Dare, the conducting being shared by G. Cooke and H. Broughton; and on Monday evening, Oct. 3rd, for continuation of the festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Addicott 1, W. Pike 2, A. Addicott 3, D. Stephens 4, F. Boucher 5, G. Cooke (conductor) 6, H. Broughton 7, B. Addicott 8.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: A. Newman 1, K. C. Fox 2, E. Plummer 3, W. Shute 4, E. Wightman (conductor) 5, C. R. Morse 6. Also 720 Bob Doubles: G. E. Wightman (longest touch) 1, E. Wightman (conductor) 2, E. Plummer 3, W. Shute 4, C. R. Morse 5, A. Newman 6.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest thanksgiving services, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), in 51 mins.: S. White 1, H. Lambert 2, L. Stone 3, R. Vincent 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, H. Preston 10. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Best 1, K. Hinton 2, A. Woolf 3, the rest as before. Conducted by G. Preston. On the preceding Thursday, in connection with the festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

**BENINGTON, Lincs.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for service, 720 Bob Minor: P. Lakin 1, W. Fountain 2, L. Woods 3, A. Rickwell 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, senr. (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. R. Porter, the sexton, on his 75th birthday.

**BUCKLEBURY.**—Oxford Guild.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 756 Stedman Triples: J. Hazell 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, G. Davis 3, W. Wigmore 4, S. Chapman 5, F. Freeman 6, Stella Davis 7, S. Naylor 8.—On the next evening, Oct. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: S. Chapman 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, Emma Franklin 3, G. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp (first quarter of Stedman) 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Wigmore 8.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lea 1, G. N. Cockin 2, E. Brettie 3, A. E. Parsons 4, W. Coley 5, W. Brown 6, A. Hackett (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8.

**ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER.**—On Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Jackson 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, G. Halksworth (conductor) 4, C. Scott 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker 7, H. Baldwin 8.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, being the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: C. Bish 1, G. Elston 2, R. Crownhart 3, T. Thompson 4, G. Stear 5, W. Moorey 6. Messrs. Moorey and Bish hail from Godalming.

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## NOTICES.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting at the Church of St. George, Hyde, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock—Charles Bower, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester Branch Sec.

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.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Secretary will be pleased if members who have not yet paid subs. for 1921 will kindly do so at earliest convenience.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on the 29th inst. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea at 5.30.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

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.

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.

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.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. 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. 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. 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.—P. 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 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.

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.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 1st (nomination of officers) and 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 10th and 24th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Nov. 15th (election of officers); and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 17th, all at 7.30 p.m.—\*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) and the local ringers invite members to tea, and the undersigned would be glad to hear from all who intend to accept the invitation. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing: from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Nov. 5th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members who can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—W. Upton, Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Memorial to Fallen Ringers.—The two new treble bells, by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of ten at the Cathedral, Winchester, will be opened on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30. The tablet containing the names of 42 fallen members will be unveiled at 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea in Guildhall at 5, to be followed by District business meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. Those intending to be present at tea kindly inform me by Nov. 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Matbon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in the school. All ringers invited.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above District will be held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 7th? All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bromham on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All wishing to attend tea please let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Kitcat). Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for 5.30 for those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available, 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at All Saints', Fulham Tower. Open from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8/6 each, from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime,

J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Suffolk Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Room, Framlingham, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 3.15. (Bus leaves Ipswich at 1.30, arriving at Framlingham at 3.10.) Will ringers (including round ringers) wishing to join send names now? Subscription for 1922, 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Business meeting as usual.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Will members please note that Double Norwich is 'on the agenda'?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on November 12th for election of district officers and other business. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Rev. J. A. Evans. Tea will be provided at the Club, room, 1s. each, to those only who send me notice not later than Monday, Nov. 7th.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne near Braintree.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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**CHISWICK.**—At the visit of the Lord Bishop of London to the thanksgiving festival at the Parish Church, on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. Brookland (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Walson 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Root 4, H. Wincote 5, R. H. Holloway 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.  
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A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Thornaby on Saturday, October 8th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Lee) the bells of the Parish Church were available, and the privilege of using them was made good use of by the ringers present, several touches of the most familiar methods being rung during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar officiated. His kindly words of welcome and his encouraging address were greatly appreciated by all present. The local band provided tea in the Parish hall, and this was much enjoyed.

A business meeting followed tea, the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering and vice-president of the association, being in the chair.

Reference was made to the unveiling of a tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, in honour of Corpl. A. Rayner and Pte. H. Ferguson, both of whom laid down their lives in the great war. The ringers present expressed a wish that a letter be sent to Canon Cooper, Vicar of Scarborough, conveying their appreciation of the honour done to their fallen bell ringers.

The Hon. Secretary said he had great pleasure in acquainting those present with the answer received from Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary of the Cleveland Association, to their resolution passed at Saltburn, March 12th, 1921. The members of the Cleveland Association, at their meeting, held at Ripon on Sept. 12th, decided to accede to the request of the Yorkshire Association that three members of each association should meet to discuss the possibility of amalgamating, and a meeting for this purpose was to be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd.

A resolution was unanimously passed, expressing their appreciation of the steps taken by the Cleveland Association.

The Rev. T. A. Lee, Vicar of Thornaby, was elected an honorary member of the association, and the Rev. Outhwaite, a ringing member.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the hearty welcome he gave the visitors, and for his many kindnesses during the day, and to the local band for all the arrangements they had made for the pleasure and comfort of the ringers. The meeting concluded with a prayer.

The ringers returned to the tower and enjoyed another two hours' ringing. The meeting was a great success, and revealed in many ways the good feeling and fellowship that exists between the ringers in the various towers in this Northern District.

**THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.**

A new Rector having recently been inducted to the living of Merthyr Tydfil, Glam., the local ringers, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport, and Mr. Fred Chamberlain and Mr. Fred Viles, of Cardiff, made an attempt to ring a peal of Triples at the Parish Church on Saturday evening last as a welcome to the reverend gentleman. 'Stand' had to be called, however, owing to a lady, who had been decorating the altar with flowers, turning off the electric light at the main switch, thus putting the ringing chamber in darkness. This was a great disappointment, but a pleasant hour was afterwards spent at the Imperial Hotel, where supper was served. Another attempt is to be made in the near future.

**NORTHERTON.**—Worcester Association.—At St. Andrew's, on Thursday, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Massey 1, A. Davies 2, A. Prestidge 3, William Davies, junr. (longest length), 4, J. Faulkner 5, W. Prestidge 6, H. Hubball 7, J. Faulkner, junr., 8.

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