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Not without cause, a correspondent calls attention to the neglected state of some of the rings of bells in London and the suburbs. There never was a time, probably, when more rings in the Metropolis were in pealable condition, and yet there are to-day far too many which are left silent because they have gone beyond the point when ringing upon them is practicable. The causes which have led to this state of affairs are those with which ringers are only too familiar. With some it is a case of indifference; sometimes it is lack of funds and opportunity of raising money; in a few isolated instances, perhaps, it is the outcome of a direct desire to keep the bells from being rung.

Greater London is well covered by ringing societies, and there is a fine opportunity for a united effort to bring about an improved condition of affairs in those belfries where restoration is needed. There are few things in which the ringing societies who spread over the Metropolis ever combine, but we believe they might, by united action, bring about an improvement in some, at any rate, of the towers. First of all, it is necessary to remove the indifference where it exists. That is not always easy, but steady endeavour would, we believe, eventually have the desired result, and it is in such cases as these that combined effort is more likely to succeed than the individual action of any one society. Is it possible, we wonder, to form a joint committee of all the societies in and overlapping London to consider this question of the more or less derelict rings, and endeavour to move the authorities concerned? Where mere indifference is the cause such a representative committee ought to be able to awaken interest. In those cases where lack of means is put forward as the obstacle, they would be able, tactfully, to advance reasons why, even for the bells, special efforts should be made to put them in as good an order as the other possessions of the church. Of one thing we may be certain: if a committee speaking in the name of all the societies in London could not induce church authorities to put their bells in order, no body less representative would do so, so that nothing would be lost, while much might be gained.

Moreover, if such a committee could be brought into existence, it might, if it included acknowledged experts in regard to bell hanging as well as to bell ringing, eventually become of permanent service, by remaining as a consultative body in regard to bells in and around London. Their views might also be of value in cases which come before the Diocesan Advisory Committees. At present there seems to be little, if any, means of bringing before

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the Diocesan boards evidence of the kind which could be given by a committee such as we suggest. The ringers' view is presented, if at all, only casually, and now that these Diocesan bodies will practically have in their hands the decision in all cases of augmentation or restoration, it would be as well if ringers were able to put their views, where desirable, officially through their own acknowledged experts. It is necessary to tread warily in this matter, but it is one which we commend to the consideration of associations throughout the country, and in which London ringing societies might well take the lead, for they, at any rate, would have a definite task to begin upon.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HANLEY, STOKED-ON-TRENT.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST LONDON Treble	PERCY SHUKER 6
HARRY ALLCOCK 2	STEPHEN SARGEANT 7
WILLIAM H. FITCHFORD ... 3	SAMUEL CARDELL 8
ARTHUR A. CLAY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE 9
PERCY A. DALE 5	WILLIAM H. DEGG Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHEROOK, SEN. Conducted by C. H. PAGE.

First peal on the bells. First peal in the method by the association. First peal in the method by all the band. Rung at first attempt. The band desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin) for the use of the bells. Ringers of 1 and 8 from Stoke, 3 from Wolstanton, 4 from Tunstall, rest belong to the local band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BILBY Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
JESSE FRANCIS 2	CHARLES ANDREWS 7
HORACE TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 8
WILLIAM LOUD 4	SYDNEY HILLIER 9
GERALD GRIFFIN 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal of Royal in the county. First peal of Royal by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BACON Treble	REGINALD A. WATTS 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 7
GORDON A. BACON 3	SYDNEY W. CORDEN 8
CHARLES P. CHALK 4	HENRY T. WILSON 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK 5	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.
Rung for All Hallows. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the local band. First of Royal by all but the ringers of 7, 9 and 10.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED WILFORD Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
TOM TEBBUTT 2	ROBERT BLACK 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	FRED HOPPER 8
FRED W. SAWFOOT 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
*WILFRED J. SHARP 5	ELIJAH JAMES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK J. TRAPPIST Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 6
†ROBERT A. FARDON 2	†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 3	JAMES E. COOPER 8
CANON G. H. RIDOUT 4	JAMES W. TRAPPIST, SEN. 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST... .. 5	DANIEL COOPER... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters away from the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GRIFFITHS DYER Treble	CHARLES MARTIN 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	WALTER YEEND... .. 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	CHARLES TOVEY... .. 7
*WILLIAM DEVEREUX... .. 4	*ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER YEEND.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal for the branch. The band wish to thank T. Pendry for taking part owing to one of the original band turning up late.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JAMES E. COOPER Treble	*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
DANIEL COOPER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method away from the treble.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*HUBERT JONES Treble	*ALFRED E. WAITE 5
ALFRED A. WAITE 2	HERBERT BECKETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN } 3	*ARTHUR G. WAITE 7
*FRANCIS T. WAITE 4	*JOSEPH A. WAITE Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by JOSEPH A. WAITE.

* First peal of Major.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

†JOHN R. MAIN Treble	*ARTHUR BIGLEY... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JAMES S. WARD 6
†GEORGE BASFORD 3	JOHN J. MAWBY 7
*HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal in the method.
* First Surprise peal and rung at first attempt. Messrs. Main and Basford hail from Finedon, the others are local.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

JAMES ROSE Treble	HARRY HALL 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
WILLIAM KINSEY... .. 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT. Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Balderstone,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD HORSFALL Treble	WINSTON BANKS 5
JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
SIMEON K. TAYLOR 3	*JAMES JONES 7
SQUIRE STOTT 4	EDMUND CHADWICK Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

Rung to celebrate Mr. Edmund Chadwick's 40th anniversary as a ringier at the above church. * First peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
DANIEL COOPER... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal by the Surrey Association in the City of London. * First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	CYRIL PALMER 5
HENRY COLLYER... .. 2	CHARLES H. RANGLES ... 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LOUIS HEAD... .. Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

First peal Oxford Treble Bob by all the band.

BIRSTAL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
JOE HARDCASTLE 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
WILLIAM CLARE 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 188). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE HATFIELD GUILD OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
DANIEL ELLINGHAM ... 2	DUDLEY W. W. RICHARDSON 6
*LEONARD SHEPHERD ... 3	*ARTHUR SHEPHERD ... 7
*RICHARD E. RICHARDSON ... 4	FREDERICK COLL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

LONGWOOD, HUDDERSFIELD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

A. WALKER ... Treble	A. GARNER ... 5
H. ARMITAGE ... 2	W. B. FRITH ... 6
A. ARMITAGE ... 3	J. W. NOTTON ... 7
H. NOTTON ... 4	J. E. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, last month. The company take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Vicar, for the use of the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
OSWALD J. HUNT ... 2	WILLIAM T. COX ... 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' Conductor's first peal of Superlative 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN

* First peal of Major.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
I. GEORGE SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
JAMES FLEURY ... 3	*FRANK CLAYDON ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 14). Conducted by W. KEEBLE

* 101st peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. Wiffen on his election as Master of the Northern District of the Essex Association.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BATTEN ... Treble	†HARRY WRIGHT ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HERBERT J. SKELT ... 6
MRS. AMOS CLARK ... 3	†EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 4	*FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, and is from Great Yarmouth. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM PAGE ... 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	JOSEPH DAVIES ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... 7
WILLIAM H. BALL ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. * First peal of Surprise.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	†JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... 5
*JOHN C. NEWMAN ... 2	GEORGE HAYWARD ... 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT ... 7
I. GEORGE SHADE ... 4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR GOWER ... Treble	*ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
ERNEST GOWER ... 3	*BENJAMIN HOBBS ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
JOHN W. WOOD ... 2	GEORGE LADD ... 6
ARTHUR J. FARR ... 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
JOHN T. BROWN ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, Sept. 24th, for practice, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Price 1, A. Parker 2, C. Rawlings 3, W. Thomas 4, W. Hunter 5, H. Burt 6, J. R. Jones 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8. First quarter by ringers of 2 and 3.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... 5
EDGAR GRISE ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
RICHARD CLARK ... 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... Tenor

Non-conducted. Umpire: THOMAS F. KING (Bath).

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... Treble	ALBERT PICKLES ... 5
FRED HUTTON ... 2	EDGAR WHITELEY ... 6
*CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 3	†JOE GREENWOOD ... 7
HAROLD PEARCE ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble	*THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 5
*THOMAS BUTLER ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	*WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. The peal was arranged for T. and T. R. Butler and W. Higginson, and the latter was made a life member.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Old Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS FLORENCE SAUNDERS Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	GILBERT GUEST ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 4	WILLIAM A. PUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Florence Saunders. Also as a quarterly peal for the above Guild. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of offering their thanks to Miss Pigott for her generous hospitality after the peal, also after the previous attempts.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3rd, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS ... Treble	FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 3	FREDERICK SMITH ... 7
*SAMUEL SMEDLEY, JUN. ... 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. HOLLIS.

* First peal. Author's No. 18. Rung to commemorate the 81st birthday of the Rector of Staveley Rev. Canon Molineux. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th and Tenor belong to the Chesterfield company, to whom the local members extend thanks for their kindness and help. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were proposed members of the association prior to commencing the peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... 6
EDWARD C. MERRETT ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BIOESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

RUPERT R. LEWIS ... Treble	RICHARD W. BARROWS ... 5
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 2	FRANK BALDWIN ... 6
JOHN SIMONS ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JACK JUDGE ... 4	*FREDERICK SELWYN ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TUFFREY.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

SIDNEY PROCTOR ... Treble	ARTHUR DRURY ... 4
HENRY SQUIRES ... 2	HARRY BARNES ... 5
JOHN H. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON Treble	JOHN BASS ... 4
†WILLIAM GIBBS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 5
*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the consecration by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the new extension to the burial ground of this parish. It is also the first 5040 of London Surprise Minor by all the band, in the County and by the Association. * First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from the treble. Rung also on the birthday of Mrs. W. J. Bretherton.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, ELLESMERE.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 12 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble	*WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 4
*ARTHUR ALLEN ... 2	†THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 5
†ROBERT T. EVANS ... 3	*WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by T. R. BUTLER. Witness: WALTER W. J. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Mr R. T. Evans hails from Oswestry and the remainder from Ellesmere, Salop.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £12 13s. 6d.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, collection at quarterly meeting at Boldmere, £2 18s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma, Beauty Bank, Old Hill.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz., 4 six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 Plain Bob, 26 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALCO. MUNDY Treble	CHARLES J. PAIN 3
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	*HARRY WITHERS 4
THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR KING Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
†FRANCIS J. GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	*HUBERT DRING Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Association in the tower. He and the tenor ringer hail from Over. First peal on the bells.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HARRIS Treble	THOMAS JOLL 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	CECIL C. BISHOP 5
CHARLES MILLARD 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	THOMAS READ 4
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
JAMES ROSE 3	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

First peal on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's each of Morning Star, Suffolk Delight, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and thirty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS ... 4
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	DAVID H. BENNETT 5
DAVID J. MOORE 3	*C. MORGAN DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. First peal rung for the above Guild, which was established on Saturday, October 27th, 1923. First peal in seven methods by all the band, on the bells, and in the county. The above are all members of the local band.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Saturday Oct. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: 11. W. Bishop 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Heall 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the method.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

RONALD BECK Treble	WALTER FARLEY 4
GERALD GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty 120's of Grandsire and twelve of Bob Doubles, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	THOMAS BARHAM 3
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM E. HOLDEN 4
HUBERT FOLBIGG Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 16, West Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PERCY MAY 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6
ARTHUR E. MOORE 3-4	WILLIAM WATSON 7-8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Tower of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MAURICE SYMONDS 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
WM. R. JOHN POULSON 3-4	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: F. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. This is supposed to be the first 'double-handed' peal of Major in which father, son and grandson have taken part.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.18,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	JOHN SPARROW 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY. Umpire: Mr. W. LANGDON.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the couple arriving from Eastbourne in time to hear the last few courses.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING 5-6
*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 3-4	JOHN FOSTER 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING. Witness: Mrs. POLLING.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY WANTS MORE
HON. MEMBERS.**

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their autumn meeting at Leafield on Saturday, November 3rd. Upwards of twenty ringers were present for ringing before service from Chipping Norton, Churchill, Charlbury, Witney, Leafield, and also the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Master of the Guild, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Hon. Rev. N. F. W. Balfour), with the assistance of the Rev. R. H. Hall, of Ramsden, who gave an interesting address. Tea was next partaken of in the Schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. J. W. Palmer (chairman of the branch) presided. He announced that they were all the guests of Mr. Hewitt, who was providing the excellent meat tea free of all cost (applause).

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all those who helped towards the success of the meeting, especially Mr. Hewitt.

The members made a grant of £3 to the Spelsbury Bell Restoration Fund.

The hope was expressed that more would become hon. members to help to build up a surplus for these needs.

Further ringing afterwards brought a most enjoyable meeting to an end.

SOUTH OXON BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the South Oxon branch was held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at Chalgrove, and was fairly well attended, considering the rough weather. Service was held in the Parish Church and a practical address on the history and message of church bells was delivered by the Rector of Great Haseley (the Rev. Bown). After service tea was provided at the Hampden Hall by the kindness of the Vicar of Chalgrove (the Rev. T. O. Floyd). The annual business meeting followed at which the officers were elected, and it was decided to hold the spring meeting on May 31st, 1924, at Long Crendon, Bucks.

The tower was then again visited, and some good touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, with the kind help of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Guild Master) and three others from Caversham.

Sympathy was expressed at the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. P. Wilson, of Warborough), who had to undergo an operation for appendicitis on the preceding Wednesday.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Cirencester Branch of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Diocesan Association held its quarterly meeting at Tetbury, when about thirty members attended, the following towers being represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Wotton Bassett, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge, South Cerney, Chippenham, Coin St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, and Tetbury. A good opportunity was thus afforded of trying the recently rehung bells at Tetbury, and a very favourable opinion was expressed as to the manner in which the work had been done.

Rev. Dr. Thomson, Vicar of Tetbury, conducted a service held in the Parish Church during the afternoon, an appropriate address being given by the Rev. J. R. Foster, Rector of Leighterton.

Tea was afterwards partaken of and was followed by a business meeting. Mr. H. C. Bond, chairman of the Cirencester Branch, presided, and was supported by Mr. F. J. Lewis, Master of the Diocesan Association, and hon. secretary of the branch. Several new members were elected; the recently formed band of Tetbury ringers were congratulated on their progress; and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the work done in connection with the rehanging of the Parish Church bells.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Cirencester in January.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round and several of the learners were helped through their first courses of Triples.

GLOUCESTER BRANCH NEW SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch was held at Barnwood on Oct. 6th when about 14 towers were represented. Several methods were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. V. Paton), who also gave an address. Tea followed in the Schoolroom, the chairman of the branch (Mr. W. B. Wood) presiding, and 40 members sitting down. At the business meeting Mr. W. B. Wood was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch.

The hon. branch secretary (Mr. H. Austin) resigned owing to his work taking him away from the city, and Mr. W. H. Harris was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. J. Austin was elected on the management committee, in place of Mr. G. Smith, resigned.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. W. B. Wood) for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea concluded the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When referring a fortnight ago to Lancashire Surprise, we said it had been separately composed three times. We now learn that there has been yet a fourth composer, for in February, 1911, the same figures (unnamed) were sent by the Rev. E. E. James to Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.

October is a lucky month for the Priddlewell company. The first peal on the eight was rung in October, 1896, the first on the ten in October, 1902, and the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in October, 1923.

Three generations of the Symonds family, of Lavenham, have taken part in a handbell peal.

Curiously enough we also record this week a tower bell peal in which three generations of one family took part. This was at Beddington last Saturday and the ringers included three generations of the Trappitt family, the ringer of the 5th being the father of the treble ringer, and son of the ringer of the 9th. Canon Ridout, who also took part, has since sailed again for South Africa. All will wish him a safe voyage.

Visitors to London for the College Youths dinner will find plenty of opportunity for ringing, both to-morrow afternoon and on Sunday. In addition to the usual arrangements, there is Sunday ringing at St. Clement Danes, which has already been notified, and Bow and Cripple-gate Churches will be open at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. William Rock Small of Tipton, 'father' of the Black Country ringers, will be 84 on Monday, and his many friends throughout the Exercise will extend their good wishes to him. Unfortunately Mr. Small is far from well, and birthday congratulations will, therefore, be joined with wishes for his better health.

The ringer of the 8th in the peal at Wrexham was Arthur Watkin, and not as printed last week.

A Guild of Ringers has been formed for the new Welsh Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. The new Guild was founded on October 27th, and the first peal rung on October 29th.

A century ago there was at Huddersfield one of the best ringing companies in the kingdom. Among their performances was a peal of 'New Treble Bob Major, 10,080 changes, consisting of thirty-six courses in five hours and forty-five minutes,' rung on Nov. 13th, 1820. The old peal board recording the performance is one of the rare examples which give the figures of the peal.

Recorded in the Junior Cumberlands peal book is a peal of 6,003 'Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle,' which was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields on Nov. 13th, 1797. It was 'the greatest number ever achieved in that method,' and, so the record proceeds, 'will remain a lasting honour to the society and an example worthy to be imitated by posterity.' Unhappily, after the figures had been published by Shipway in 1816 they were found to be false.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

On the question of muffled ringing the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, sends the following views which he set out in his annual report for 1921:—

'During the war Lincolnshire ringers kept clear of the morbid desire to ring muffled peals, but since the Armistice was signed I notice that muffled peals have been rung on Armistice Day and for the dedication of war memorials, and I feel sure that this mistake is simply due to thoughtlessness. It is an old custom to ring a muffled peal for a funeral, but as soon as the muffled peal was over an open peal for the resurrection always used to follow it; and ringing muffled bells on Armistice Day is really a relapse into heathenism; but far worse than this is the actual ringing of the muffled peals on Sunday. Sunday is the weekly commemoration of our Blessed Lord's Resurrection, it is always a feast day, and muffled bells on Sunday are absolutely out of place.

'Open bells on Sunday, open bells on Armistice Day, because we believe in the resurrection of the dead.

'In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer,

For the Saints who before us have found their reward;

When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrow'd,

But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.'

The Midland Counties Association have issued an official notice suggesting to all towers in their area, half-muffled ringing for the morning service, and open bells for the remaining services.

An official notice of the Suffolk Guild also requests muffled ringing before the 11 a.m. Silence on Sunday.

In view of the special ringing which will be done on Sunday, in connection with the observance of Armistice Day, we will do our best to publish reports of quarter-peals and over rung on eight bells and upwards, and 720's on six bells, but we regret it will not be possible to find space for shorter lengths. Moreover, in order to save disappointment, the reports must reach us not later than first post on Tuesday next.

A NEW GUILD IN WALES.

DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR SWANSEA AND BRECON.

At a meeting held at the Church House, Brecon, on Saturday, Oct. 27th, a Guild of ringers for the new diocese of Swansea and Brecon was formed. The diocese includes the counties of Brecon and Radnor, and that part of the county of Glamorgan which forms the Gower peninsula. Hitherto the towers in the two counties have been affiliated to the Hereford Guild, and those in Glamorgan to the West Wales Association.

Among the towers represented at the meeting were Brecon St. Mary's, Builth, Talgarth, Glasbury St. Peter's, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Llanelli, Brongllys, Clyro, Cwmdu, Llanfagan etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance but in full sympathy with the movement, were read from places as far apart as Knighton, Sketty, Swansea and Llangorse, while several towers in the vicinity of Neath, although not in the diocese, sent a message of approval, testifying to their willing co-operation in that district.

The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon presided, and the title chosen, and approved, for the new society was 'The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.'

The officers appointed were: The Lord Bishop, president; the Sub-Dean (Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Vicar of Brecon), the Archdeacon of Brecon (Ven. H. J. Church Jones) and the Archdeacon of Gower (Ven. H. S. Williams), vice-presidents; Master of the Guild, Rev. T. R. J. Jones; hon. sec., Mr. W. R. Howells, 95, Struet, Brecon; hon. treasurer, Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon.

The following were appointed as a committee, to act with the officers of the Guild: Messrs. W. T. Hargest Brecon; W. Bicknell, Builth; S. T. Rackham, Llanelli (Breconshire); W. D. Griffiths, Talgarth; C. Powell Llangattock; C. Morse, Sketty; J. Hoare (St. Mary's), Swansea; D. J. Williams, Gorseinon; J. Hammond, Neath. The first annual meeting has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, 28th June, 1924, at Brecon.

For the present the rules now operating in the Hereford Guild, were adopted, with the exception of Rules 14, 15, 16 and 20, to be drawn up at the first committee meeting to be held early in the New Year.

At the close of the meeting, the Bishop entertained the company to tea, and the members afterwards adjourned to St. Mary's tower, where touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

NEGLECTED LONDON TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Week after week I read in your columns the interesting announcements of bells having been restored, and, in some towers, additions having been presented, which opens up to the young aspirant an opportunity to progress in the art of change ringing. In that respect they have my sincere congratulations. London, per se, was apparently the 'Cradle of campanian fame'—as old chronicles affirm; and yet there are in London and suburbs peals of from six to ten bells still remaining in a neglected condition, bells for the erection of which our forefathers subscribed. In some districts, representatives of the church do not seem to exhibit that fraternal tenderness and liberality which forms a striking feature in the character of a devout and Christian spirit. They might at any rate display a more intimate acquaintance with the requirements and comfort of the belfry and with the ringers, who devote their services gratis to the familiar 'call' to Divine worship.

'At Homes' and 'Afternoon Teas' are preferable to a cold and draughty belfry, I admit; but if this beautiful and interesting art could be grafted more closely into the minds of some of our ministers, much good would be done for the church and the science. To those eminent divines who have passed away, as well as those reverend gentlemen who are still 'in the hunt' who embrace the belfry as they do the vestry, to the glory of God, and to the good of their fellow creatures, the science owes a debt of gratitude.—Yours, etc.,

BOB MINOR.

A NEW TREBLE.

The first 720 on the bells at the Parish Church of Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, since Messrs. Taylor and Co. added a new treble, was rung on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, when the extent of Double Court Bob Minor was brought round by A. E. Sneath 1. T. R. Oldham (first in the method) 2. H. W. Day (conductor) 3. J. Landon 4. W. Tilley 5. G. H. Wells 6. Messrs. Taylor's work has been carried out in a most efficient manner, and has given great satisfaction.

THE LATE MR. BONAR LAW.

At All Saints', Newport, as a last tribute of respect, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted on the day of the funeral of the late Mr. Bonar Law. Unfortunately a shift occurred just before the half-way single, after an hour and thirty-five minutes' ringing.

SHARNBROOK BELLS.

'UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.'

The recent removal of the bells at Sharnbrook, Beds, for restoration (including the recasting of four of them) without first obtaining the necessary faculty, led to strong comments being made by the Worshipful Kenneth Macmorran, Chancellor of the Diocese, sitting at a Consistory Court at St. Albans Cathedral.

The petitioners, the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Sharnbrook, were represented by Mr. Nelson Tebbs, Bedford, who admitted that the clock and bells had been removed from the church and sent to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, before application was made for a faculty. There were six bells—the first modern, the fifth by one of the Newcomes (seventeenth century), and the rest by Henry Bagley, 1638. The tower and spire are of the Northamptonshire type which prevails in the north of Bedfordshire.

The Chancellor (as reported in 'The Church Times') said he would go fully into the case in giving judgment, because it was desirable that certain unfortunate events should not be repeated. It had been admitted that the bells and clock had been removed without a faculty. A letter had been written suggesting that a faculty was a mere formality. It was his duty to impress upon the petitioners, and all in whom Church property is vested, that churches and their contents must not be interfered with unless with the formal approval of the Bishop's Court. The bishop was the ultimate guardian of the fabric of the church; the churchwardens were his officers with legal ownership, but whose powers were exercised, subject to well defined rules and limitations. If the bishop could not trust his officers, the whole of this part of the parochial system would fall to the ground. While the bishop was the only authority who could give permission for additions and alterations to churches and their contents, that authority was exercised by the Diocesan Court, and the judge there must consider whether proposals were lawful, and if lawful, whether they were desirable.

The Chancellor then read an extract from a report by his learned predecessor and two other Chancellors in 1914 wherein they traced the present consistorial jurisdiction over church fabrics, etc., back to 1237, and in which the system was fully explained. During the short time he had held the office, he regretted to find that in the Archdeaconry of Bedford there seemed great laxity in the way in which the fabrics of churches had been interfered with, without the authority of that Court. The churchwardens of Sharnbrook had been guilty of an ecclesiastical offence of no light character—namely, the alienation of the Church's goods, an offence for which they could be prosecuted. By this very wrong act they allowed a firm of bell founders to remove the Church's property, regardless of the trust placed in them. They were trustees not only for the present parishioners, but for future generations, and for the diocese. The learned judge said he could conceive of no terms too severe or too strong in which to condemn the action of these churchwardens. One of them had aggravated his offence by writing a most improper letter, in which he said that the Parochial Church Council 'strongly objected' to the report of an expert sent by the Advisory Committee; maintaining that he was 'not in a position to offer advice,' and threatening not to raise money for the diocese if the Court refused a faculty, and referring to bad feeling caused locally.

The Chancellor wished it to be known that the Court would not be deflected from its duty by any such bad feeling, and that it was most improper that an officer of the Church should write to the judge threatening not to do his duty. Matters, he added, would have turned out differently had the proper course been pursued. The Diocesan Advisory Committee ought to have been consulted first of all. While the committee had no legal claim to be consulted, and the Chancellor was not bound by their advice, nevertheless, if petitioners did not consult them in the first place, he had arranged that all such applications should come before them later on, as he had done in that case.

The Advisory Committee had taken an enormous amount of trouble over Sharnbrook, and had even incurred some expense in order to advise him properly.

In conclusion, the Chancellor rather reluctantly allowed the recasting of three seventeenth century bells on account of their very bad condition; but he made it a condition that the frame should be erected to the satisfaction and under the supervision of Mr. A. R. Powys, the architect called in by the Advisory Committee.

A 'SILENT' PEAL OF STEDMAN.

Congratulations to the Bristol band who, last Saturday, rang a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, as recorded in another column. It was originally intended to attempt the peal on September 29th, but seven men and the umpire met at one church, and one waited in vain at another! But the ultimate meeting has resulted in well-earned success. It is worth noting that of the 'inside' men Messrs. Leaker, Guise and Brown, have not yet conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

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NORBURY'S ANCIENT BELLS.**CHESHIRE PEAL TO BE AUGMENTED.**

A fund has been opened for the restoration of the ancient bells of Norbury Church, Hazel Grove, Stockport. The restoration comprises recasting the existing bells, the addition of two new bells to complete the octave and rehanging the whole in a cast-iron frame. The work will not be carried out until the fund is complete. Each bell is to be cast for a different object, which prevents the restoration being carried out at once.

The six bells came from Disley Parish Church in 1837.

The two oldest bells are Nos. 3 and 4, and were cast in 1617 by Henry Oldfield, of Congleton and Nottingham. Each has, in addition to their inscriptions, the crest of the Leghs of Lyme—a ram's head issuant out of a ducal coronet.

No. 6 was cast in 1632, and bears the very quaint inscription: 'May all people behold and see the works of goode Sir Peter Legh,' along with two crests, one as on Nos. 3 and 4, the other being a dexter arm, embowed, wielding a sword.

Nos. 1 and 2 were cast in 1748 and 1750 respectively by Daniel Hedderley, of Bawtry (Yorks) and Nottingham, and bear the name of 'Peter Lee, Lord of Lime.'

No. 5 was cast in 1837 by Thomas Mears, of London. It has on it the name of 'Thomas Legh, Esq., Lyme Park.'

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—That the name 'Rochester Surprise' is to disappear in favour of 'Lancashire Surprise' leaves me with one regret—Rochester is a pretty name, while, for that purpose Lancashire, I venture to suggest, is not. I hope my Lancashire friends will forgive my saying so. Whenever I see it I am at once reminded of such commodities as Worcestershire sauce, Cheshire cheese, etc., which smack of the shires. What a contrast is offered by the concise and euphonious 'Surprise' names to which we are accustomed—London, Bristol, Cambridge, Gloucester, Brighton, Rutland, etc.! Would our friends in Lancashire, therefore, consider, before it is too late—and the present juncture seems a favourable opportunity for doing so—the advisability of substituting 'Lancaster' for 'Lancashire'? And, would our Methods Committee take a note, and use their influence in the cause of uniformity and euphony?—Yours very truly,

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

ANOTHER VARIATION.

Writing in reference to this method having been rung as 'Rochester,' Mr. Arthur Craven, the author, says:—

I am very sorry for the Leiston band and Mr. Lindoff, because it carries a certain amount of disappointment when one finds that his production is old instead of new. The first peal was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, conducted by Jas. Houldsworth in August, 1922. All the Double Methods on this plan have been discovered well over 20 years. There is still one more that has not been published.

It is allied to 'Lancashire' as 'Dublin' is to 'Bristol.'

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24135766	23157687
42317568	32516748
24137586	23156478
42315768	32514687
24351786	35241678
Clear proof; same lead ends	53426187
and same compositions as	54321678
'Lancashire.'	45236187
	54326817
	53428671
	35246817
	32546671

23458761
Lead end
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This method has clean proof when 5ths and 4ths are used, otherwise 32465 and 43265 are false course ends, as in Superlative.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE COMING DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, by kind permission of the Rector. The fine peal of eight by Taylor (tenor 22 cwt.) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich Superlative Cambridge and London Surprise Major. A short service was held, the Guild service being conducted by the Rector (Canon Lovett), who gave an excellent address. Mr. D. C. Williams presided at the organ.

The tea and business meeting followed with the Rector in the chair. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president), the Rev. W. C. Woods (hon. treasurer), and the district chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite).

The balance sheet for the year ending 31st October was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker). The receipts were £15 1s. 2d., and expenditure £4 11s. The sum of £9 10s. had been paid to the Guild treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2d.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc viz.: Chairman, Canon Braithwaite; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

The following meetings were arranged for the year 1924: Alton on Feb. 2nd; Sheffield English on May 3rd; Twyford and Owslebury on August 30th; and the annual meeting at Winchester on Nov. 1st.

Messrs. Curtis Newman and White, of St. Mary's, Southampton, and Miss Iris Giles, of North Stoneham, were elected full members.

The next business was the consideration of the division of the diocese as affecting the constitution of the Guild.—A letter from the general secretary was read, and after considerable discussion, Mr. Pullinger proposed, and Mr. Faithfull seconded, a resolution to the effect that the Winchester district is very strongly in favour of the Guild continuing as hitherto, when the diocese is divided, and that the title be changed to 'The Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.' Also that the ringers in the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth be invited to remain in unity with Winchester, and to help carry on the great work and great name of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

The Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Lovett for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for the use of the school for tea and meeting, also for presiding.—Canon Lovett, replying, said he was pleased to do anything he could for the ringers.

The towers represented were Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, North Stoneham, Diphden, Romsey, Ringwood, Fareham, Curdridge, Portsmouth, Winchester, Bournemouth, Southampton, Hursley, and Messrs. Barton and Jennings from the Isle of Wight.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Western District, held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, was a very successful one, members being present from Harpenden, St. Albans, Watford, Bushey, Tring, Berkhamstead, Dunstable, and the local company. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) who accorded a hearty welcome to the visitors, and gave a very helpful and impressive address.

Immediately afterwards all adjourned to the St. Mary's Hall, where tea was partaken of, the Vicar and his wife kindly inviting the visitors to be their guests.

At the meeting which followed, the Vicar was unanimously voted to the chair.—One new member was elected from Tring, and, with cordial approval, the Rev. A. F. Robson was elected an hon. member.

For the next meeting King's Langley was chosen, subject to the necessary permission, the date being fixed for the second Saturday in January.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his wife for their generosity; the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for his services.

On behalf of the company present the secretary offered all good wishes and godspeed to Mr. George Debenham, who sails shortly for the Malay States.

Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells after which all adjourned to the tower to continue ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

Thanks are offered to all who contributed towards another successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage took place at Old Basford, Notts, on Oct. 18th, of Mr. H. Lewin and Miss M. Poyser, both members of the local band of ringers and in honour of the event 504 Stedman Triples were rung by the following: T. Jennison 1, *L. Hooton 2, *F. Barks 3, *A. Marsh, *R. Widnall 5, F. Johnson 6, G. R. Goodship 7, *A. Hooton 8. * The first 504.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for harvest festival service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins., by the St. Clements' Youths: F. W. Sergison (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Rushton 2, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, R. A. Fardon 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, F. G. Newman 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, E. A. Young 10.

EALING.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brookland 1, F. S. Palmer, junr., 2, G. Harbourn 3, A. Harding 4, O. Edwards 5, J. E. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, J. Binfield 2, S. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, C. H. Horton 2, E. M. Elliott 3, Rev. C. F. Ayers 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

WITLE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Summerfield 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Edwards 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, W. Lincoln 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Longest length by A. Summerfield and H. Edwards.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 47 mins.: H. Colley, junr., 1, A. Gower 2, J. Hemming (conductor) 3, A. Boswell 4, H. Colley, senr., 5, J. Stanley 6. First quarter-peal by 1st, 2nd and 6th, and first away from the treble by the ringer of the 4th.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., with ten different callings: H. Colley, junr., 1, A. Gower 2, H. Colley, senr., 3, J. Hemming (conductor) 4, A. Boswell 5, J. Stanley 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: L. Trigg 1, L. Goodwin 2, W. T. Beeson, junr., 3, F. Rice 4, W. Wilson 5, T. Coppard 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. T. Beeson, senr., 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. H. Lott 1, Miss E. C. Chapman 2, W. S. Smith 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, J. Currell 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 5th.

LONG EATON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for morning service, on Oct. 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Geeson 1, W. R. Drage (conductor) 2, J. Harrison 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Geary 5, C. Wilkenston 6, T. Hutchinson 7, J. Watson 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, C. Edwards 3, W. H. Hollier 4, E. Harris 5, E. J. Walsom 6, P. E. Clark (first attempt as conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. (10 different callings) with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. F. Ellingham 1, S. Stilwell 2, D. G. Archer 3, C. Folly 4, J. Kent 5, C. Gash 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, H. Gash (first quarter-peal) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Hughes 1, J. Perry (Brewood) 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, T. Tudor 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

SALHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, E. Mill 3, C. Creasey 4, T. Booth 5, G. Mills (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Oct. 28th, for evening service 832 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Ward 1, G. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Mathews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.

PENSHURST, KENT.—At the Parish Church for morning service, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: B. Pankhurst (Leigh) 1, M. Lambert 2, J. H. Howes (Feltham, Middlesex) 3, G. Edwards 4, A. Reader 5, H. Seal 6, P. Denton (Leigh) conductor, 7, H. Baker 8. First quarter-peal for treble and third.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Catherine's Church on Sunday, Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *Reg. Dobbins 1, Robert Baird 2, Albert Sluman 3, Wallace Dobbins 4, J. T. Williams 5, William Dobbins 6, J. Williams (first quarter as conductor) 7, *O. Willis 8. * First quarter. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on his obtaining his B.Sc. degree.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 21st, at Christ Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, L. A. Wilson 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Heard 6, W. Trueman 7, W. G. Lancaster 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—For morning service, at St. John's, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, S. Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, W. G. Cross 5, J. Carman 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and was rung as a farewell to J. Carman, who shortly leaves for London. First quarter in the method on the bells.

LEWES.—At Southover Church, for morning service, on Oct. 21st, 462 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, A. S. Turner 2, W. Boyes 3, B. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, A. Errey 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8. For evening service, 406 Grandsire Triples and 125: D. White 1, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 2, W. Pelling 3, B. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, W. Boyes 6, A. J. Turner 7, J. Steadman 8. These touches were also rung to commemorate Trafalgar Day.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, for harvest festival, afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Downing 1, J. C. Taylor 2, W. Godden 3, F. Cardwell 4, J. Garth 5, H. Taylor 6, H. Wilson 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all and first attempt, except by conductor. For evening service, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman broke down in the 13th course owing to a change course: J. C. Taylor 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, W. Godden 3, H. Wilson 4, J. Garth 5, W. H. Taylor 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, F. Cardwell 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, E. Jones 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit to the parish, of which he was formerly Vicar of the Right Rev. Bishop Hook, D.D., and as a birthday compliment to E. Jones. Also on handbells, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marshall 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. Kynaston 4, R. Evans 5-6. Jointly conducted by R. Evans and W. B. Kynaston. Also for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Hughes 1, R. Martin 2, R. Evans (conductor) 3, H. T. Hughes 4, E. Jones 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8.

LONDON.—An Sunday morning, Oct. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, for the fish, fowl and fruit harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Hewitt 1, A. W. Coles 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, C. T. Coles 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, R. Sanders 8. This festival has previously been held at St. Magnus London Bridge.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, S. Hoare 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at St. Mary Abbots Kensington, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, W. J. Kemp 2, P. E. Clark 3, A. Trimmer 4, O. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, P. L. Miles 6, G. W. Frayne 7, R. C. Congreve-Fridgeon 8, H. G. Miles 9, A. Howell 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for the evening service, and in commemoration of Trafalgar Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, H. J. Saunders 2, C. R. Millway 3, R. H. Stevens 4, C. Turner 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on Oct. 21st, 960 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glascock 1, G. Lester 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, G. Fletcher 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. F. Mansfield 1, Miss M. A. Nye 2, F. Fraser 3, H. James 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EIGHT HUNDRED MILES FOR A PULL.

A successful meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Epsom on Saturday, Oct. 20th when upwards of 50 members made good use of the bells at St. Martin's and Christ Church during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held at Christ Church with an instructive address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Hooke. Tea and the business meeting followed at the Church Room, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P.). Among the visitors was Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was on his first visit to England for 18 years, and amused the members by saying that in South Africa he had to travel 400 miles each way to get a pull.

Six new members were elected, including the Vicar who, in responding to a vote of thanks, expressed the hope that the association would pay another visit in the near future. The next meeting of the district will be held at Benhilton, Sutton in January.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Armistice Day Ringing.—It is suggested that bells be rung half-muffled for the morning service, and open for the remaining services.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Members are requested to arrange for some muffled ringing before the 11 a.m. Silence on Sunday next, on that day or previously, and for open ringing afterwards, at such time as can be arranged.—C. E. Fisher, Treasurer; H. Drake, Secretary.

A wreath will be placed at the foot of the Ringers' Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral by the Durham and Newcastle Association. Should any relative or friend of fallen members be desirous of placing a wreath there also, and are unable to attend, the officers of the association will place them at the memorial if the flowers are addressed to the Hon. Sec. at Newcastle Cathedral.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Dunstan in the East, all from 3 to 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong on Nov. 11th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Giles, Cripplegate, at 5.15.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Vicarage Room, 5.45 p.m.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.—A ringers' social will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, on Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and entertainment in Priestwell Schools. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.—The six bells at Payhembury, Devonshire, which have just been rehung with all new fittings in a new metal frame, and the tenor recast by Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated at a special service in the church at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th. Preacher: The Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery, and Chairman of the East Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. Tea in the Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Tickets 1/- each. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Parry, The Vicarage, Payhembury, Exeter.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Nov. 18th and 25th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, ringing 10 o'clock to 10.45 a.m. Half-muffled ringing immediately after morning service and again at 2.15 p.m. to 3.15. Any ringers visiting London during the week-end will be heartily welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, but please send a postcard those requiring same by the 13th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 17th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available; also Bengoe (8), if wanted. A short service will be held at All Saints' at 4.30; address by the Vicar. Tea at 1/- per head at Mr. Thirtledoe's, near Corn Exchange, at 5 o'clock; business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester St. Hulme, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30, with an address by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary and lay reader, St. Albans. Tea 1/3 each, at the Grange after service, followed by meeting. Will members and ringing friends kindly note the date as we hope to have a good muster?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. Will all members intending being present kindly let Miss D. Steel, 67, Goldington Road, Bedford, know on or before Wednesday, Nov. 14th, so that she can arrange tea?—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be at Appleton on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3. Tea and meeting 4. Those intending being present let me know by the 14th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above association will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting, and will members please attend in good numbers to decide the Croft Dinner arrangements, etc.?—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 13th?—R. G. Black, District Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 4 p.m. Church service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head for those who advise Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than 12th inst. Buses are run in the near vicinity of the church from many places, and a good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. Nearest railway station, Langwith, L.M. & S.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, November 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, 17th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at Foster's Restaurant. Will members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, 15th?—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, November 17th. Tea will be provided for those attending this meeting. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill (election of officers), on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present. Will those who require tea notify me on or before Wednesday, November 21st?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by November 21st. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries please note that the address of Hon. Treasurer is now Mr. A. J. Wright, 40, Hamilton Road, Reading?—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James George has removed to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

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NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available 3.15—4.15 and 6.45—7.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec.

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