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### OXFORD GUILD 'PASSIVE RESISTERS.'

It is strange to read of the action, reported last week, of certain members of the Oxford Guild in taking up a line of passive resistance by withholding subscriptions because the annual festival is always held at Oxford. This is the first time in ringing affairs that we have heard of the adoption of such an attitude in an endeavour to achieve the desire of a section of the members, and, in our opinion, the policy is a dangerous one. It is likely to lead to the disintegration of any society, and, in any event, the logical result must be that the dissatisfied ringers, if they continue to refuse to pay their subscriptions, will eventually allow their membership to lapse—and the place of the annual festival will cease to be their concern at all.

Questions such as that which seems to be disturbing the Oxford Guild must of necessity be settled by the majority of the members who attend the annual meeting, at which every member has the right to be present and vote. We know the argument that is likely to be raised against this; that when the meeting is always held in one centre, those who reside in the distant places are already handicapped in getting such an arrangement altered, because the smaller numbers who can attend from these areas are outvoted by those who have the meeting in their midst. It has to be admitted that there is a very real disadvantage here. But the Oxford Guild has some very live and admirably managed branches, and if there is a really general desire for a 'movable' festival, strongly backed resolutions from these districts would, we have no doubt, carry weight—certainly they would have far greater influence than any policy of passive resistance.

Many Associations adhere to the plan of holding their annual meetings in different places, and usually the scheme works very well, the great points in favour of this scheme being that it brings the principal meeting of the year to the very door, almost, of all the members in turn, and in this way does something to stir up interest and enthusiasm in districts where there may otherwise be little to stimulate them. The Oxford Diocese seems one peculiarly fitted for the application of this arrangement, and formerly adopted it, for there are portions of the diocese, particularly North Bucks, from which Oxford is almost inaccessible for such a gathering as the Guild festival. While the City is, indeed, the centre of diocesan church life, it must be remembered that the men who make up the ringing Guild are not for the most part men of means or leisure, and a journey from the outlying portions of the diocese to the Cathedral is a

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drain upon the resources of time and money which only few are able to stand. It seems, therefore, only equitable that the venue of the festival should be moved to the various districts in turn. All the same, the action which has been taken of withholding subscriptions is not, in our view, either right or best calculated to achieve the object which it is hoped to attain. Constitutional methods are wisest in the long run, and in this case 'passive resistance,' if persisted in, must eventually put the protestors out of court.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER),

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF PRINCESS MARY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON... ..	Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ...	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ...	8
SIRLEY BURTON... ..	4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	9
ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method. Rung at first attempt.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;**

THOMAS WRIGHT... ..	Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... ..	6
THOMAS BALDWEYN ... ..	2	CHARLES GARDINER ... ..	7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..	3	GEORGE ORCHARD ... ..	8
ALBERT WRIGHT... ..	4	HARRY BARRETT ... ..	9
FRANK COLE... ..	5	ALBERT HANKS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. A. Hanks, who is returning to Canada.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ..	Treble	EDWIN SHEPHERD ... ..	6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ...	2	EDMUND M. SARGENT ... ..	7
HARRY S. PARSONS ... ..	3	ERNEST W. MARSH ... ..	8
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... ..	4	*ALFRED G. BETTS ... ..	9
THOMAS G. BARTLETT ... ..	5	ALFRED MONKLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal of Caters. Great credit is due to Messrs. T. Doble & Son, of Taunton, for their successful work in rehanging these bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in E.

ALBERT D. STONE ... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	6
KEITH HART... ..	2	JOHN JAY ... ..	7
WILLIAM WATTS... ..	3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... ..	8
HERBERT RANN ... ..	4	*HARRY PARKES ... ..	9
CHARLES PALMER ... ..	5	WILLIAM C. HART ... ..	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Royal; and first peal of Royal on the bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. Treble	*JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	*F. W. HILL ... .. 6
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3	*JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
*E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4	*A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. Author's composition No. 57.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... .. 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
*FRED W. HILL ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7
JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 50th peal. The above peals were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Gwen Taylor and Mr. G. F. Mears, the happy event taking place at Pernambuco, Brazil, the same day.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church.

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW ... .. 5
WILLIAM RILEY ... .. 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... .. 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... .. 7
JAMES SHAW ... .. 4	*W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Manchester.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE BENNETT ... .. Treble	PERCY PARKER ... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PARKER ... .. 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The peal was arranged to oblige the ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th bells, who belong to Tuddenham, and was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, the conductor and the Rector of Helmingham (the Rev. J. R. Garrett).

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... .. 4	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to Mr. E. Barnett, sen., on his return to ringing after a long and painful illness. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6
GEORGE CLEAL ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 7
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON

First peal of Major on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 5
ALBERT FEIST ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 6
RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 3	ALWYN CHARMAN ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 4	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. MORGAN.

LONDON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 5
REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... .. 4	DALBY HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Newman.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. Treble	ERNEST PALMER ... .. 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 3	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 7
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM OXLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS H. NAISBY ... .. 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the first five bells, which took place on Easter Day, 1898.

## ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TOCKER ... .. Treble	SAMUEL QUINTIN ... .. 5
*FRANK HOPGOOD ... .. 2	*HENRY CURTIS ... .. 6
*JAMES ABERY ... .. 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR... .. 5
*FREDERICK NAISH ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6
*EDWARD V. NAISH ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
JAMES BUTLER ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
HAROLD W. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble	*JOHN HAMMOND... .. 5
*JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 6
*ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
*HARRY BOYCE ... .. 4	*FREDERICK E. STONE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. \* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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## UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5
*JOHN BAYLISS ... .. 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Knowles.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD BROWN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM TATE ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## HARBORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in C.

LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
CHARLES H. STANLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

## BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS SHORT ... .. Treble	JAMES BUTLER ... .. 5
†MISS STELLA DAVIS... .. 2	†JAMES HAZELL ... .. 6
JACK HONEY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4	*GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First peal of Major on the bells. † First in the method. \* Fiftieth peal.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN S. MORTON... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A birthday peal for E. Barnett, Jun.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BUCKLAND, SURREY.  
THE BUCKLAND SOCIETY.

On Sunday, April 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four 720's Oxford Bob, and three 720's Plain Bob.

JAMES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	WALTER R. HUMPHREY ... 4
*JOSEPH WALLIS... .. 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS ... 5
†JAMES JUDD ... .. 3	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court, upon attaining his 89th birthday.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS MARY RANDALL... .. Treble	*HARRY BAXTER ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY M. ATKINS ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung in honour of, and immediately after, the wedding of Miss Beatrice M. Everest and Mr. George S. Valentine, both of whom are members of the local society. \* First peal in 7 methods.

RIPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch, and the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being splendid.

COALFIT HEATH, GLOS.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

†ALBERT RODMAN ... .. Treble	*ERNEST PALMER ... .. 4
*WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. 2	*THOMAS JAMES ... .. 5
*PERCY C. WILLIAMS... .. 3	†JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFERIES.

First peal on the bells, a grand new ring by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. \* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor as conductor. ‡ First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of treble, who is one of the local men, for the way he rang, he having rung only once before in Minor. The ringers again take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

with Tenor covering.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY JONES ... .. 2	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 5
*EDWARD DURE ... .. 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 6
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 4	FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 7

\*JAMES HURFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BOUCHER.

Rung after meeting short for Triples. \* First peal in any method. First peal of Minor by all.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL ... .. Treble	JOHN HALL ... .. 4
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 2	ALFRED WATSON... .. 5
JOHN GARRETT ... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER RUFFLES

HORSLEY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

†LESLIE BARRY ... .. Treble	GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 4
†BASIL LATHAM ... .. 2	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	*FRANK CLEVELAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal inside.

BERGH UPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR CORBYN ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 4
*CHARLES SPURGEON ... .. 2	THOMAS BECKETT ... .. 5
*ROBERT WARMAN ... .. 3	†FREDERICK A. FINCH... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

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

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 1-2	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 5-6	JOHN NEAL ... .. 11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN  
Referee: MR. ALBERT WALKER.

This peal arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Percy O. Laflin and the conductor, Albert E. Norman, it being the latter's 100th peal, and rung on his 21st birthday.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 1—2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5—6
FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 3—4	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7—8

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

Witness: Mr. W. BIBBY.

\* First peal in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOT ... .. 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3—4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... .. 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and W. R. MELVILLE.

\* First peal on 1—2.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

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

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 1—2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5—6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3—4	*ERNEST PALMER ... .. 7—8

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal in hand.

ENFIELD.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;**

MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 1—2	*E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 7—8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 9—10
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5—6	WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 11—12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**EASTER MEETING AT CATTERICK.**

The Easter Monday meeting was held at Catterick Bridge, ringers attending from Richmond, Middlesbrough, Marske, Saltburn, Ripon, Tadcaster, West Hartlepool, Darlington St. John, Darlington Holy Trinity, and Shildon. The peal of eight bells was kept going from 10 a.m. until about 7 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

Dinner was provided at the Oak Tree Inn, 40 ringers doing ample justice to the good old English fare, which included roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

No business is transacted at this meeting, except the acceptance of new members, as it is considered a day of enjoyment for the meeting of old friends, of whom there was a good number who talked over what had been done in years gone by, and the prospects of the future.

During the afternoon several ringers visited the beautiful little village of Bolton-on-Swale, where there is a peal of six bells, which were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Everyone had a most enjoyable day so far as ringing was concerned, but the weather seemed to have laid itself out to make it as uncomfortable as it could possibly be, for rain fell almost the whole day. Ringers, however, can generally make themselves happy, even if the weather is not 'up to the mark,' and this occasion was no exception to the rule.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On Sunday morning, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: L. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1. H. B. Frossell 2. H. King 3. W. Davison 4. H. L. Harlow (conductor) 5. W. Freeman 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. R. Harlow, daughter of the conductor, on her 21st birthday.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

**IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.**

To the Glory of God and in honoured memory of the members whom we bless for their unselfish Sacrifice in giving their lives in the Great War, this tablet was erected by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

Thus runs the superscription upon the tablet, containing the names of 41 members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, unveiled at an impressive service in Newcastle Cathedral on April 7th.

The service commenced with the hymn, 'God of the living, in whose eyes,' followed by an address by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon G. Newsom, M.A.), who said many of those present that day were thinking with melancholy pride of their dead comrades, who, though hating war, stood forward to offer themselves when the call came. That was a great deed; and without them, and others like them, the world might have become a hopeless place.

After a few prayers, said by the Vicar, a special hymn for ringers, composed by Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, 'Father! King Immortal!' was sung kneeling. During the next hymn, 'O valiant hearts, who to your glory came,' the choir, clergy, relatives of the fallen, and congregation, proceeded to the memorial, which is placed on the west side of the south-east pier of the tower facing the belfry door.

Canon E. Williams (Vicar of Bamburgh), in unveiling the memorial (which is surmounted by the arms of the two dioceses, enamelled in colours, and has a decorative scroll as a border ornamented with bells), said he deemed it a great honour and high privilege to be permitted to do so. He owed the honour, not only to the fact that he took a keen interest in change ringing, but also to the fact that he represented the belfry which had been the hardest hit in the two counties. They had lost six ringers out of the eight who had joined up, and one of the six was in Holy Orders. They were all men of promise whom they could ill spare.

The dedication prayer by the Vicar of Newcastle followed, and a wreath in the shape of a bell was then placed at the foot of the memorial by Mr. W. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, followed by other wreaths from relations and friends of the fallen. A course of Stedman Caters on handbells was then rung as a tribute to the fallen by five members from St. Paul's Parish Church, Whitley Bay.

During the hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' the choir, clergy and congregation returned to their places. The Blessing, pronounced by the Vicar, brought the service to a close. The clergy in robes included Canon G. Newsom, M.A., Vicar of Newcastle; Canon E. Williams, M.A., Vicar of Bamburgh; Canon A. Boot, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond; Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead. The association is very much indebted to all friends at the Cathedral for doing everything possible to make the service of unveiling a success; the Vicar for his help in drawing up the form of service and advice in many other matters, and for conducting the service; Mr. Ellis, the Cathedral organist, and the choir for so ungrudgingly giving up the Saturday afternoon. The services of the organist and choir added greatly to the service. Thanks are also due to Canon E. Williams for unveiling the tablet; Canons A. Boot and H. S. Stephenson for supporting the association, and Mr. R. Thompson, the senior verger, for his painstaking help in many ways.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled until 2.50, when the whole pull and stand was rung until 2.57. Then the tenor was tolled until three o'clock, the hour of the service. There was more ringing after the service at the Cathedral and at St. Mary's, Gateshead. If any relative of the fallen who was not able to be at the service would like a copy of the form of service (which has a print of the memorial on the front page) they can have one by sending a large stamped envelope to the hon. secretary. There were about 200 relations, ringers and friends at the service which will not readily be forgotten by those who were present.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

**ACCOMMODATION AT SALISBURY.**

The following hotels at Salisbury offer a wide choice, and can be recommended to members of the Central Council and friends who are visiting the city at Whitsun. They are placed in order of costliness.

Licensed Houses.—White Hart, Exeter Street; County, Fisherton; Crown, High Street; Cathedral, Milford Street; Red Lion, Milford Street; White Horse, Castle Street; Nelson, Fisherton; Chough, Blue Boar Row.

Unlicensed Houses.—Ye Old George, High Street; Three Swans, Winchester Street; The Cups, Fisherton; Dandesons, Fisherton; Court, Fisherton; Ducks, Fisherton.

# NEWMARKET'S NEW TENOR.

## COMPLETION OF A TWENTY YEARS' OLD SCHEME.

About twenty years ago the five bells at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, having become unsafe for ringing were rebung in a new iron frame on steel supporting girders, and the 3rd bell recast, Messrs. Taylor and Co. doing the work.

It was hoped at that time that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to carry out the suggestion of Mr. F. C. Turner (hon. treasurer of the Ely Diocesan Association, and of the Bell Restoration Committee) that a new tenor bell should be added to make the ring of five, which were in the minor key, into a major six. This unfortunately did not materialise, but the committee agreed to have the frame constructed to carry six bells, and a new tenor added when funds would permit.

Subsequently other work in the church intervened, and the matter dropped for the time being, but the idea was not allowed to be lost sight of. Since the end of the great war, when prices of metal were coming down, the matter was again taken up, and last November a meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held to consider estimates from various firms, when it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Taylor, of the famous Loughborough foundry, and the order was duly given.

The new bell arrived recently, and is a magnificent specimen of the bellfounder's art. Its weight is 21 cwt. 14 lb., and note E flat, and is tuned on the Simpson principle. Many of the parishioners visited the church to see it before it was hauled up in the tower. The hanging, which is on ball bearings, was completed in four days by Messrs. Taylor's bellhanger, and the bell was rung up and tested by Mr. Turner, who expressed complete satisfaction both with the ease of ringing, and also to the grand, full and mellow tone it gave out. On the occasion of the dedication, the old five bells were rung before the service. The clergy, consisting of the Ven. W. T. Farmiloe (Archdeacon of Sudbury), the Rev. J. Pranker (Rector), and the Rev. E. A. Gray, proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, and open to the church. Here the Archdeacon repeated the dedication prayers, and a few rounds were rung on the six bells as the clergy returned to the chancel. Psalm 150 was then sung, and the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The Archdeacon preached from the text, Numbers x. 2, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver,' and in the course of his remarks, said he felt it was not only a pleasure, but a privilege to be permitted to take part in that service, because he knew it meant the crowning of many years of work given, he was sure, in a spirit of love and faith for the greater glory of God.

The hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was then sung, and the service concluded by the Archdeacon pronouncing the Blessing.

After the service, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the local ringers, many of the congregation staying to watch whilst others went outside to hear the effect of the new bell and the vast improvement it has made to the peal, the general opinion, which was freely expressed, being one of praise for the grand tone of the new bell. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid splice they have made.

St. Mary's Church now has a ring of six second to none in the county. The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—John Draper made me 1619. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr.

2nd.—De Buri Sauti Edmondi Stefanus Tonni me fecit 1580 W.L. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

3rd.—Same as 2nd (with) 'Recast 1904,' and Taylor's stamp. Rev. Arthur Reeve, Rector. Charles Eaton Hammond, John Alfred Dawson, Churchwardens. Weight 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

4th.—John Draper made me 1619. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

5th.—W. Sandiver, W. Headley, C.W. Tho. Newman and Tho. Gardiner. Fecit 1719. Weight 12 cwt. 21 lb.

Tenor.—Rev. H. B. Young, 1904—1920, Rev. J. Pranker, 1921. Rectors, Frank A. Simpson, Wm. J. Moon, Churchwardens, and Taylor's stamp, 1923. Weight 21 cwt. 14 lb.

## RETUNING OF BELLS.

A number of replies have been received to the letter of 'Seeker after Facts,' who made inquiries with regard to the retuning of bells; they have been forwarded to our correspondent, as they are too numerous to publish.

The consensus of opinion expressed in these letters is that any really bad bells should be recast, but that if the bells are of fairly good tone the old method of tuning properly applied would give good results.

## WEDDING BELLS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday, April 10th, for the wedding of Lady Doris Gordon Lennox to Mr. Clare Vyner, at Chichester Cathedral two 504's of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. W. Ticehurst; Miss E. M. Burnett, Messrs. T. Doick, W. Falconer, F. B. Tompkins, J. H. Blake, M. Heffer, F. Arther, W. G. Bull, G. Marshall and C. Smithers also taking part.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Up to the present, we understand, no notices of motion have been received by the hon. secretary of the Central Council for the Salisbury meeting. The last date for sending these in is April 21st, so there is not much time to lose.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker have resigned their positions as hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary, respectively, of the London County Association.

An ebony walking stick, suitably inscribed, has been presented to Mr. J. W. Foster, of St. Cuthbert's, Benfield, in recognition of his having completed fifty years as a ringer at that church.

Two records, both of which still stand, were made on April 22nd. In 1889, the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, and in 1922 the Oxford Guild and College Youths rang the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

At Otley, in Suffolk, on April 22nd, 1895, what was believed to be the first 'family' peal on handbells was rung, viz., seven 720's of Minor by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14), Frederick Meadows (aged 15), conductor, and Sidney Meadows (aged 18).

On April 24th, 1896, a 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Shipley.

Ringers will join in congratulating Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, upon his 84th birthday, which he will celebrate on Sunday. He was born on April 29th, 1839, at Wednesbury.

Poorly attended bell-ringing practices at Linslade (Bucks) were (according to a London newspaper) attributed at a Parochial Church Council meeting to some of the ringers having to remain at home to mind the children while their wives went to the Women's Institute!

An appeal is to be made to the whole diocese of Oxford for help in raising a fund of £1,000 for the restoration of the tower of High Wycombe Parish Church, known as the 'Cathedral of Bucks.' The tower contains the only peal of twelve bells in the county.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major will be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing to commence at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

## 'PRINCESS MARY' SURPRISE ROYAL.

The first peal of Mr. Arthur Craven's method, 'Princess Mary' Surprise Royal, was rung on Saturday at Leicester. The figures of the method appeared in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922. It should be noted that the lead end is 1573920486, and not as published.

After the peal had been rung it was decided to publish it under the name given it by the author, although the ringers think a more suitable name might have been found for it.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Swineshead on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and was continued to 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Hayes), was held. Immediately afterwards the members and friends sat down to a splendid 'knife and fork tea,' generously provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council.

The usual business meeting presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the president, followed. Mr. W. Lakin, junr., of Benington, was elected to the office of Ringing Master of the branch, in succession to Mr. A. H. Palmer, whose resignation was accepted with regret.

The Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick, invited the branch, through the secretary, to hold its next meeting at Butterwick in July. It was unanimously decided to accept the kind invitation. The Butterwick bells are being rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it is hoped they will be completed by then.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. During the evening a band which had been to Ewerby, but had been unsuccessful in an attempt to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, joined the party. Among the band were the Rev. H. Law James (Ringing Master of the Guild), the Rev. E. Banks James and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Cambridge University Guild. After their arrival touches of Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich Major were brought round.

## THE ROYAL VISIT TO CIRENCESTER.

On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to open the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, Glos., on Thursday, April 12th, the following touches were rung at the Parish Church: On their arrival: 504 Grandsire Caters: E. Edwards 1, A. Parsons 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. C. Cuss 7, F. J. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10; and on the departure, 504 Grandsire Caters: A. Parsons 1, J. E. Waters 2, F. W. Bond 3, J. King 4, W. G. Cook 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. C. Cuss 7, G. Dore 8, H. C. Bond 9, E. Edwards 10.



# 'TWO IN A DAY.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—While heartily congratulating Miss Rose A. Bell on her feat of ringing two peals in one day—and this is more remarkable as one of them was her first peal—your remarks in 'Belfry Gossip' about the Leicester lady who did similarly, but one was false, does scant justice. My daughter Hilda, at the age of 14, rang four peals in three days, concluding with two in one day of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. Both peals were accomplished within 7½ hours, and I have yet to read of youth of either sex equalling this performance. Months afterwards, the composition of the Stedman Caters proved to be false, but that does not invalidate the practical part of the ringing. You cannot put back time and say what has been has never been, and there is no reflection on the ringers in a peal because of the fault of the composer. The fact remains, whatever technical error there may be in the composition. Because the winner of a race discovers that the prize is a dud, it does not disqualify him or rob him of the fact that he accomplished what he set out to perform. Of course, I am naturally interested in this, and have no intention of forgetting it. What a Gilbertian situation would be caused if a band rang a long length of Minor and claimed the record! You could not deny it, yet of every 5,000 of Minor over 4,000 are false! I may add, apart from the above, that on August 3rd, 1914, I rang two peals of Superlative and Double Norwich for the Central Northants Association, in which Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, took part.—Yours truly,

W. WILLSON.

Dear Sir,—While heartily congratulating Miss Rose A. Bell on her performance on Easter Monday, she is not the first lady to ring two peals in one day. Miss Phyllis Hare and Miss Elsie Brandon, of Peterborough, both rang in two peals: A peal of Minor at Burton-upon-Stather, and Bob Major at Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, on Nov. 12th, 1921. Miss K. A. Jutson of Peterborough, rang in two (one on tower and one on handbells) on July 31st, 1920.—Yours sincerely,

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Dear Sir,—On Monday, August 3rd, 1914, Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, rang two peals: Double Norwich at Finedon, and Superlative at Irthlingborough. She was the first lady to ring two peals in one day.—Yours truly,

W. PERKINS.

## NEW PEAL OF SIX AT EASTRINGTON.

THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL DEDICATED.

The new ring of six bells at the Parish Church, Eastington, Yorks, was dedicated on Easter Monday, by the Bishop of Hull. The bells form a unique memorial, inasmuch as they have been provided as a thanksgiving for the safe return of men from the parish who served in the late war.

The new bells have been recast from three ancient bells which formerly existed, and dated back to the 15th and 16th centuries. The work has been carried out by the famous firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. An entirely new steel and iron frame has also been provided, and the bells are hung on ball bearings in the latest and most scientific method. They are tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, in the key of C.

A large number of visitors attended from Howden, and the surrounding villages, and extra seating accommodation had to be provided. The service throughout was of a most impressive character. Following the Bishop's sermon, the choir and clergy proceeded to the west end of the church to the singing of 'Angel voices ever ringing.' The congregation turned towards the tower, and the Bishop, after being called upon by the Vicar, offered suitable prayers and solemnly dedicated the bells 'to the glory of God and for the benefit of His church and as a thanksgiving for the return of men from this parish who served in the war.'

After a brief silence the bells rang out a short peal.

Further prayers by the Bishop followed, and the procession reformed, and returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'Fling, ye bells, your songs to heaven.' The Te Deum was sung immediately before the Blessing, which was pronounced by the Bishop.

In the course of his sermon the Bishop said the parishioners of Eastington had carried out a memorial in a most appropriate manner, and one which he feared was often forgotten. At the east end of the church they had erected over the altar a memorial to those who had fallen in the war, and now at the west end of the church they had a memorial for all time for the men who returned safely from the war. Nothing could be more appropriate. Thanksgiving was a thing they should always remember. No one could say it was chance or luck when one man was taken and his brother left, and if God had spared a man's life it meant that He had some work for that man to do on His behalf. When they heard the bells ring as a call to the church services they should remember it was a call to each one of them, and not merely for someone else.

The bells were again rung after the service by the following Howden ringers: R. Smith, J. A. Sherburn, C. R. Smith, J. P. Powis, E. Philpot and J. Thompson.

Other ringers taking part were Messrs. J. W. Walker (Howden), W. A. Hudson, A. Hatfield, G. O. Terry (Hemingbrough), C. F. Johnston and A. J. Trappitt (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), G. H. Robinson (Derby), and W. Robbins (North Cave).

## DOUBLE GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Hims is quite right in pointing out that the six-score of Double Grandsire Doubles in the C.C. Collection of Doubles, Minor and Triples is false, and I must apologise to the Exercise for the mistake. The fact is that Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire, Doubles and Caters all break the q set rule in their construction, so that you cannot arrange all the rows in plain courses. Triples is, however, different, and the three false rows which Mr. Hims gives, together with the handstroke lead of the treble, are all out of course; therefore, they cannot appear at the treble's backstroke lead if you use Holt's singles, or reverse the rows after an ordinary single; that is, let the bell in the hunt go in front of the treble.

In Doubles you can reverse the rows without singles, and in Double Grandsire the q set rule compels you to do so to get the extent which is given below.

12345	14523	13524	15324	13425	14235
21354	41532	31542	51342	31452	41253
23145	45123	35124	53124	34125	42135
32415	54213	53214	35214	43215	24315
34251	45231	35241	53241	42351	23451
43521	54321	53421	35421	24531	32541
45312	53412	35412	34512	42531	23514
54132	35142	53142	43152	24153	32154
51423	31524	51324	41325	21435	31245
15432	13542 S	15342 S	14352	12453	13254 S
14523	13524	15324	13425	14235	13245

repeated.

This is constructed from B blocks by plaining four q sets which gives two rounds blocks of 5 leads each and two B blocks and then link up with six singles. Exactly the same thing occurs in Grandsire Doubles in the plain course.

12345	12534	12453
21354	21543	21435

All obviously belong to the same q set, but in the six-score the third member of this q set appears in this form, and is called a bob, the rows coming up the reverse way round, and in composing 21435 Grandsire Caters we have to guard against this very danger, 12453 and it seems probable that the extent of Double Grandsire 14235 Caters would only be got by the same rule. To obtain a six-score of Double Grandsire Doubles start from a bob lead, making 3rd's place whenever the treble goes to lead or behind and whenever she leaves the lead or behind. Omit the 3rd's place whenever 1—2 change places behind and whenever 1—5 change places in front or behind; this produces 60 rows. Grandsire S half-way and end.

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO BRIDLINGTON.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Bridlington, when some sixty members, drawn from a wide area, assembled. The magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 26½ cwt.) were set going from 11 a.m. onward to a variety of methods, and the famous Loughborough Foundry had their reputation still further enhanced by the admiration of the visitors. The interior of the venerable Priory Church proved a source of great attraction, while the more Spartan enjoyment of sea bathing on a biting cold day attracted the activities of some of the younger and more vigorous members.

The general meeting was held in the Priory Church Institute, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) being supported by the principal officers of the association.

A hearty invitation was received to hold the next general meeting at Otley in September, and this was gratefully accepted, on the motion of Mr. G. B. Bolland, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of Bridlington (the Rev. Canon Topham) for kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind efforts, was responded to by the reverend gentleman, who expressed his great gratification at hearing changes rung on the bells, and hoped that his own ringers would take up change ringing as a result of the meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. J. Johnson, Canon Topham was elected an hon. member of the association, as also was Mr. E. Lambert, a churchwarden, of Bridlington.

Tea followed at Marshall's Cafe, and who can describe the efforts of hungry ringers being defeated by a bountiful caterer, in their attempts to create a famine in the town as a result of their visit? So ended a most pleasant meeting, the only regret being that the violent weather of the preceding two days, probably deterred many intending visitors from being present at the meeting.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At St. Anne's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: Miss K. Corbett 1, Miss M. Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Gould 4, T. Gould 5, P. Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Varndell 8.

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS.

One of the most successful annual general meetings in the history of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, April 7th, when about 90 members attended, and enjoyed good ringing and excellent company. Divine service was held at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies). A stirring sermon was preached by the President of the Association (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey), who took for his text, St. John xiii. 13-17. Referring to the present-day neglect of public worship, which was a considerable worry to all church workers, he asked his hearers to consider the causes, when, having found them, they would perhaps be able to find the remedy. If people were asked if they were Christians simply as a means of saving their souls they would probably say 'Yes,' but that was not true Christianity. Real Christianity meant a life of service to others. Christ never appealed to men to save themselves, but always to serve others. To so many Christianity was not the dominant factor in life, but only an afterthought, a thing for Sunday, and isolated from everyday life. The real purpose of Church-going and Communion did not end in ourselves, but was a means to greater end by service to man, a furtherance of the Kingdom of God. This was true of all church work. It was necessary to eliminate self. The reason of a falling off in ringers was due to men taking up the work in a selfish way, without consecration. It was a sad thing that so many professing Christians never interpreted religion in such terms. Church to many is a formality, one of life's decent conventions; but it should be a means of curing the social evils of the world, and ridding it of poverty, disease, ignorance, and vice. 'We should ask ourselves,' added the preacher, 'is our work real service for God? He is asking if you are helping to win the world for Him. Let us do our best to do it.'

After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of in the Church House, which was immediately followed by the business meeting. The Rev. F. R. Bonsey (president) was in the chair, supported by Messrs. F. A. Milne, J.P., and T. Beadle (vice-presidents), Wm. Pye (Master), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secs.), G. B. Lucas and R. Holloway (District Masters), the Rev. W. H. Davies, and nearly 80 members.

The President thanked the members for the great honour they had done him in electing him President of the Association. It was with a great deal of diffidence that he accepted the office, as he felt himself to be unworthy. However, although he felt very small amongst such giants of the Exercise as they had present that day, he could ring a little, and always did ring with his own ringers on Sundays. He felt it a great privilege to follow their late president, Mr. King, who was the best man the association ever had (applause). He started the association, and carried it on almost to to-day, and he was a man that it would be impossible to replace. He (the speaker) thanked the members very much for electing him, and added that he would do his best to follow Mr. King's example.

Arising out of the minutes of the last annual meeting, it was reported that plans for the erection of a memorial to the late president were nearing completion. The funds in hand amounted to £31 5s. 6d., the inscription for the tablet had been decided upon, and it was hoped that the work would be put in hand at an early date. At the request of the members present, a slight alteration was made in the inscription, and the plans generally were approved.

### BEST PEAL RINGING YEAR SINCE THE WAR.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the former being taken as read. After dealing with the life and work of the late President of the Association, especially in connection with his efforts on behalf of ringers generally, the report states that the peal record for 1922 was the best since the war. Sixty-seven peals were rung, 146 members taking part in them, an increase of eight peals and 13 ringers over the previous year. Seven members rang their first peals, and 53 their first peals in a new method, or on a different number of bells, including 21 in Surprise methods. Amongst the more noteworthy of these peals were three of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, one of which was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, a remarkable heavy-bell achievement in a difficult method. The first peal of Middlesex Surprise Royal ever rung was accomplished during the year, and the first peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by the association was performed on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling. The conductors of peals numbered 22. A large number of quarter-peals were rung, no less than 161 being recorded, and it was mentioned that Ealing (St. Mary's), Isleworth and Acton, led the way in this very satisfactory feature of Sunday Service ringing with 27, 24 and 23 quarter-peals respectively. During the year 51 new members were elected, including the St. Mary's, Twickenham band, and the total membership is now 684.

The balance sheet showed a credit to the Central Fund of £16 17s. 11d., as against £17 8s. 5d. at the end of last year, but with a prospective considerable saving in the costs of the annual report, the future was looked forward to with confidence.

The whole of the officers of the association were re-elected.

## LIFE RINGING MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTION REDUCED.

A recommendation made by the Central Committee that the subscription of life ringing members be reduced to 5s. was carried.—In proposing this, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that the recommendation was not made because the higher subscription had been a failure; that not being the case. During the three years the higher subscription had been in operation the number of life members elected was quite up to the usual average, but it was thought that out-county ringers joining the association with the object of ringing a peal or two should have the benefit of the first step in reducing subscriptions. The committee only regretted that they could not yet recommend the reduction of all subscriptions.

Mr. Wm. Hewett, who stated that he was one of those who had objected to the raising of this particular subscription, seconded, and, as stated above, the recommendation was carried.

District Rules 1 and 5 were altered, making it in order for the members to elect district officers at the respective district annual meetings, instead of this being done by the district committees.

The action of the hon. secretary, in writing a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Shurtleff, daughter of the late Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., on the sudden death of her father, was endorsed by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting should be held at Fulham.

Heartily votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. W. H. Davies for his hospitality to the members of the association that day, and also to Mrs. Davies and friends, who had so ably assisted at the tea tables. The former very suitably replied, stating that they felt honoured at the presence of so many members of the association.

Thanks were also given to Canon Carnegie (St. Margaret's, Westminster), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), and the Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith (St. Bartholomew-the-Great) for placing their bells at the disposal of the members. It was to be greatly regretted that the Rector of St. Clement Danes had to withdraw his permission at the very last moment, owing to a serious case of illness near the church.

The ringing done during the day was of a very varied nature. Quite a large number of ringers visited St. Bartholomew's, and rang several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the Pre-Reformation peal of five and made an inspection of the very ancient church, with one exception the oldest in London. Other members took part in touches in several methods, including Cambridge and Bristol, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, whilst after the morning a large company visited St. Margaret's, Westminster, where Mr. W. Hewett had all in readiness, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A very pleasant meeting ended all too quickly.

## LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday. Ringing started punctually at 3 o'clock, and many touches, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine, were brought home. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Green), who gave the Guild a warm welcome.

Tea was thoroughly enjoyed at the Jolly Farmer, and then the business meeting was held. Miss D. E. Orlebar, of Tunbridge Wells, was elected a member, and Cranleigh decided on for the next meeting on July 14th, if possible.

Ringling was resumed and continued till 8 o'clock. The ladies thoroughly appreciated the good 'go' of the bells.

## THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space gratefully to acknowledge the following further amounts received towards the above fund: St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, band, 10s.; Harrow Weald band, 5s.; Tottenham band, 5s.; Messrs. C. W. Bird, 4s.; E. F. Pike 2s. 6d.; H. Barnett (2nd donation), 2s. 6d.; J. Waghorn, 1s.; E. H. Lewis, 5s.; A. H. and G. Ward, 10s.; E. A. Young, 5s.; W. H. Lawrence, 2s. 6d.; B. Foskett, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Nudds, 2s. 6d.; A. Mason, 5s.; Rev. F. R. Bonsey, 10s. Previously acknowledged £28 14s.; total £32 8s. 6d.

It is expected that the preparing of the memorial tablet will be put in hand at an early date and my committee will be grateful if all friends of the late Mr. A. T. King who wish to subscribe to this fund will do so as early as possible.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec. to Committee.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Kingwood 1. F. Gurr 2. G. Hewitt 3. N. E. Hope 4. H. Coomber 5. J. Wren 6. R. Eade (conductor) 7. J. Warner 8. Messrs. Hewett, Hope, Coomber and Wren from East Grinstead, and the rest are local men.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**MIDSOMER NORTON.**—On Sunday, April 15th, in 43 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Chivers 1, W. Milbourne 2, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, W. Farley 5, J. Hambleton 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Koevill 8.

**HEAVITREDE, DEVON.**—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Michael's, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: F. Rogers 1, T. Bartlett 2, R. Hibditch 3, T. Laver 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, J. R. Santover (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. M. Gray 1, G. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, A. Booth (first quarter inside) 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Johnson's 1,068 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: R. Ducker 1, T. Miller (conductor) 2, W. Ellis 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, E. Mullins 6, T. Kelly 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for a member of the band (Mr. T. Feerick), who died suddenly on the 9th inst., aged 35 years.

**WORCESTER.**—At the Church of St. John, on Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, 720 Wells Surprise: J. Woodyat 1, W. Page 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, W. C. Jones 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6.

**TIPTON, STAFFS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Martin's, for morning service, on Sunday, April 15th, in 45 mins., Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. B. Evans 1, J. Hopson 2, A. Clarke 3, T. W. Cattell 4, F. Ward 5, A. Rowley 6, C. Winwood (conductor) 7, L. Parton 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 8 and by C. Winwood as conductor. All the above are members of the local band, and Sunday Service ringers.

**AOTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, A. W. Sear (first quarter) 8.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. E. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, W. E. Cross 3, H. Beechey 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, C. W. Roberts 3, C. F. Winney 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, W. E. Garrard 9, H. G. Miles (conductor) 10.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks' Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. R. Walker 2, F. W. Elliott 3, R. H. Stevens 4, C. Turner 5, H. Whitehead 6, G. R. Millway (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Eagles. Mr. J. Coppins belongs to the St. Mary's band, Folkestone, and was on a visit to Dover.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, on Sunday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the back six, in 49 mins.: R. E. G. Geare 1, W. H. Howe 2, W. Glover (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Putland (conductor) 4, A. Putland 5, G. Clifford 6.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Easter Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Horrell 3, E. J. Pannett 4, E. B. Crowder 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8.

**BARLEY, HERTS.**—On Easter Sunday, for 6 a.m. service, 720 College Singles: Nat. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, F. Hays 3, W. A. Tack 4, W. F. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On March 18th, 720 Plain Bob: Nat. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. Howard 4, W. F. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. Conducted by R. Howard.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 144 Double Court. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor, 288 Woodbine Treble Bob. For 6.30 p.m. service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent. After evening service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. The following taking part: S. Briggs, E. Bailey, junr., E. Bailey, senr., F. Wade, G. Lee, A. J. Naunton, A. J. L. Naunton, E. W. Hall, F. W. Naunton (conductor). It is worthy of note the 720 of Norwich was rung by: E. Bailey, junr., 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, F. Wade 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6. It was the first 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd, and was rung at the first attempt. Mr. A. J. Naunton took part in the touches of Treble Bob. He is 79 years of age, and rings regularly for all Sunday services.

**NORTON.**—On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine service, in the evening, 240 each of London Wells, Durham and Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6. The above was rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeldon's 24th wedding day.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), for evening service: R. H. Johnson 1, A. Coates 2, F. W. Johnson 3, A. Hunter 4, H. Broadley 5, W. Broadley 6, W. Dowson 7, H. Taylor (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the treble and seventh: also rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Booth (curate) on his leaving after 10 years.

## A SUNDERLAND CELEBRATION.

With reference to the peal rung at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the first five bells it is a remarkable and interesting fact that three of the ringers (J. W. Parker, R. L. Patterson and G. S. Taylor) were members of the original band, and one (M. F. Harrison) has been a member since 1899.

After the peal the ringers and a few friends met at the residence of the captain (Mr. J. W. Parker) and presented him with a very fine rosewood clock as a mark of the esteem in which he is held. The presentation was made by Mr. R. L. Patterson, and Mr. Parker feelingly thanked his fellow-ringers and friends for their kindness.

## 'TIRED' BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Editor, — Goode Mistress Peppery did exclaim with great gusto, when she handed me my weekly solace, the 'R.W.' 'There, Peppery, that will make you shout "I.P., I. Pooray." ' And it did. For ye letter from friend Irenæus Pistor hit at least a few of the nails plumb on their pates. I agree with him in toto. Abe Rudhall, sure, was the clear candy where self-advertisement was concerned. Funny I never noticed it before, but I have taken Irenæus Pistor's very excellent advice 'Ecce audi,' and just looked matters up a bit, and, according to the pages of the 'R.W.', I find that the modern purveyors of the 'best ever' are not above a bit of 'slopping.' Now, I know that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' so Rudhall for me, and just put a recurring spot after the eyestricker, please Mr. Editor. I really must tender my apologies to friend Irenæus Pistor for being so remiss as not to have noticed that the Rudhalls are as extinct as the Dodo, and that we can't have any more of their fabrications, but I still have just enough ineffaceable cohesive attraction and repulsion in my whelkish ruminating box to realise that if Irenæus Pistor and others have their way we are not even to be allowed to have any like unto ye fabrications of 'ABE' slopped over though they may have been. Verb, sap.

Pistor, my friend, an ye keep booming Simpson's best. I fear me they will get as tired as Rudhalls. I was at the opening of a much-lauded Simpson peal some time ago, and while basking in the sun on a hillside listening to some really fine Stedman, I remarked to a cleric who sat near, 'By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie braes,' He snapped, 'Yes—the "braes" are there, sure enough.'

Irenæus, ye bell has become tired when hys clapper no more rebounds as of yore, and ye sound produced is as ye sound produced by a stone on an anchor (anchors, by the way, are things whelks nest among), and ye chief factor to cause ye feeling of lassitude in ye bell is hys own shape as a casting. Any casting which is cylindrical is always in a state of tension, and through the course of time the multitude of small cells of which the metal, as a casting, is composed become worn out through sustaining the aforesaid tension. My friend Irenæus must excuse me for pointing out that there is no restorative for tired metal, 'it must be born again.' I have always been of the opinion that the Loughborough ten are a really fine ten, but why don't all founders put up some better ones and then try to do better still? And not try to make use believe that the various rings they put on to our backs are the Alpha and Omega, when we know they are not even as good as the Loughborough ten.—Yours resiliently.

ONCE A BEGINNER.

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal sum for those who send word to Secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on April 28th. Towers open: St. Mary's (8), Godmanchester (8) and Hartford (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and meeting at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea reply by Tuesday, April 24th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?



## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at New Hey Parish Church on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford (6 bells) on April 21st. Short service in church. Tea at 1s. Station Widford (G.E.R.). Pretty country; quite worth a visit. All will be welcome. Bells ready any time.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Buxton Lamas on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Wm. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. per head), meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 21st. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at STRATFORD-ON-AVON on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1923 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 21st. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 1 to 9 p.m., with brief intervals for tea and meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. Short service in Parish Church 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 21st. I should like to hear from members with a view to forming a party of 12 or more to travel together from Nottingham at the reduced fares allowed by Railway Company.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Will hold their quarterly meeting at Lye, Worcestershire, on April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m., service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. D. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, April 21st. 4 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Scott). 4.45: Tea at the Chequers Inn. Meeting following. Bells available during afternoon. All ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A committee meeting of the General Committee of the Association will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on Thursday, April 26th, at 3 p.m. Important business on the affairs of the Association to be transacted. All members of the committee are kindly requested to attend that meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided at the Six Bells at a charge per head for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. Will those who require tea, which will be at a moderate charge, please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd, as I have to give a guarantee? Please come if you send.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 24th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those responsible for the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, April 28th. Six bells ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 24th. — Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Aston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, in the Church Rooms at 5.30, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Ascott-under-Wychwood on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (5) available 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. in the Parish Church.

Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringing friends welcome. — Jack Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Stebbing Guild will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Short service with address 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present for tea please notify J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Consett on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me to arrange for tea? — H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business and tea, at a small charge, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. A social evening has been arranged.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-Conquest on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be at Kingsnorth on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**GLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, April 28th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Thursday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Town Hall at 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3.30. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. Hoste. Meat tea in Town Hall at 4.30, 1s. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6). Other towers to be announced next week. All ringers heartily invited.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Will all requiring same please let me know by May 1st? Harrow Weald bells available after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. Will those requiring tea, for which a nominal charge will be made, kindly advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place, Ripley, not later than May 3rd? A good attendance is required. — A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

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