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### A STEP FORWARD.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association came to an important decision at their annual meeting, when a resolution was passed binding the Association to accept the rulings of the Central Council. As far as memory serves, this is only the second resolution of the kind which has been passed, a similar rule having been introduced by the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, when the constitution was drawn up a few months ago. This action on the part of affiliated societies is a step in the right direction, in forming a stronger link between the central body and those organisations by which it is elected.

Hitherto the Central Council has been a body too detached to be looked upon by the County and Diocesan Associations and Guilds as a really paramount authority in ringing affairs, and it was only three or four years ago, that an effort was made to ascertain from the associations whether they were prepared to accept the decisions of the Council as binding. Of those who expressed an opinion, the majority were against taking this line, largely because the Council would have no practical way of enforcing its views. And by that line of argument, they were right in the attitude which they took up. On the other hand, so weak was the connecting link between the Council and the associations, that more than half failed to take any action upon the matter, which, after all, was an important one. That the decision not to give the Council powers which it could not enforce would have been reversed, had all the affiliated societies come to a decision, is hardly to be supposed, but the action which the two associations above mentioned have taken, opens up the question from an entirely different standpoint.

If all the societies were to come to a like decision, and of their own volition resolve to accept the Council's rulings as final and binding, remembering all the while that the individual organisations themselves elect the men to make these decisions, then much will be done to make the Council the real force in ringing that it should be. The Council ought to be in reality, instead of merely in name, the central authority to deal with ringing matters and the final Court of Appeal in questions of dispute. That it is not so accepted universally is because there has been no binding tie between them, and also because, it must be assumed, the associations have not sufficient confidence in the men they elect. If the other organisations will follow the lead which has now been given, and individually undertake to accept the Council's decisions, it will give the central body that prestige and authority which it ought to hold, and impose upon the associations the responsibility of electing to represent them their best men and those in whom they have confidence.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

BERNARD MOODY ... .. Treble	JOHN CARTER ... .. 6
JOHN H. LENTON ... .. 2	HARRY C. WALTERS... .. 7
JOHN E. PICKARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... 8
WILLIAM H. HAWLEY ... 4	JOHN FRER ... .. 9
ARTHUR WALKER, JUN. ... 5	THOMAS HOLDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. C. WALTERS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 8th, also in honour of the election of Councillor R. P. Husband, J.P., as Mayor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FLINT... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. HILL ... .. 6
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 2	A. CONINGSBY-WRIGHT ... 7
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First in the method on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 7

EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, and E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop. Rung, after meeting short, without a cover

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SS. SIMON & JUDE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

† P. REYNOLDS ... .. Treble	C. H. WEBB ... .. 5
T. H. WRIGHT ... .. 2	† S. COE... .. 6
A. WATERS... .. 3	J. W. REYNOLDS ... .. 7
F. WILSON ... .. 4	* H. FOLLYLOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. REYNOLDS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, also first peal and first attempt by the local band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Henry Tower, M.V.O., Rector of Windsor (son of the late F. E. Tower, first Vicar of Earl Shilton), who was paying Earl Shilton a visit; also for the Feast of Dedication.

## ALFRED BOWELL,

### CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,

### IPSWICH.

**PULHAM MARKET NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH**  
**ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Oct. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,**

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 5
ROBERT WHITING ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. SMITH ... .. 6
DAVID COLLINS ... .. 3	FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. ... 7
GEORGE MURTON ... .. 4	JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.  
 The above ringers are all over 70 years of age.

**THORVERTON, DEVON.**  
**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,**

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

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. SOUTHWOOD ... Treble	CHARLES G. GLASS ... .. 5
JOHN C. OKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. MILFORD ... 3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 7
HARRY POOK ... .. 3	FRANK H. GARDNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

Ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th hail from Exeter, 6th from Dawlish, 3rd and 4th are local men.

**CHESTER.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALL,**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3	ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**  
**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	†WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 3
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
†WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal of Major as conductor.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.	
*ALBERT E. DOLLIMORE ... Treble	ALFRED J. ROGERS ... .. 5
LOUIS A. WALKER ... .. 2	REGINALD S. COOK ... .. 6
ALBERT E. WEEDEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR HILL ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	JAMES HAYWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the parents of L. A. Walker, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**ROLVENDEN, KENT.**—For the harvest festival, on Sunday evening, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (composed by H. G. Miles): Miss R. Thomas 1, W. A. Penfold 2, W. H. Lambert 3, L. Hones 4, G. Billenness (conductor) 5, E. R. Burgess 6, B. Baker 7, A. Blackman 8.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH)

*On Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HARRY HOLDEN ... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
WALTER MASTERS ... .. 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
THOMAS WILLIAMS ... .. 4	ROBERT GORDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH**  
**DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, Nov. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,**

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.	
FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*EDWIN GOATE ... .. 5
HERBERT PIERCY ... .. 2	JAMES BOUGHTON ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 7
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method.

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

*On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Tenor 10 cwt.	
CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
CYRIL PEASE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the 4th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*  
**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*EDWARD W. ELWELL ... Treble	THOS. ROGERS ... .. 5
†WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 2	JOHN EVANS ... .. 6
JOHN COOKE ... .. 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major with an 'inside' bell. Rung for the anniversary of the final victory of the Allies and in honour of Lord Leverhulme; also to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Barnes, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Cooke.

**LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,**

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

with 7-6-8 covering.

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.	
*J. JENKINS ... .. Treble	†A. C. NASON ... .. 5
*W. J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	*T. W. NASH ... .. 6
*J. G. NASH ... .. 3	H. JONES ... .. 7
*W. R. NASH ... .. 4	*F. T. MASSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled on Remembrance Day.

**EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.**

LEICESTER.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM ALDRIDGE, M.T., A.S.C. ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE, Leicester Regt. ... .. 4
*FRED KILBORN, Northants Regt. ... .. 2	E. HARRY STONELY, R.A. 5
*L. WILLIAM JACQUES, R.A.M.C. ... .. 3	*JOHN A. SMITH, R.E. ... 6
	WILLIAM WILLSON, R.A.F. 7
	*RALPH HUBBARD, R.G.A. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of the fallen. \* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WORCESTER.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH &amp; THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal of London on the bells, in the City of Worcester and by the Western Branch. Rung on the fourth anniversary of signing the Armistice. First peal in the method by all the band except W. C. Jones.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

G. PINCOTT ... .. Treble	J. E. MARKLAND ... .. 5
P. NOTTALL ... .. 2	*J. M. HOWARTH ... .. 6
F. MORRIS ... .. 3	W. PENNINGTON ... .. 7
T. BRATBY ... .. 4	*J. LEATHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

\* First peal. The ringer of the 5th belongs to All Souls' Church, he rest to the local band.

NORTHAMPTON.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Treble	FRED HOPPER ... .. 5
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 2	JOHN METHERELL ... .. 6
FRED WILFORD ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM G. FAREY ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late William J. Allen, of All Saints' Church, and for Armistice day.

THERAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. Treble	†CYRIL WILSON ... .. 5
*JOHN COLEMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE JEFFES ... .. 6
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 3	†THOMAS WILSON ... .. 7
†ARTHUR B. BELLAMY ... .. 4	LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. J. GALE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

\* First peal in the method with a working bell. † First peal in the Method, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in memory of those from this parish who fell in the Great War, one being a member of this belfry.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

**THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALBERT L. SHORT ... .. Treble	REGINALD R. POLE ... .. 5
GEORGE JONES ... .. 2	*DENIS J. BOUCHER ... .. 6
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 3	*WALTER FAIRHEAD ... .. 7
*WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Chad's.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 5
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 2	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
†CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	*FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal. † 100th peal for the above Association. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the anniversary of Armistice Day and unveiling of St. Margaret's War Memorial.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	JOHN WOOD ... .. 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
HENRY HEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 7
FREDK. G. RADLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

*FRANK L. WHITEMAN ... .. Treble	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 2	*HARRY HOLICK ... .. 6
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
†WILLIAM LITTLE ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gwendolen F. Glossop to Dr. Kenneth Leslie Bates, and as a Reveillé after the Armistice Requiems.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WALTER STEVENSON ... .. Treble	†TOM STANCLIFFE ... .. 5
JAMES SHAW ... .. 2	JONATHAN WHERWELL ... 6
†EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 3	†WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 7
†LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung by ex-Service men of the above branch in memory of their fallen comrades. Ringers of 1, 3 and 7 from Burnley, 2 and 6 from Oswaldtwistle, 4 from Church Kirk, and 5 and 8 from Blackburn.

HESTON.—On Sunday morning, October 15th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Rose 1, W. Lewis 2, C. S. Bird 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. Kent 5, A. Harding 6 H. C. Chandler 7, A. Lewis 8.



WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE WOODMAN ... .. Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 5
JOHN AKEHURST ... .. 2	PETER CHARMAN ... .. 6
JAMES BURFIELD ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 332). Conducted by F. BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. Akehurst, of Capel, on his 67th birthday.

DORKING, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin.

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

GEORGE COOK ... .. Treble	JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LOVE ... .. Treble	HARRY R. LOVE ... .. 5
†FREDERICK HOWSON ... .. 2	†WALTER BURROWS ... .. 6
ROBERT MARSH ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. HOWSON ... .. 7
*FREDERICK LOVE ... .. 4	FREDERICK R. WILBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Bob Triples. Rung with the bells half muffled on 'Remembrance Day.' The ringers all belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	HARRY PRICE ... .. 7
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the unveiling of a peal board by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Jones), recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung half muffled to the memory of the men of Brierley Hill, two of them (Messrs. Jacob Williams and Albert Cook) being ringers, who fell in the Great War.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEC. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
*HARRY HARRINGTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM LATYER ... .. 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... .. 4	†STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

First peal on tower bells in the Tonbridge District in which a resident lady ringer has taken part, and also Miss Orlebar's first peal in any method. \* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal as conductor. Mr. Harrington hails from Tonbridge, the rest belong to the local band.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.  
At the Church of St. James.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY MERSON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR R. THORNE ... .. 5
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 2	JAMES HUNT ... .. 6
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 7
*WILLIAM CORDING ... .. 4	WILLIAM JARR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR E. BURGESS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to those who laid down their lives in the Great War.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Boniface.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Surprise with a bob bell. Rung in honour of Armistice Day and as a birthday compliment to ringers of the 3rd & 6th.

SHILDON, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

*SAM BRYANT ... .. Treble	ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 5
GEO. W. PEVERELL ... .. 2	*HARRY CARPENTER ... .. 6
ALF. COATES ... .. 3	THOS. WICK ... .. 7
FREDK. W. JOHNSON ... .. 4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

\* First peal. S. Bryant was elected a member of the Association before commencing the peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War, especially J. and F. Peverell (brothers of 2nd ringer, St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland), G. W. Tyreman (Shildon) and W. Wick, son of the 7th ringer.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Previous to the above peal the bells were rung half-muffled. Rung to commemorate the cessation of hostilities in 1918.

GORSEINON, SOUTH WALES.  
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Catherine.

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

*ROBERT BAIRD ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
JOHN HAMMOND ... .. 2	WILLIAM DOBBINS ... .. 6
JOHN WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
RONALD ELLIS ... .. 4	WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. Ringers of 2 and 4 belong to Neath, 5 and 7 to Aberavon. Rung slowly with the bells muffled after the unveiling of a memorial to the fallen of this parish. The composition is a five-part peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

KNIGHTON, LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Being 16 six-scores with Extremes and 26 of Grandsire, called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CLARKE ... .. Treble	W. SYDNEY SHELTON ... .. 3
HERBERT MARKLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Credit is due to the treble ringer, this being his first peal attempt. He is only 13½ years of age. Rung as a compliment on the birthday of Mr. Joe E. Sykes.

BEDFIELD.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* DAVID READ ... .. Treble	ERNEST CURTISS ... .. 4
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 2	PERCY POTTER ... .. 5
GEORGE STANNARD ... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER RUFFLES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720's of College Single and four of Plain Bob.

JAMES HURRELL ... .. Treble	† PERCY BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4
† FRANK GORRINGE ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5
* RALPH BEARD ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the festival of All Saints and half-muffled, as a token of respect to the wife of Mr. F. Fraser, of Eltham, who died under tragic circumstances on Tuesday, Oct. 24th.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL ... .. Treble	JAMES BLAKE ... .. 4
JOHN J. BRVAN ... .. 2	ROBERT E. SEMMERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BLAKE.

First peal as conductor.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Merchant's Return and Violet, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILD ... .. Treble	HARRY OATES ... .. 4
* SAMUEL WAREHAM ... .. 2	† CROMPTON HOWARTH ... .. 5
GEORGE R. TURNER ... .. 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BUTTERWORTH.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. Rung also as a token of respect for the ringer of the treble, who has been a ringer at the above church for nearly 50 years.

A number of peal reports and letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

GREAT YELDHAM.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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

* ARTHUR HARDY ... .. Treble	* GEORGE CUTMORE ... .. 4
BASIL ARGENT ... .. 2	SIMON DACE ... .. 5
FRED WILKIN ... .. 3	HORACE COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

\* First peal and first attempt. Arthur Hardy was elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Being three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

JAMES WATERSON ... .. Treble	* HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. 4
† CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	† WILLIAM BRETLES ... .. 5
GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in grateful remembrance of the fallen.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Nov. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

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

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7-8

\* CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9-10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Miss F. JEPSON and MRS. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on handbells by all.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 10, 1922, in Five Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10,848 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: ROBERT GARNETT.

Performed in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War. The composition was that recently published in the 'Ringing World,' and the peal was successfully tapped at the first attempt.

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# THE SUGGESTED 'FEDERATION' IN SUFFOLK NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH SECRETARY'S REPLY.

The general secretary of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, asks us to print the following copy of memorandum addressed to him in a letter dated January 3rd, 1922. This memorandum is signed by the Rev. Francis L'Strange Fawcett, and endorsed by the Rev. H. Drake. Mr. Coleman adds that further comment appears unnecessary upon the statement that appeared in the report of the meeting of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association in our last issue:

## COPY OF MEMORANDUM.

### RE S.D.A. SCHEME OF FEDERATION.

Points suggested at the meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Change Ringing Association held at Stowmarket, on Saturday, December 10th, 1921:—

- (1) Two separate associations for Norfolk and Suffolk, i.e.,
  - (a) One for the Diocese of Norwich
  - (b) One for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.
- (2) The Norwich and Ipswich Association to hand over their East Suffolk members to the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.
- (3) The Norwich and Ipswich Association to change their title or \* revert to their old title, the Norwich Diocesan Change Ringing Association.
 

\* I am not sure that I mentioned the word 'revert'—but if your association was once known as the Norwich Diocesan Change Ringing Association, and later on added the East Suffolk and Ipswich Branch—then certainly 'revert' is the correct word.
- (4) The two associations to federate and hold at least one yearly and friendly meeting.
- (5) Representatives from the Norwich and Ipswich Association and from the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association shall be appointed and meet to go into details re 'Federation' as per the motion passed at the meeting of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association on December 10th, 1921, at Stowmarket.

Note.—The Deanery of Lothingland, in the county of Suffolk, not being in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is not in-

cluded in the operations of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Change Ringing Association.

(Signed) F. L'STRANGE FAWCETT,

Vicar and Rural Dean of Stowmarket.

(Signed) H. DRAKE, Rector of Ufford.

December 31st, 1921.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the N. and E. District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 4th, was attended by over 30 members, who were given good and varied entertainment, and appeared to greatly enjoy the outing. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and touches in several methods, including London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Double Norwich, were indulged in until 5 p.m., when a short service was held.—The Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson, who gave the association a hearty welcome, addressed the ringers on the subject of their services to God. He urged his hearers to give of their best, both in ringing and in all things.

After the service, tea was served in St. Matthew's Schools, followed by the usual business meeting.—The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne) drew the attention of the members to the proposed schemes for a memorial to the late President of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary read the letter which was being circulated amongst the members (and which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World'), and asked for the best support that was possible to be given. The chairman very generously headed the subscription list with the sum of £5, and it is to be hoped that members and friends of the association will do their utmost to enable the committee to carry out the proposed schemes in their entirety.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanmore on December 16th, if the bells, which were being augmented to eight, were finished by that date. Failing that, Cubitt Town was chosen.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. O. R. Dawson for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. T. G. Pearson, curate-in-charge at St. John's, Hackney, for his permission for the bells at that church to be rung.

Thanks were also given to Mrs. W. J. Kemp and friends for so kindly arranging tea; and to the local ringers at Clapton, and Mr. H. A. Alford at Hackney, for having the bells in readiness.

A visit was paid to St. John's, Hackney, after the meeting, and good use was made of the bells at that church, touches of Stedman and Treble Bob and courses of Bristol and Superlative Surprise being rung.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The anniversary of two first peals at St. Giles', Norwich, occurs to-day. On November 17th, 1760, the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung on these bells, and immediately after the peal was finished, John Webster, the ringer of the 6th, dropped dead.

In the year 1835, on the same day, the first peal of London Surprise was rung on these bells.

Forty years ago to-morrow, the Burton men rang 7,200 Double Norwich at Beeston, Notts. This, at the time, was the record length in the method.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was rung on November 19th, 1758.

On November 20th, 1886, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

One of the first 'family' peals was rung on November 20th, 1809, when eight Tebbits scored a peal of 5,208 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Benjamin Foskett, the 'father' of the Cumberlands, is another ringer who took part in his own golden wedding peal. This was Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch. The veteran has rung several peals since then, and is still 'going strong.'

As a feat of concentration and endurance, Mr. A. T. Morris, of Harwich, has added to his reputation by tapping 10,848 of Bob Major in five hours two minutes.

Mr. P. Nuttall, of the Parish Church, Bolton, completed 40 years' service as a ringer there on Sunday week.

The first peal at Ludlow, Salop, by a local band was rung for Armistice Day. The nearest approach to this performance was in 1889, when all but one of the ringers in the peal were Ludlow men, the conductor being Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham.

The first peal of London Surprise in the city of Worcester was rung on Saturday, and is a noteworthy performance. It was the first peal in the method by all the band with one exception, and is another evidence of the enthusiasm of the company there, under the Master of the Worcestershire Association. It was first attempted in honour of his 61st birthday on Sept. 23rd, and at the conclusion of Saturday's performance several interested listeners congratulated the band upon their success and the good quality of the ringing.

North Wingfield bells, which have been overhauled and hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also recast the tenor, were opened on Saturday.

On Armistice Day also, the six bells at West Hallam, Derbyshire, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast and hung in a frame for eight, were dedicated.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recast and augmented to eight the bells at Moretonhampstead Church, Devon. They are to be dedicated on Friday evening, Nov. 24th.

Two troubles have been added, two bells recast, the whole eight hung in modern fittings at Bingham Church, Notts. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the bells were dedicated on All Saints' Day.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also completed the rechanging of Durham Cathedral bells.

The report of a peal at Pentre Rhondda has been sent without the name of the conductor.

## ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS. FAMOUS BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday last the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, were reopened after rehanging, and by common consent the church now possesses one of the finest equipped peals of 12 in the country. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the Whitechapel firm have made a really splendid job of this famous peal. The bells were heavily corroded, and have been cleaned off and the bells tuned. They have also been rehung with entirely new and modern fittings in a cast-iron frame work on a steel girder foundation, of similar type to that just completed at St. Mary's, Taunton. The twelve bells are now hung upon one level, and the even clappering was remarked upon. The tenor at St. Martin's is 30 cwt, 1 qr, 20 lb.

The reopening on Saturday was a very quiet ceremony. The Rector (the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard), accompanied by the churchwardens and architect (Mr. E. Brantwood Maufe), ascended the tower, where the Rector offered the Dedictory prayers. Then followed two courses of Stedman Cinques by a band of the Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by Mr. John D. Matthews, Master.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers back to the tower, and said how greatly the message of the bells had been missed by all during their compulsory silence.

The Master, on behalf of the society, thanked the Rector and the churchwardens for the great interest they had taken in the work of the ringers, and for having the bells put in such fine order. He added they could not help feeling, with such a Rector behind them, that they really were an essential part of the church, as indeed they should be.

Ringings took place up to 5 p.m. in various methods, and visitors to London over the week-end were offered the use of the bells for Sunday evening service.



# THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

## A RECORD GATHERING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths celebrated their 285th anniversary on Saturday with a gathering which proved a record in numbers. During the afternoon ringers assembled from many parts of England, and enjoyed the opportunity of touches on several peals of bells in the city. A company of 160 assembled in the evening at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, and partook of a splendid repast. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. George R. Fardon), who was supported at the head of the table by Canon Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. J. H. Ellison (St. Michael's, Cornhill), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus), the Rev. Frebendary Isaacs (Cripplegate), the Rev. B. S. Simpson (Stepney), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), and Mr. W. Skitner (St. Paul's). Among those also present were Messrs. H. J. Walton (vice-chairman), A. A. Hughes (treasurer of the society), J. O. F. Bayley and W. E. Garrard (stewards), C. F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), Major J. H. B. Hesce (Haslemere), Capt. F. A. Yorko, Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. A. E. Wilkins, Messrs. W. A. Cave (Bristol), A. I. Smith (hon. secretary, St. Martin's, Guild, Birmingham), A. Walker, J. E. Groves and J. F. Smallwood (Birmingham), C. H. Howard (Master, Essex Association), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), W. Wakley (Exmouth), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), and members of the Caversham band, C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), F. Smith (Royal Cumberlands), J. Carter (Honor Oak), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), J. D. Harris (Portsmouth), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), J. Wyatt and J. Hoyle (Ashted), T. Beadle (vice-president, Middlesex Association), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. Thomas and W. J. Hazell (Edmonton), T. Groombridge and T. Groombridge, junr. (Chislehurst), G. N. Price, E. C. Goldsmith, J. S. Goldsmith, W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), G. Hoad (Reigate), T. Faulkner and members of the band from Barking, Essex, and ringers from many of the towers in London and the suburbs.

After dinner the toast of 'The King' was enthusiastically honoured.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' The Church, he said, was still pursuing the work which it had carried on for centuries past. The Church was responsible for their position to-day without it, he feared, they would be little better than savages. From their infancy it taught them the sacred scriptures that ruled and governed their lives, taught them right from wrong, and imprinted on their minds those true Christian virtues of faith, hope and charity, making them better children, better parents, and giving them brighter homes. The Church was also responsible, in a great measure for their commercial education; had it not been for the early activities of the Church their education would not have been what it was to-day. The Church, too, was responsible for some of their most beautiful buildings; their abbeys and cathedrals, some of which had stood for a thousand years, and still remained monuments of history, wisdom, strength and beauty. The Church had unquestionably been the pioneer of civilisation, education and architecture. They (the ringers) were proud to have among them that night so many clerical representatives of the Church (applause).

### RINGERS AND PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

Canon Coleridge replied to the toast. He pointed out that that night they were keeping the 285th anniversary of their society, but the Church went back sixteen hundred years beyond that. It was a very important thing for them to remember that one great society, which their Lord and Master founded in the days of His flesh upon earth, had been instinct with life from the year 33 up to the present time, and, according to His promise, would be instinct with life to the end of all time. The Chairman had spoken of what the Church had done, and it was quite true. If there had been no Church in all probability there would have been no Parliament; certainly the Church housed the Parliament for a great many years when Parliament was first set up. It was responsible for their early education, and he trusted the Church would have a hand in education to the end of time (hear, hear). Many of them knew that great changes were impending whereby what was known as the dual system of elementary education was to be exchanged for one system. They (the ringers) all knew what they did in the towers, but he wanted to know what they as ringers were doing on their parochial church councils? This was an important thing nowadays. What happened when a certain matter with regard to ringing occurred in the Parochial Church Councils' Measure before the National Assembly? There

was only one man in all that Assembly who was competent to squash the proposal, which was that ringers should be appointed by the parochial councils instead of by the incumbents. That one man was Canon Baker, President of the Bedfordshire Association (applause). He was ready to do it, but fortunately there was a layman, Lord Phillimore, who upon other grounds succeeded in squashing that iniquitous proposal (hear, hear). So far as he (the speaker) knew there was not now a practical ringer in the National Assembly. Canon Baker was no longer a Proctor for his diocese, and whether he might be elected, or was even going to stand for election as Proctor, he did not know. It would be a serious thing for ringers if they were not represented in the National Assembly. Whose fault would it be? They might say that the members of the National Assembly were elected by the Diocesan Conferences. That was quite true, but who elected the Diocesan Conferences? The Ruri-Decanal Conferences, who in turn were elected by the Parochial Church Councils. Therefore, he said, it was important that every Church tower should be thoroughly represented upon these Parochial Church Councils. Many things would crop up in every parish where there were bells which would want settling, and were certain to be settled in the wrong way unless there was a ringer present. If they were properly represented in the Parochial Councils they might be properly represented in the Ruri-Decanal Conferences, the Diocesan Conferences and the National Assembly. By the establishment of the Church Councils the Church, he believed, was becoming stronger than ever she was (hear, hear). That was his experience as Rural Dean. The Councils had done great things in a short time. What was the first thing they did in his own parish? They said, 'Vicar, you don't get enough screw.' He replied, 'Well, I don't' (laughter). In the first twelve months they increased the value of the living by £40, and they were going to increase it by another £40 by the end of May (hear, hear). They said to him one day, 'Look here, Vicar, you gave out the wrong text on Sunday.' He said, 'Yes, I did. I am getting old, and I can't see in the Church' (laughter). 'Exactly,' they said, 'and we must have a better light. We can't have electric light, but we can put in gas. Will you ask for the money?' Accordingly he preached two sermons on the subject. In the morning he took his text, 'We look for brightness, but behold obscurity' (laughter). His evening text came most appropriately in the Psalms for the day, 'They have eyes and see not' (laughter). He could not very well add, 'They have noses and smell not,' for the oil lamps smelt abominably (laughter). He asked them for £68, and he got ten shillings more than that, and it was because the Parochial Church Council asked for it. Now they wanted to improve the heating. He mentioned this to show what a Parochial Council could do. The Parochial Councils, well represented from the ringing point of view, could do great things, not only in the body of the Church, but in the tower as well (applause).

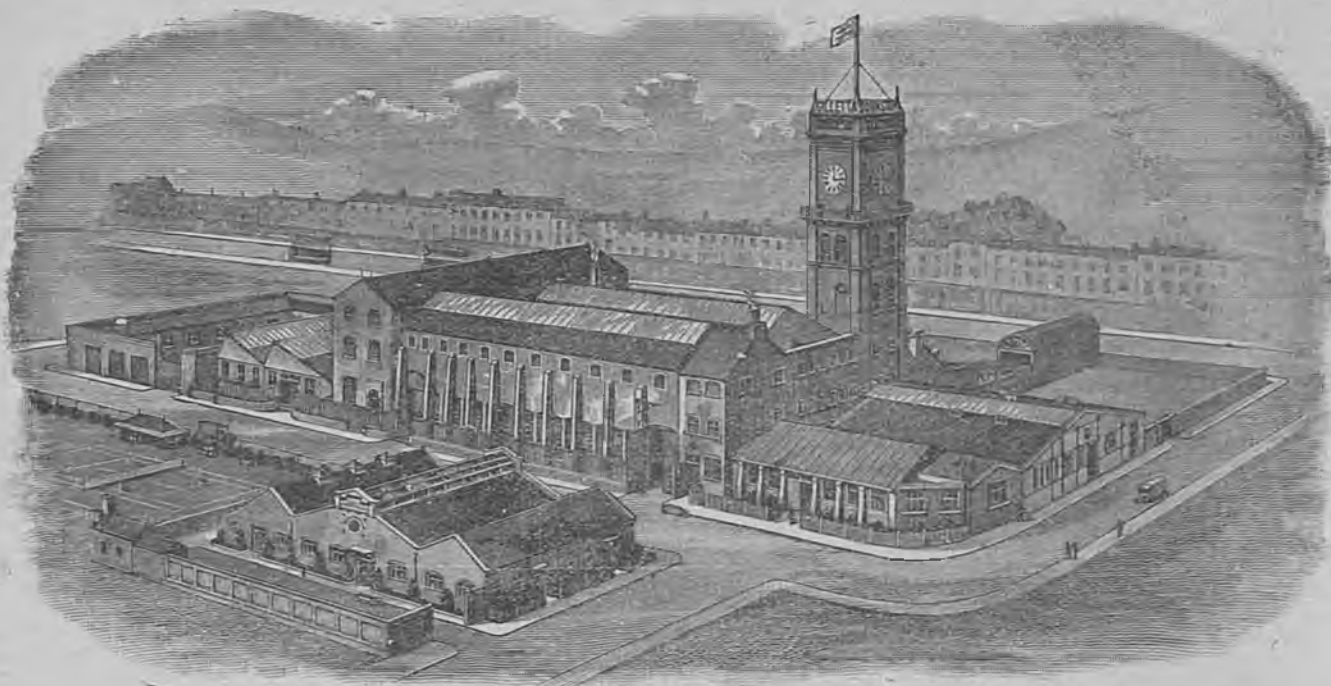
### GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD RINGING.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' It was, he said, when he was eighteen years old that he first joined that society. He had heard about it far away in the country village when he first began ringing as a mere lad, but he did not know what a really great society it was until he went to Cambridge and was told about it by Mr. Boughey and other friends who were members. They put him in the way of joining, and in due time he received his certificate, which still hung in his study at home—that certificate depicting a lovely lady reclining on a cloud, with her elbow on a bell and looking in imminent danger of falling into the Thames below (laughter). Then when he became ordained and went into the Oxford Diocese he found himself among members of the College Youths, and there was a very strong link between that Diocese and the Ancient Society, a link which had been cemented more strongly during the year by ringing together the longest peal that had ever been rung on any number of bells (applause)—on April 22nd, 21,363 changes in 12 hours and twenty-five minutes. With regard to that, he had to say that he heard a considerable amount of the ringing, and the ringing, as Canon Coleridge could bear him out, was of a very high character throughout (applause). That society, continued Mr. Jenkyn, went back a very long way. It was founded in 1637, in the days when the great Laud, who first of all was Bishop of London and then Archbishop of Canterbury, and he wondered whether it was as the result of the atmosphere of the time was so keen upon his disciplinary measures, ecclesiastical and moral, that this society was, as it were, brought to its birth. It contained, as they knew, on its books or in its archives, many good rules that had to do with discipline, such, for instance, as that which said they must not pick a quarrel with anybody in the clubroom, unless they paid sixpence. If one proved refractory he could be expelled. He (the speaker) could understand that in those early days his going would be somewhat hastened (laughter). The society had stood for

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good fellowship, and when he said it 'had stood,' he meant that it stood now, and, he believed, it always would stand for good fellowship (applause). As librarian of the Central Council, it was his privilege to keep and safeguard various documents of interest to the Exercise at large. He was looking over some the other day, and he found an account of what was known as the Rambling Club of Ringers, most of whom were members of that Ancient Society. Their hobby was to visit certain towers. They did not seem to go very far afield, though they once had a voyage to the Isle of Sheppey. These outings were described in more or less humorous strain. On one occasion they rang 720 Morning Exercise on the biggest bells at Christ Church, Spitalfields. That was on Friday, December 27th, 1734, and after they had done their ringing they adjourned to some hostelry and there partook of supper. They had always described the suppers at greater or less length, and this one was described at great length. The principal dish was two legs of mutton, stuffed with pickled herrings, the recipe for cooking which was fully set out. This was read by Mr. Jenkyn and caused great amusement. Continuing, the speaker said the society 'not only stood for good fellowship, but it also stood for good ringing (applause). That did not mean that no member of the College Youths ever rang badly (laughter). What was a good ringer? He was thinking that out to himself the other evening on his way back from one of the long expeditions to one of their country branches, which he had the privilege of making with one well known to them, Mr. Tom Hibbert. On these expeditions they sometimes went for miles and talked, and sometimes went for miles and didn't talk (laughter). Then, he supposed, they thought. The definition which occurred to him of a good ringer, was a ringer who knew when he made a bad blow and wanted to kick himself for doing it (applause). Proceeding, he said he would have said something that evening with special reference to holding that gathering on Armistice Day, but there was an Memoriam toast on the list, and he would, therefore, leave the subject in other hands, except that he would like to make mention of one member whom he was privileged to meet once or twice overseas, and whom he saw and walked with not many days before he was killed—he referred to Frederick Hardy. He took part in the first three peals which he (Mr. Jenkyn) had the honour of ringing for that society. The speaker added that when a thing was suggested to their thoughts it was characteristic of human nature that certain names, or at least one name, came prominently before them. If they talked of cricket, an old stager like himself thought immediately of the name of Grace, if it was poetry he began to think at once of Tennyson, and when they thought of the College Youths, although there had been many great Masters, and there was a good succession of Masters still to come, the name that always suggested itself to him was the name of Cockerill (applause). He seemed to him (the speaker) to be the very embodiment of all that the society stood for (hear, hear). He was a man whom they all admired for his ringing, whom they admired for his great powers as a secretary, and whom they admired, perhaps most of all, as a man (applause).

The toast, having been honoured, a fine course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. P. Smith, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, J. F. Smallwood, J. Thomas, and W. A. Cave.

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## ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD. MAYORAL WELCOME TO RYE.

Between twenty and thirty members of the above society attended the November meeting at Rye, Sussex, on the first Saturday in the month. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curd and their daughter kindly entertained the party to tea at Thompson's Bakery. The members had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the new Vicar (the Rev. Canon J. Fowler), who presided at the tea and business meeting. The Mayor of Rye (Councillor J. L. Deacon) was also present, and owing to the Vicar having to leave early, occupied the chair at the latter portion of the business meeting.

Great Chart was selected for the December meeting, to take place on the first Saturday in the month.

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the members, and the Mayor addressed the meeting at some length, his speech being of a very interesting and instructive character.

Mr. J. B. Bennett added a few kindly words of welcome on behalf of the Rye ringers, and the speeches of these three gentlemen emphasised the cordiality of the reception of the Guild in the ancient town.

Great applause greeted the announcement that the Vicar and Mayor had decided to give their patronage to the society.

Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mayor, and to Mr. and Mrs. Curd and their daughter for entertaining the party.

Good practice in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman was obtained on the bells of the Parish Church. Ringing also took place on the following morning, for Mr. and Mrs. Curd further extended their kindness by entertaining three of the party for the week-end.

## DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The 45th annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, October 28th, in Newcastle. All the bells in Newcastle and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the day by the respective Vicars. Owing to the committee meeting at noon, the service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock and dinner at 2 p.m., followed by the general meeting, which lasted until after 5 o'clock, very little ringing could be indulged in, however, until the evening.

The Vicar of Newcastle (the Rev. Canon Newsom) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. F. L. Cuttall, Vicar of Whitley Bay. A very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. Canon Boor, Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond.

Dinner was served at the Collingwood Restaurant, 89 sitting down. Mr. Story (the president) was in the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom), Canon Boor, the Rev. H. S. Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), the Revs. H. Beirff (Vicar of Wylam), G. Hinchliffe (Vicar of All Saints', Wye), F. L. Cuttall (Vicar of Whitley Bay), the Rev. A. Simpson, President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Mr. W. Ellis, the Cathedral organist (who kindly presided at the organ at the service), Messrs. C. L. Routledge, G. W. Park, J. W. Parker, W. Newton, of St. Thomas', Stockton (who, with Mr. T. Stephenson, of the same tower, is the oldest member of the association, having been elected in 1877), E. E. Ferry, hon. secretary, and many other well-known ringers, representing a large number of towers.

Letters of apology for absence were read from Mr. T. R. Richardson, of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, regretting none of their ringers could attend, also from Mr. Bert Horton, and a 'phone message from the Rev. C. F. Knyvett (Vicar of Benwell) to say he was sorry three weddings prevented his being present. A paragraph from a letter from Mr. B. C. Dixon wishing the association a good meeting was read by Mr. Richards, to whom the letter was written.

After 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. Story, in a suitable speech, proposed the toast of the Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses, and thanked Canon Newsom for conducting the service, Canon Boor for the address, and Mr. Ellis for presiding at the organ.

Canon Newsom, in responding, said how glad he was to welcome the association to the Cathedral. He said he was very sorry he had to wait two years before he could do so again, for he wished the annual meeting was held in Newcastle each year. He assured the association of a hearty welcome at all times.

Canon Boor, in a happy little speech, thanked Mr. Story for the kind words he had used, and referred to the days when he was Vicar of St. John's, Darlington. St. George's bells, he said, were always at the disposal of the association.

A vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by the chairman, and carried by acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. E. Ferry) then presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £8 10s. 11d.; and read his annual report. Reference was made in this to the loss the association had sustained during the year, by the death of two respected members, Mr. J. G. Green and Mr. A. Dalton.

## SUNDAY SERVICE AND PEAL PERFORMANCES.

The Sunday service ringing returns showed that Whitley Bay came first with 2,396 points; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, second with 1,996 points; Newcastle Cathedral third with 803 points. Of the six bell towers Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place with 295 points; Newburn second with 274 points, and Benfieldside third with 254 points. Whitley Bay were congratulated upon their brilliant ringing throughout the year, practically the whole of the ringing having been in the methods of London, Cambridge, Bristol and Premier Surprise.

Another achievement was the peal of real Double Superlative Surprise Major rung at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, the first ever accomplished. It was composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and conducted by Mr. W. H. Barker, four of the brothers Gofton taking part. Twenty-seven peals had been rung by the association during the year, mostly in Surprise methods.

The President moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet.—This was seconded by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the motion being carried by a show of hands.

Mr. C. Todd proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.—Mr. Bird seconded, and the motion was responded to by Mr. Story.

Mr. W. Story was unanimously re-elected president.

Mr. Routledge proposed that the secretaryship and treasurer'ship be divided, and proposed Mr. E. Ferry be elected secretary, and Mr. A. M. Hall be elected treasurer.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Anderson, and carried.

The vice-presidents were unanimously elected as follows: Northern Division, Mr. G. Holmes; Eastern, Mr. R. Parkinson; Southern, Mr. G. W. Park; Western, Mr. E. Lowery.

The district secretaries for the various districts were next elected: Northern, Mr. J. E. Gofton; Eastern, Mr. G. S. Taylor; Southern,

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### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES. EX-SERVICE MEN'S MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Hagbourne, Berks, on Sunday, Nov. 5th, before a memorial service, a band of ex-Servicemen rang, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Pte. A. W. Cox, Devon Regiment, 1; Sergt. W. V. Webb, Royal Berks, 2; Pte. W. J. Napper, R.A.O.C., 3; Gunner K. White, R.G.A., 4; Lieut. R. G. Rice, R.G.A., 5; Corporal F. H. Abbott, R.G.A., 6; Flight-Lieut. J. S. Napper, D.C.M., R.A.F. (conductor), 7; Farrier-Sergt. T. Jakeman, R.F.A., 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS KENT**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 1,356 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: D. Findlay (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Collison 2, W. Latter 3, Miss D. Orlebar 4, W. Latter 5, F. White 6, S. Green 7, A. Richardson (first quarter in the method) 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

**CAMBRIDGE**—On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 39 mins.: \*J. B. Woolley 1, Y. Green 2, \*W. Welch 3, T. R. Dennis 4, \*A. T. Chenery 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Kempton 8. \* First quarter of Stedman.

**HACKNEY**—On Sunday, October 22nd, for harvest thanksgiving, in the evening, at St. John's, South Hackney, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Kemp 1, J. Bullock (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 2, T. W. Taffender, junr., 3, J. Hawkins 4, I. J. Attwater 5, G. Shipp 6, T. H. Taffender 7, A. Riley 8.

**AOTON**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 42 mins.: E. Easton 1, S. D. Breeze 2, P. Lane (Ludlow, first quarter in this method) 3, C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, H. Wincote 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Elson 8. Arranged, with great pleasure, for Mr. P. Lane, of Ludlow, Shropshire, who was on a visit to Ealing.

**EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: N. Miller 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, C. W. Beecroft 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, R. Abbott 5, W. Miller, junr., 6. Rung for the harvest festival and the birthday of H. W. Crickmer.

**LAVERHAM**—For Divine service, on Sunday morning, Oct. 22nd, a touch of Grandsire Triples: A. Symonds 1, F. Turner 2, F. Mortlock 3, M. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5, J. Martin (Little Waldingfield) 6, W. Fayers 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.—For evening service, 420 of Stedman: F. Turner 1, M. Symonds 2, F. Leeks 3, S. Smith 4, F. Mortlock 5, A. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 7, F. Poulson 8.

**MARKET DEEPING**—For morning service, on October 22nd, 720 Single Court: H. Hayes 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, F. Simpson (first in the method) 4, W. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6.

**BONVILSTON, GLAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: E. Thomas 1, W. Samuels 2, E. Coles (first quarter-peal) 3, F. Hannington 4, A. Hannington, junr. (conductor), 5, W. Coles 6.

**SELBY**—At the Abbey, on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service a quarter-peal (1,257) of Stedman Caters, composed by Arthur Knights, in 53 mins.: J. W. Hall 1, T. Morgan 2, G. W. P. Fenton 3, J. Jackson 4, H. S. Morley 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, A. Cryer 10.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, W. Trueman 4, E. Bishop 5, H. A. Hearl 6, S. Palmer 7, O. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, W. G. Lancaster 2, S. Palmer 3, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. A. Hearl 6, O. J. Gardiner 7, E. Bishop 8.

**CHURCHKIRK, LANCS.**—For morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, 720 Plain Bob: A. Chadwicke 1, A. Ingham (conductor) 2, W. Aaron 3, J. Marsh 4, W. Aspinall 5, L. J. Williams 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor; also 1st as conductor.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: A. Chadwicke 1, A. Ingham 2, L. J. Williams (conductor) 3, J. Marsh 4, W. Aaron 5, W. Aspinall 6.

**PETERBOROUGH**—For evensong, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, at St. John's, 1,168 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, T. Vaughan 3, S. Wright 4, W. G. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooper 7, C. T. P. Brice (Pulham St. Mary, conductor) 8.

**LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE**—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, October 15th, in 50 mins., at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 7, 6, 8 covering: \*J. Jenkins 1, W. J. Beniams 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. R. Nash (conductor) 4, \*A. Nason 5, \*T. W. Nash 6, H. Jones 7, W. Habberley 8. \* First quarter-peal. ‡ First quarter-peal inside bell. The bells were rung fully muffled, immediately after evensong, in respectful memory of Mr. J. C. Galloway, Rector's warden.

**NUNEATON**—On Sunday, October 15th, at the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, two courses of Stedman and Double Norwich, and a course each of Superlative and Cambridge, for evening service, 224 each of London, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, 336 of Stedman Triples, by the following members: H. Argyle, D. H. Areyle, J. F. Clarke, J. F. Clarke, junr., T. W. Chapman, E. Stone, W. Horton, F. Brassington, W. Martin, E. Martin, T. Dicken, A. Witherson, Misses Clarke and F. Cope (Lichfield). Touches were also rung for the festival on the preceding Thursday.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY.

Ringling was general throughout the country on Armistice Day, and many peals were rung, as our peal columns show. The following were among the shorter lengths which had to suffice in most towers:—**SWAINSWICK, BATH**—A quarter-peal of Doubles, being 4 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 64 Grandsire, with the bells half-muffled: H. Toghill 1, W. Starr 2, W. Clark 3, E. Bath 4, S. White 5, A. Clark 6. Conducted by S. White.

**FULBOURNE, CAMBS.**—On Armistice Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, half-muffled, in 23 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. T. Newington 2, J. Stalley 3, C. E. Patten (conductor) 4, A. Page 5, G. Bridge 6, C. Hall (conductor) 7.

**HAMMERSMITH**—At St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: J. Willmott 1, W. H. Stevens 2, M. Jacoba 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, P. Stratton 8.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—At mid-day, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

**GARGRAVE, YORKS.**—At St. Andrew's Church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted. All went comfortably to the 30th course, when a slight 'misunderstanding' upset the arrangement: G. Horner 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Bazeley 3, W. Bradley 4, J. McKell 5, Dr. H. Wales (conductor) 6, C. Langstroth 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On Saturday, Nov. 11th, short touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, for service. Afterwards an attempt for a peal of Grandsire was lost through a change course, after ringing 2,520 changes: E. Green 1, G. Elliott 2, J. Buxton 3, E. Roberts 4, F. Oliver 5, C. Smith (conductor) 6, G. Lewis 7, G. Burrows 8.

**STAFFORD**—At St. Mary's Church, in 1 hour and 16 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,922 changes): W. G. Curtis 1, W. F. Wilson 2, J. Warrilow 3, G. Booth 4, W. H. Jones 5, F. V. Haggis 6, J. J. Taylor 7, Z. Baker 8. Composed by F. Dexter, and conducted by J. J. Taylor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**WITHAM, ESSEX**—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Woodbine, Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 240 Oxford Treble Bob, the following ringers taking part: W. Butler, E. Bright (conductor), W. J. Butler, H. Dorking, A. Chalk, A. Evers, V. Glass, W. Mellin.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, a date touch (1,922 changes) was rung in 1 hour 6 minutes, in the five following Treble Bob methods: 720 Oxford, 360 each of Violet, Woodbine and Kent, and 122 of Cambridge Surprise: H. Wibberley 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6.

Other touches will be reported in due course.

### DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

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Mr. A. Hunter; Western, Mr. H. Tyson; West Tyne, Mr. Charles Symm.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS TO BE BINDING.

Mr. Routledge proposed a resolution that the association binds itself to accept and abide by all decisions of the Central Council, and that no peal in an illegitimate method be recorded in the association peal book, and that the resolution be embodied in rule 15 of the association. He said the Council had been doing useful propaganda work for over 30 years, and yet ringers and associations of ringers still went on their own sweet way, ignoring its decisions, instead of looking to the Council for the lead in all matters relating to scientific ringing, etc. He would almost go as far as to hope that at some future time the Council would have an arbitration sub-committee to decide such questions as overlapping of territory and the exact definition of areas, and that they would do something to secure the ringing and conducting of only the very best compositions, from a musical point of view. Mr. Routledge hoped this resolution would, if passed, help other associations to come to a similar decision, and make the Central Council paramount in all ringing matters.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. R. Richards, supported by the President, and carried unanimously.

The hon. auditor and peal referees were all unanimously re-elected.—Ten honorary members, including the Vicars of Benwell, Whitley Bay, Tynemouth, Corbridge, All Saints', Wye, and the Rector of Rothbury, and Vicar of Bishops Auckland, and 15 ringing members were elected.

For the forthcoming year it was announced that the meetings would be held as follows: Pre-Lent, Newbourn; Whit Monday, Rothbury; August, Bishop Auckland and Shildon; October (annual meeting), Darlington.

The various bells in the city were kept going during the evening to the tune of London Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples to Cinques, etc.



## THE SEPTUAGENARIANS' PEAL.

### NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE BY NORWICH ASSOCIATION VETERANS.

A unique performance, as we briefly announced last week, has been accomplished by resident members of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association, at Pulham Market. On October 28th, eight veterans, all of them over 70 years of age, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and it is probable that the aggregate of their years is the greatest of any eight-bell peal band. In any event their performance is a noteworthy one, for these sprightly young men can total up more than 577 years between them! The peal was rung at the second attempt, and it was one upon which the ringers will be able to look back with pride, for it was splendidly struck. Indeed one has only to look at the names to realise that these men

climbed the belfry in his kindness of heart to give us a welcome and express good wishes for success, which we much appreciated. But later on we found it was not to be that day. With nearly two hours gone the treble rope slipped wheel, and could not be recovered in time to save the peal. Not in the least dismayed, the order was to meet again on the 28th.

Descending from the tower, a good old friend and brother ringer, Mr. Frederick Borrett, of Pulham, who has taken a keen interest in the meeting, kindly invited us to dine with him, and we much appreciated and enjoyed a good old English dinner.

On Saturday, October 28th, all turned up again to time, and by 2.25 a well-struck peal of Oxford Treble Bob had been rung. Again our good friend, Mr. Borrett, kindly entertained us, and we desire to



Standing (left to right): R. H. Brundle, aged 71 (Ipswich), 5; F. H. Smith, 71 (Aldeburgh), 6; F. Knights, senr., 70 (Norwich), 7; J. Souter, 72 (Diss), conductor, tenor.

Seated: G. Murton, 77 (Dye), 4; D. Collins, 74 (Worlingworth), 3; R. Whiting, 72 (Pulham Market), 2; W. Ireland, 70 (Diss), treble.

Copies of the photo can be obtained from Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, for 1s. 3d.; additional copies by same post 1s. 1d. each.

know how to ring Treble Bob. It is interesting to note that two of the band (Messrs. D. Collins and R. H. Brundle) are two of the five survivors of the peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham in 1892.

The following account, by one of the veterans, will be read with interest:—

The word came round to the writer thus: 'Bob, they are going to ring a boys' peal, I think they want you.'

'Boys' Peal,' said I, and I caught the twinkle of the speaker's eye, so I added, 'Yes, certainly I will make one.'

When I arrived home, from a good peal of Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford, I found the note awaiting me, 'Can you make it convenient to meet at Pulham Market on Saturday, October 14th, for a peal, all over 70 years of age?'

I replied, 'If all's well, I will be there.'

At 9.45 that morning I found myself amongst dear old friends. Two only I did not know, but we were soon 'old pals.' At 10.30 we reached the tower. Brother David had driven 18 miles by road, picking up his old friend, George Murton, at Eye. When we were ready to start, the Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon A. R. Buckland)

thank him for his hospitality and the kindly interest he took in the meeting. We also desire to thank the Rector for permission to use the bells.

After the peal, Mr. Fred Smith walked home, a distance of 6½ miles.

### ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very successful district meeting for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury was held at Sudbury on Saturday, November 4th. A large number of ringers were present, and they kept the bells of St. Gregory and All Saints' Churches ringing in excellent touches during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was held in the Vestry of St. Gregory's Church, when the Rev. R. Garrett Johnson presided, supported by the Rev. W. Stote, Vicar of All Saints'.

Ringers from the following places took part: Sudbury, Clare, Glemsford, Cavendish, Lavenham, Long Melford, Hedingham, Coggeshall, Biddeston, Feering, Great Tey, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Belchamp Walter, Braintree, Foxearth, Polstead, Chelmsworth.

## NOTICES.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St Andrew's, Wells St., W., on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Business meeting at 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Church Cottage at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C. Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available from 2.30. An address by the Rector (Rev. Y. E. Gilbert) at 4.15 at St. Peter's Church. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 4.45. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. It is hoped all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Wellington, Salop, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing and prayers 2.30. Meeting 5 o'clock. Tea at 6, to be ordered per Mr. J. L. Hayward, 12, Haybridge Road, Hadley, near Wellington, or Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Service at 3 o'clock, preacher Rev. E. B. Rand. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Nov. 27th; Bishopsgate, Nov. 20th. Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, Nov. 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DEDICATION OF BELLS.**—The bells which have been recast and augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnston, for Moretonhampstead Church, Devon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, on the evening of Friday, Nov. 24th.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting at Arksey, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Eight bells ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 21st.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Right Rev. Bishop G. D. Iliff, D.D.). Bells (8) available from 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, at which it is hoped the address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea in Church Schools at 5 o'clock (1/6 each) to those who notify Mr. M. Tate, 22, Manuel Street, Goole, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Collis). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped all who can will attend.—George T. Peggall, Dist. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 25th, when the bells of All Saints (10), St. Andrews (8), and Bengoe (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Andrew's at 5 o'clock; address by the Rector. Tea 1/-; business meeting after. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, commencing at 2.30. Will members intending to be present advise me not later than the 22nd inst.?—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—A Special meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6), on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Friday, Nov. 21st?—R. G. Black, District Sec., Geddington, near Kettering.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells—Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicholas (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting and social to follow.—E. Raddon, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at "The Grange" after service.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Colwall, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Anston (Kiveton Park Station, G.C.), on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Sam Smith, Anston, Sheffield, not later than Tuesday, 21st. A good attendance desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th November. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. It is hoped all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Temperford Road, Sandy.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting 5.30.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15 followed by tea and a business meeting, at which it is hoped every member will make a special effort to be present. The subscriptions for the current year should then be paid. Miss E. K. Parker hopes to attend this meeting. All ringers will be very welcome, and other bells will be available in the evening. Names of those who intend to be present at the tea should please be sent to Miss Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol, by Dec. 4th without fail.

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#### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

##### PROGRESS IN THE MID-DEVON BRANCH.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Newton Abbot on Saturday, November 4th. Ringers were present from Swindon, Exeter, Plymouth, Tavistock, Christon, Cockington, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh and Paignton.

An unfortunate delay was caused at Highwick owing to a funeral taking place, but as soon as word 'go' was given from the local steeplekeeper, the bells were raised in peal, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples brought round.

A splendid tea was provided at Messrs. Thomas and Son's Cafe. —The President, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, addressed the meeting in complimentary terms, and said what a pleasure it was to him to come to the branch meeting and to hear of the good progress being made. He was delighted with the splendid striking he had heard at Highwick, and he hoped in the near future to hear 'higher methods' equally well struck.

The Rev. C. S. Powell, Guild secretary, also expressed the great pleasure it gave him to attend the branch meeting, and hear of the good progress.

Mr. E. Shepherd gave his usual words of encouragement and advice to the members, and referred to the recent peal at Babacombe. He congratulated the members who took part, especially Mrs. Gover, who, he said, rang splendidly, and finished as fresh as anyone, if not more so.

Mr. C. Austin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd for the interest he took in the branch meetings, and this having been carried, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

St. Mary Church was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

**BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, in 24 mins.: H. Hibbard 1, R. Reece 2, P. Morris 3, H. Kirk 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the local band.

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