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ACCIDENTS IN THE BELFRY.

The story, which we published last week, of the sad fatality in the belfry at Whalley, where an employe of the Loughborough Foundry met his death by falling through the open hatchway in the ringing room to the floor of the church, will have been read with deep regret not only by those who knew the victim, Mr. Richard Burton, who for twenty years had been employed by Messrs. Taylor & Co., but by all connected with the Exercise. Happily, a fatality in connection with the restoration of bells is an exceedingly rare occurrence. We have no recollection of a previous one in recent years, and this is the first in the long history of the famous Loughborough firm. It does, however, go to prove a fact which is often overlooked, that there are risks and dangers in the bell-hanger's task. In this instance a moment's absent-mindedness cost the man his life.

The distressing accident is a reminder, too, of the risks which are sometimes run by ringers, and especially by those who make themselves responsible for looking after the bells. Oftentimes these risks are taken unnecessarily. It is no unusual thing for a steeplekeeper to grease the bells while they are up, and we have known men who have gone in the dark among raised bells to turn the clapper of one which has gone up the wrong way. To do either of these things is, to say the least, inviting trouble. To grope one's way in darkness over the narrow frame, with protruding bolts on which to trip, with yawning pits on either side, and bells ready to fly off from the stay at the least pull, is an extremely dangerous practice, and yet it is often done with immunity by ringers that they make light of it and laugh at the misgivings of the timorous. Some of the things which steeplekeepers will do among the bells is, to put it mildly, absolutely tempting Providence.

In view of the risks which are necessary, however, when something has to be done among the bells in an emergency, such as turning a clapper, or mending a rope near the wheel, it is only right that the ringers should be safeguarded as far as possible by the church authorities. Proper lighting facilities should be provided not only in the ringing chamber and on the staircases—many of which are so steep as to be dangerous and on which a false step might lead to a serious fall—but up among the bells themselves. In many belfries now electric light and gas is fitted, but it is astonishing in what a small proportion one finds any artificial light on the stairs, and in still fewer is the means of illumination carried right up to the bell chamber. And yet, as a simple safeguard to life and limb, this is one of the first necessities. Ringers have a right to demand this protection, but at the same time, we think there are many who take unnecessary risks among the bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE Treble	J. W. PARKER 7
E. A. HERN 2	W. C. BASKILL 8
J. ROWELL 3	A. F. HILLIER 9
W. H. BARBER 4	R. THOMPSON 10
W. STORY 5	E. E. FERRY 11
J. FOREMAN 6	J. E. R. KEEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of Mr. William Story's jubilee of service on the Newcastle Quayside.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY HEAD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD 10
CYRIL PEASE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
THOMAS LINCOLN 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5148 CHANGES;

ALFRED G. HANNIS Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	JOHN BALLINGER 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	EX-SRGT. J. WILLIAMS 10
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5	FRANK COLE 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	CHARLES BARNFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the record peal of Grandsire Cinques (13,001 changes) rung on February 14th, 1920; also to celebrate the 8,448 Stedman Cinques rung on February 16th, 1858.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
TOM SAUNDERS 2	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	LEWIS NEWMAN 8
GEORGE KENWARD 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER 9
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

First peal of Royal by all the band. Peal No. 15 in G.C. Collection.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS HUGHES... ..Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
EDGAR MARLOW 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 8
BERT HORTON 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGHTenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hadnet, Salop, this being his first peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWARK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROWTreble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
LOUIS ATTWATER 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
THOMAS LANGDON 4	HENRY R. NEWTONTenor

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Newton, who has now rung the heaviest tenors yet turned in to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW ARCHDEACONRY.)

(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF CLUN.)

On Sunday, February 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*FRANCES ALBERT WATKINS Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
*JOHN W. HARDWICK... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	WILLIAM MEADTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

A complimentary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mead, of Clun, to celebrate their silver wedding day. They were married at Newent, Gloucester, on February 8th, 1899. * First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*LIONEL J. CULLUMTreble	ALFRED G. HILLS 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's Society, Beddington.)

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*EDWARD TALBOTTreble	FRANK DARBY 5
ALFRED ARNOLD 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
THOMAS TALBOT 4	*THOMAS BOHANNONTenor

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY KIPPIN, JUN.

All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. * First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HARTTreble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GORDON WALMSLEY... ..Treble	ARTHUR CROSS 5
WILLIAM BURDEN 2	WILLIAM E. BUTLER... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM C. PARKER 7
WILLIAM E. SEWELL 4	FREDERICK E. SMITHTenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the church and bells. * First peal. † Proposed a member of the Association before starting.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT... ..Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
*JACK WALTER 2	FRED G. BRETT 6
SIDNEY WALTER 3	FRED FAIRBEARD... .. 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	HARRISON SMITH... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal on them since 1815. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect. * First peal of Stedman. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. K. Gausson, to whom sincere thanks are tendered.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

GEORGE LAWTreble	*HERBERT ACOCK 5
†BASIL GUY 2	WILFRED G. COOKE 6
GEORGE J. WINTER 3	JOHN HOPE... .. 7
WILLIAM C. COSS 4	*JOSEPH SMITHTenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6136 CHANGES;

At the Church of St. Andrew,

Tenor 9 cwt.

CLAUDE S. BENWELLTreble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*ARTHUR LINTOTT 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWIN BREEZE 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	JAMES MARTINTenor

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the bells round in this tower to a peal, this being the fifth tower in which he has attained that object.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	*FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK W. FERRENS 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ABRAHAM WILNERSON 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. FERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	ARTHUR NEWALL 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

TANFIELD.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WALL Treble	REV. A. W. LISTER 5
WILLIAM C. BENNETT 2	RICHARD THOMPSON 6
HENRY TYSON 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 7
JOHN W. SMITH 4	FREDERICK SHERATON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble. Rung to commemorate Mr. W. Story's 50 years' service on Newcastle Quay with the same firm, which was completed on Feb. 14th. The band wish him many more years of health and happiness.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LISCARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN COOKE Treble	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
*WILLIAM DEAN 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 6
HAROLD ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
†WILLIAM WOOSNAM 4	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Composed by FRED. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First attempt for a peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the genial hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. W. Elwell, on attaining his majority. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. A. Woosnam for their generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHDIOCEANAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK LYCETT Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	DENIS J. BOUCHER 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES PICKEN 7
REGINALD R. POLE 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on Mr. J. Bradney's 75th birthday, the whole of the band being afterwards entertained to tea at the Star Hotel. Thanks and good wishes were extended to Mr. Bradney, who congratulated the band on the excellent striking.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Four Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9120 CHANGES;
ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES F. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The longest peal of 'Spliced' Major yet rung, and the extent in this variation with tenors together.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

LEONARD TOFFREY Treble	HARRY MILES 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WALTER JUDGE 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First in the method by all the band.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
CALEB FENN 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 3	*ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal in the method on a working bell.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ARTHUR KING 6
PERCY WEBB 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
CHARLES W. COOK 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
HARRY SMITH 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

SHELLEY, Near HUDDERSFIELD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Kent, Merchant's Return, Violet, Woodbine, New London Pleasure and Oxford.

ROBERT SYKES Treble	STANLEY RAMSDEN 4
JAMES BUXTON 2	ALBERT GOLDTHORPE 5
P. HAWTHORNTHWAITE 3	ANDREW HOYLE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY HAWTHORNTHWAITE.

This is the first attempt at a peal by Shelley Parish Church ringers.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven Spliced Extents (1) Poynton and Old Oxford, (2) Booking and Wilsden, (3) Trowel and Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Grove Delight and Neasden, (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (7) London Scholars, Sandal Exercise and Kingston, Tenor 9 cwt.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 4
GEORGE HILL 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FERNLEY.

* First peal as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Hill, of Hoylandswaine, Penistone, and was his first peal in 15 methods. Also in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the branch) to Miss Romney, which took place at Buxton on Feb. 5th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	CHARLES AYLETT 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

with different callings.

LEN JORDAN Treble	SAM COE 4
CHAS. H. WEBB 2	T. HARRY WRIGHT 5
CHAS. BELTON 3	JAMES PRESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. H. WRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by T. H. Wright. Mr. Belton's previous peal on these bells was his first, and was rung 32 years ago.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	WILLIAM WHEELDON 5
WILLIAM FRADLEY 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is believed to be the first peal on these bells, which have been in the tower since 1697. C. Preston, W. Wheelton and W. Fradley hail from Bucknall, P. Kelsall from Burslem, J. Walley and J. E. Wheelton from Norton-le-Moors. The band wish to thank the Audley ringers for kindly providing refreshments after the peal, and also the Vicar (Rev. W. Sykes) for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. MORTLOCK, SEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being eight 720's and 240.

CHAS. MANN 1	F. FREDERICK MORTLOCK ... 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2-3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5-6

Conducted by STEDMAN SYMONDS. Umpire: MAURICE T. SYMONDS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	JOHN FOSTER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

ENGLISH BELL-TUNING.

In the second of his course of lectures at Birmingham on 'Campanology,' given last week, Mr. Wooding Starmer said there was no place in the world where bells had been so well tuned during the last twenty-five years as in England. Nevertheless most of the existing old bells were very defective in tone, which was not to be wondered at considering the primitive methods of tuning.

Unfortunately, in England, principally through the requirements of change ringing, the bell shape had been shortened to afford easier ringing, thereby sending up the hum note and upsetting the bell's harmonic tones. The hum note should be a perfect octave below, and the nominal a perfect octave above the strike note. Tubular bells, he said, were simply a parody for bells. They did not give the proper presentation of the bell tone.

A TRANSFORMATION.

WHAT CAME OF JOINING THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD?

The following from the Hereford 'Diocesan Leaflet' illustrates the changes which ringing associations have effected in many of the belfries of the country. The writer says:—

It must be thirty or forty years ago that I went over to preach for a friend on a Sunday evening in December. We were having tea when a bell began to chime. 'Ah, they are to ring to-night,' my friend said. 'Do they often ring for service?' 'No, very seldom. But it is getting near Christmas and the men are thinking of the collection.' 'May I go and look at the bells.' 'Certainly, if you like. I have never been up the tower, I will call the clerk.' So I set off with the clerk to the church. We began to climb the steps. They were littered with sticks, so that I gladly followed St. Paul's advice—'See that ye walk circumspectly.' The belfry door was loose on its hinges and opened with difficulty. There was no carpet. The floor was covered with sticks and bird droppings. The ropes were knotted. Instead of a lamp, a candle was fastened by its own grease to a ledge. 'May I raise the treble?' 'Certainly.' 'What makes it go so hard?' 'Oh! it always goes a bit stiff.' 'Is it ever oiled?' 'Not that I know of.' 'May I see the bells?' With great difficulty I mounted the steps, climbing over old jackdaws' nests till I reached the bell chamber. On opening the door there was a wild rush of wings as birds of all sorts made their escape. The whole place was filthy with birds' dung. The bell frame was wedged to the walls. When I came down I found six ringers in dirty boots and working clothes. They rang very badly and paid a visit to a barrel of cider in the corner every few minutes. After service I asked the Vicar if he was satisfied with his ringers. 'No!' he answered. 'But what can I do?'

In 1886 the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers was formed. It has helped to answer his question.

One day this year I went to stay with my old friend again. In the course of conversation he said, 'You must come and see our tower and belfry. It will surprise you.' And it did. Clean steps, belfry walls whitewashed, floor covered with matting, new ropes. A tablet on the wall recording a peal that had been rung, with room for further peals. I handled a bell, it went sweetly. Up above, the bells had been washed, the netting repaired, the frames made good. But what struck me most was the men themselves. They came into the belfry clean, well-dressed, ready to attend the service. They were steady, tidy, intelligent men, a credit to their parish and their church. They raised the bells with beautiful striking, rang some 120 changes, and after lowering the bells attended the service. I said to my friend, 'How did all this come about?' He said, 'We joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers. The Ringing Master is Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley. He gave us no peace till we had got things put in order. We got the bells and belfry put to rights. The congregation kindly pay the men's subscription to the Guild, 1/6 each. What we want now is more hon. members (subscription 5/), because then we know we have friends who take an interest in the Guild.'

G. W. T.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Thursday, February 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): A. T. Chenery 1, A. King 2, A. E. Austin 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, R. H. Young 5, T. R. Dennis 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Craven objects to Edinburgh being called a new method, simply because it does not come up to his idea of perfection; or, in other words, 'He would have made a better job of it himself.' But I fail to see how better or worse affects the question. Take Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Union and St. Clements Triples, to say nothing of Double Oxford Bob and Double Norwich, or Cambridge and Superlative Major, and others too numerous to mention. How is it that each has a name of its own?

I have rung at least one peal on six bells, which Mr. Craven called, in which Oxford and Kent were counted two different methods. How does that fit in with his present attitude?

Regarding my 5040 Royal, did it never occur to Mr. Craven that what is original enough for himself and others to put their names to, when they thought they were first in the field with them, are original enough for me who has the prior claim?

The 7616's Treble Bob were published by me in 'The Ringing World' in a straightforward manner, together with a table showing how to obtain them. This was about eight years ago. They will also be found in the C.C. Collection. My authorship of them has never been questioned. A few months ago, it came to my knowledge that Mr. Craven was passing them round under his name, even though one gentleman pointed out to him that they had been previously published by me.

Now he wishes to toss me for them. Why not add the few coppers I have in my pocket! The claim would be just as good.

Possibly he wishes to clear the way for the publication of his 'Sottanstillisation' of Harrison's 8896, which is being passed round also.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE E. TURNER.

On Saturday, February 9th, was laid to rest in Kersal Churchyard, near Manchester, the late Mr. G. E. Turner, for a number of years a ringer at Pendleton, and, previous to that, at Manchester Cathedral. He has rung 167 peals for the Lancashire Association, taking part in the first peal of Superlative Surprise and Cambridge Surprise rung in the county, also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob for the association. He had also rung a few peals outside the county, so that his total was nearly 200.

The deceased joined the Lancashire Association in 1884, and there remains only about a dozen older members than he was. He was in his 62nd year, and had been ailing for some time, the end coming about four days after a 'stroke.'

Owing to short notice only a few ringers were present at the funeral. The handbells were rung round the grave, after the committal. The ringers afterwards adjourned to Pendleton, where a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung by S. Wood 1, G. H. Shaker 2, J. Lowe 3, W. E. Clark 4, S. Greenhalgh 5, W. H. Shaker 6, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, A. Trippier 8. Afterwards 448 Kent Treble Bob was rung, with Greenhalgh and R. Davies taking part, and S. Wood conducting.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

On Friday, January 18th, the funeral took place of Mrs. C. Symonds, wife of Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, who passed peacefully away on Sunday, the 13th, at the age of 67 years. The service was held in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, the Rector (the Rev. Lenox-Conyngham) officiating.

The coffin was borne to the cemetery by Messrs. F. and W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker and W. R. Faiers, four members of the Lavenham ringing company, of which Mr. A. Symonds has been captain and instructor for over 34 years. Deceased could rightly be called a 'mother of ringers,' as two sons, F. G. Symonds and Stedman H. Symonds, are well-known ringers, and another son, Snowdon, and two daughters, Minnie and Bell, are handbell ringers, whilst Maurice, a grandson, is also well versed in the art. Deceased, who leaves a sorrowing husband and six children to mourn their loss, was highly esteemed by many ringers in the district in which she lived.

At her death, the noted tenor, with muffled clapper, was tolled 51 whole pulls by W. R. J. Poulson.

On Friday evening there was rung, with deeply muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 4, F. Turner 2, F. Locks 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. P. Mortlock 5, L. Poulson 6, W. R. Faiers 7, T. W. Garrard 8.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

SUGGESTED PEAL OF BELLS AT WEMBLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter published last week from Mr. E. Jenkins, in my opinion, if a handy ring of eight could be put up by one of our leading bell founders, and arrangements made for bands visiting the exhibition to enter their names on a fixture card so that they could ring a peal or touches occasionally, it would be the best means of educating the public in campanology and furthering interest in the art. I suggest that the ringers should stand where they and the bells could be seen ringing at the same time.

As bell ringing is a purely English art, I think the sentimental uses of the exhibition would be considerably enhanced by Mr. Jenkins' suggestion being adopted, and I am ready to subscribe two guineas towards the cost, if the undertaking is too big for any of our bell founders to put up for purely advertisement purposes.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY FAIRCLOUGH.

Master, Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.
Brook House, Appleton Thorn.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. WASHBROOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to make a suggestion with regard to the memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. I think the most fitting place for a memorial tablet would be in the parish where he was born and at the church where he began his ringing.

It would be extremely interesting to the Exercise, if the Central Council could compile a complete collection of his many and varied compositions, and if secretaries of associations and guilds would collaborate in getting together a complete record of his peals.—Yours faithfully,

W. BROWN.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION RETURN TO PRESCOT.

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Prescott on Saturday, February 9th, when members attended from Liverpool, Graesendale, Garston, Ramhill, Childwall, and the local company. A short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lovett) gave an address. Tea was kindly provided in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, with the Vicar in the chair.

An appeal was made to the local ringers to join the association.

Bootle was chosen for the next place of meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, it being pointed out that it was owing to complaints that no meetings had been held in Prescott for over twenty years.

In replying, the Vicar hoped that the association would visit Prescott again, as the complaints had been removed.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, February 2nd, about 40 members being present, representing Banwell, Burnham-on-Sea, Churchill, Cheddar, Lympsham, Uphill, Kewstoke, Bridgewater, Taunton, Worle, Winscombe and Weston-super-Mare. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. M. Treen (curate), who gave an excellent address.

The tea and business meeting were held at Glass's Restaurant, Regent Street.—The president (the Rev. Prebendary Lambrick) opened the meeting by proposing a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Stobbins, who passed away almost suddenly the day before, the motion being carried by the members rising in their places.

Two new honorary members were elected, viz., the Rev. Prebendary Palmer, Vicar of Cheddar, and Mr. J. Glass, of Weston-super-Mare.—Four new performing members were elected, and Winscombe, Worle and Banwell were in turn proposed for next meeting. On being put to the vote Worle was selected.

The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £9 8s. 6d. in hand.—This was adopted, and all the officers were re-elected.

A discussion arose as to the proposal alteration of a rule, and a slight alteration was favoured.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (Prebendary Norton-Thompson) and the Rev. H. M. Treen for the use of the bells; the service, and for the excellent address which the latter had given.

The bells were rung, half-muffled, to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, in token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Stobbins, who had been a member of this association, and captain of the Weston-super-Mare ringers for many years.

MR. WILLIAM STORY'S BUSINESS JUBILEE. NEWCASTLE RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

The peal of Stedman Cinques recorded in this week's issue at Newcastle Cathedral was a celebration of Mr. William Story's 50th year of active service in the Quayside life of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The peal was specially composed by Mr. Joseph Parker, of Sunderland, 5,050 changes doubly commemorating the jubilee. The peal is generally in 6 course blocks, with the 6th 22 courses in 5th's place, and 16 courses in 6th's. The courses were rung 26 in the tittums position and 12 in the home, with an extended starting course to produce the required number.

Mr. Story entered the service of the Bedlington Coal Company on February 14th, 1874, and as the local papers describe it—'he was the best valentine they ever had,' for he has been with them ever since, and is now secretary and fitter to the firm.

Not many years will elapse till he celebrates his jubilee as a ringer, starting as he did, in 1880 at St. John's Church, Newcastle, being one of the pioneers of change ringing in this district, and having preserved his enthusiasm to this day. He has just finished three years as President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and still does his 'whack' in association visiting, missionary work and peal ringing.

His peal list is considerably over 250, ranging from Minor to Maximus, and the whole association is proud of his record, especially his confreres in the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

The Yorkshire Association holds the record of two brothers acting as its president for a long number of years, but in the Durham and Newcastle Association it is nearly equalled; for Mr. Story's brother (Mr. Robert Spencer Story) held that position for 22 years, and Mr. W. Story for three, and if the members had had their own way he would have been elected for another long period, and thus capped the Yorkshire record. But he was more anxious for a younger man to carry on the good work, and with his usual firm and assured policy he stood down.

Time only, of course, can tell whether his policy is sound, but in his place the association is presided over by a young and enthusiastic president, and the association is 'going very strong.' The members of the 'Durham and Newcastle' wish Mr. Story long life and happiness, and trust that he will not only celebrate his jubilee in the belfry, but live to see a long and vigorous retirement from his business life, the jubilee of which has been so joyfully celebrated.

A peal was also rung at Tanfield on Saturday.

5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456	1	3	4	5	6	7	9
34256	S	S		S		S	
62435	S		S		S		
32465	S						
24365	S	S		S		S	
43265	S	S		S		S	
52364			S		S		
25364	S	S		S		S	S
23564					S		
45326	S		S		S		
43526					S		
25346	S				S		
65342			S				
53642	S	S		S		S	
36542	S	S		S		S	
25643			S		S		
56243	S	S		S		S	
46253	S						
32456	S	S		S			
24356	S	S		S		S	

Repeat once. By omitting 2 singles at 1 braced in first part, the peal is reduced to 5,008. Contains the 6th 12 times each way, with all the 5—6's and 6—5's.

Every call is a single, and this is the first peal published in which every inside bell makes a single.

9,120 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN (PORT TALBOT).

23456	M	Ox	W	H
63254		3	1	
54263		4		1
42356		2	1	
63542		4		
25346	1	5		1

Twice Repeated.

Has the 60 course-ends, and is the extent in this variation, i.e., with only one 'Oxford' in a course, called when tenors are due for slow work, thus keeping them out.

Rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry, Feb. 16th, 1924. conducted by Ernest Morris.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers desiring to record some noteworthy performance in the belfry are frequently at a loss as to where they can obtain designs and estimates for peal boards. Messrs. Southwood, of Exeter, lay themselves out to cater for all requirements of this description, and can supply tablets for peal records or memorials in oak, metal or stone. Designs and prices are submitted free, and ringers will do well to send their inquiries to this firm when contemplating any form of tablet for the belfry.

A peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Saturday, composed and conducted by Mr. Albert Wright, the Master of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, which was founded in 1686, was in celebration of a double event. It commemorated the longest peal ever rung on twelve bells, the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques on February 14th, 1920, and the 8,448 Stedman Cinques on February 16th, 1858, both at this famous Gloucestershire church.

The conductor of Saturday's peal was also the composer and conductor of the thirteen thousand, and he forms an interesting link with the peal of 1858, for he is the son of the ringer of the 11th in the 8,448, and, in composing the commemoration peal, he finished with 48 changes.

Nine of the band that rang the 13,001 were in the peal on Saturday.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on February 22nd, 1901, at Brighton.

To-morrow is the centenary of a peal of '5,040 Grandsire Tripples' rung at St. Andrew's, Norwich.

To-morrow is also the anniversary of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Feb. 23rd, 1783.

The 'Clavis' records that it was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was 'deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever; indeed the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method, and at the same place on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then London Youths: but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.'

The first peal of Double Norwich on handbells was rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Cambridge on Feb. 23rd, 1891.

On Feb. 25th, 1777, 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and the same length of Bob Major was rung on the following day at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

It was also on February 26th, 1777, that a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal was rung on handbells at Abingdon, Berks, and claimed to be the first peal rung 'double-handed.'

February 28th is the anniversary of 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1778, and of 9,238 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1881.

Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and the whole Exercise will join in congratulations to Mr. Ted Horrex who, born on the last day of February, 1838, celebrates his 86th birthday next Thursday.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight at Southwark, the record of which we publish this week, is the heaviest 'job' that has been done in this method. Mr. H. R. Newton has now rung the tenor of the heaviest rings of bells on which Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major have been rung. He rang Southwark tenor (50 cwt.) to Superlative on February 27th, 1904 (before the bells were rehung), and Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to London Surprise on January 14th, 1910.

The paragraph in this column announcing bell ropes for disposal at Prittlewell resulted, we are told, in quite a lot of applications. Enough ropes were provided for two towers. Perhaps there are other bands who have discarded but still useful ropes, which could be disposed of upon similar terms, to do a good turn to some poor parish. If so, we shall be pleased to make the necessary announcement.

Some Sussex ringers have a dislike to putting footnotes to peals, but we think we are correct in saying that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Brighton last week is the first in the county and by the Association, and adds yet another to the many Surprise methods of which have been rung in St. Peter's tower. In some cases the reluctance to blow one's own trumpet is a laudable thing, but there are times when, for the sake of historical record, some note to a peal is really desirable.

In the 'Lent Races,' lately concluded at Cambridge, Mr. J. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, rowed 'bow' in the Jesus College First Boat, which retained its place at the Head of the River.

EARLY DAYS OF THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE PAST.

By E. ALEX. YOUNG.

To-morrow the London County Association celebrates, by a dinner at 'The Bell,' Holborn, the tooth anniversary of the founding of the St. James' Society, under which name it was known until some 30 years ago. A centenary is a noteworthy 'milestone' in the history of any Society, and a few particulars of the earlier days of this ringing organisation will be interesting.

The lapse of a century seems to have cast a mist over what happened in 1824. Tradition, which as a rule is remarkably true, says that in that year members of the 'College Youths' and the 'Cumberland Youths' agreed to found an auxiliary society. It was to meet at St. James', Clerkenwell, and under the name of 'St. James' Youths' the members were to meet and ring peals together, which they could not otherwise do on account of the well-known rule, common to both of the older societies, viz., that members cannot belong to both.

There remained from these early days a Master's silver badge, with the date February, 1824. (It is unfortunately now lost.) There is also the copy peal book, the fly-leaf of which states that the society was re-established in 1827. There is nothing to tell us why. But it is interesting to observe that whilst no peals had been rung so far, No. 1, a peal of Grandsire Triples, was at once accomplished at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street. This was on April 2nd, 1827, conducted by W. Atherton, and followed by another in a few months, at the same place, conducted by Thomas Tolladay. From this time the society never looked back. Peals Nos. 11 and 12 were both rung on the same day in 1829, and both were conducted by Tolladay, who, indeed, rang in almost every peal from the first, until his death in 1843.

These peals possibly throw some light upon the early 'rift in the lute,' for it is noticeable that not one was rung at St. James' itself until 1831. But a peal was rung at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in March, 1829, and the early rule books state that the society shifted to Blackfriars after ringing 'many years' at St. James'.

If one may judge by the earliest remaining name book, which fortunately gives the addresses as well, it is quite possible to judge that in 1829-30 the 'headquarters' were at Blackfriars, when almost a dozen joined from that neighbourhood. The book referred to happens to have the earliest minute of the society, viz., 'May 17th, 1830. Unanimously agreed by all present that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Tewson for his presenting the society with this book.' As Mr. Tewson's name comes almost last, it appears that the society mustered 55 members, the names being entered up in good 'copperplate,' and probably copied from the original first book, now lost.

These names are: J. Collinson, J. Platt, N. B. White, T. Welch, J. Mason, G. Williams, sen., W. Hollworthy, G. Williams, A. Cullaford, G. Smith, W. Adams, S. Thomas, Tysall, J. Ellis, Wornell, J. Coleman, T. Tolladay, S. Collins, W. Tolladay, E. Griffiths, T. Wilkie, W. Sawyer, T. Hunter, J. Garlon, T. Pollatt, C. Beakley, F. Matthew, G. Venning, W. Showell, J. Harper, E. Anstow, T. Manners, J. Jagers, H. Lane, W. Keeley, J. Bondyard, J. Menday, J. Marsden, C. Brown, W. Hill, F. Lansdell, E. Lansdell, P. Symondson, R. Best, W. Dunn, C. Clay, J. Bulgen, W. Graham, B. Tewson, Mills, S. Peaton.

An inspection of the name books of the two senior societies would show how far they joined together.

The next name book and that still in use was presented by Mr. Ebbells, secretary in 1837. It is boldly headed, 'Society of St. James' Youths.' The first pence and minute book remaining opens in 1838, C. Gorzee being Master, so that the early masters are unknown. Mr. Tolladay is now referred to as 'the Beadle.' Mr. G. Stockham, of St. Clements, appears in 1840, and in September, 1841, appears the entry 'first night at St. Clements.'

The subsequent history is still in the recollection of the older members.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for Feb. 8th, there appears amongst the Sunday Service touches the report of a quarter-peal rung at Pinley, Berks, consisting of 900 Plain Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, with a footnote showing that three of the performers have now rung their 'First spliced quarter-peal.'

As the methods employed belong to two different classes, I cannot see where the splicing is effected: perhaps Mr. E. Tigwell will kindly publish the figures, and oblige.

T. B. MINOR.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

SOME POINTS WORTH THINKING OVER.

Round the festive board to-morrow, members of 'The London County Association, late the St. James' Society,' will gather to celebrate the centenary of their organisation. Many of us who will not be present will join with those who are in wishing prosperity to the association on this auspicious occasion. In its first days, I believe, the St. James's Society was formed as a common meeting ground for College Youths and Cumberlands, whose code of rivalry prevented a man being a member of both societies at the same time—a rule still adhered to. In still earlier days, they were, I imagine, not even on speaking terms, but later, when some of the 'old uns' died off, and other men came upon the scene, they got the idea that the other fellows were not so bad after all, and that even in the rival society there were men worth ringing a peal with. So they put their heads together (metaphorically), and the St. James's Society was the result, and College Youths and Cumberlands dwelt happily together ever after in the neutral camp. At least, that is the idea I have always had about the St. James's Society.

In my view—but you, reader, must not attach too much importance to it, for I generally find myself in a minority, sometimes of one—I think it is a great pity that the old name was ever changed. 'The London County Association' may be a more resounding title, it may, to those who do not know the history, appear a more comprehensive name, but to me, who love old things and old traditions, it is not half so nice as 'The St. James's Society.' After all, what was the matter with this old title? The College Youths are no less important because they have retained a name which they took nearly three hundred years ago from College Hill; the Cumberlands are in no measure circumscribed by sticking to the name they adopted from the victor of Culloden. And the St. James's Society could have been as rich in members and spread their net as widely without adopting a territorial limit, even if it be that of the county of London. But despite the sub-title I fear that in time to come, the tradition of the old society will be lost.

I am always greatly pleased when I see some article in one of the influential daily papers throwing some light upon ringing, as an art and a science. But what a lot of rubbish gets printed from time to time! Fancy a 'captain of ringers' writing, in an article on safety in the belfry, such 'tosh' as this, when referring to the need for proper lighting: 'A nervous ringer may grasp the sally tightly in a futile effort to stop the swing, in which case he would be carried aloft, and probably killed, should his head strike the ceiling. It is obvious that at such a moment a good light should exist. In a bright light, one of his companions would be able to see clearly how to strike his hands off the rope, and so avert disaster.' If we are really to educate the public, it is a pity we cannot have a censor of articles on bells. I imagine the Editor of our own journal would be the man to run his blue pencil over this kind of stuff, before it is passed on for the consumption of the public.

It is very gratifying to read that something is to be done to provide a memorial to the late James W. Washbrook. He ranks among a very rare class in the Exercise; in fact, in some respects he was almost unique. I always looked upon Jim Washbrook as a 'national possession,' so far as ringing was concerned, for in his performances as a whole he could not be assigned to any society, while as a composer his work takes its place among the foremost in the land. Is it out of place, therefore, to suggest that the organisation of a memorial should be undertaken by the Central Council, as representing the whole body of ringers? They could bring together representatives of every ringing organisation, in a way which an individual association might find it difficult to do, and a memorial worthy of the man and the Exercise which he adorned would probably be forthcoming. I suppose the Council is hardly likely to act in a matter of this kind without a request, and here is a chance for the Lancashire Association, in whose area he spent the last years of his life.

Once again the old trouble has cropped up of the authorship of compositions and methods. The Secretary of the Council has given an invitation to members to send in notices of motion, and I hope some member will see that the agenda for Whitsun includes a resolution to establish what has been frequently urged in this paper, a reference file of all methods and compositions. To make a complete collection of the methods would not be a formidable task; to collect a file of all compositions would provide someone with considerable occupation. But without doubt both are seriously needed, or the labours of some of our pioneers will in time be lost in the claims of new authors, who, having no means of ascertaining what has been obtained before, will pass on to posterity their own work as original. And in this connection, why cannot the Council set up a kind of judicial committee to settle such points as Mr. Arthur Craven raised the other day? When two people claim the same thing, a committee to sift the facts could settle all questions of this kind to the satisfaction of the bulk of the Exercise.

CRITICUS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have read with much interest your leading article of last week, in which you gave a judicial summing-up of the case—Wycombe Belfry and the Oxford Guild.

May we again reiterate, for the benefit of readers not cognisant of the whole facts, that for two years all constitutional methods, such as you advocate in your article, were tried, including a request for a referendum. These were 'turned down,' and from some quarters treated with ridicule.

We have no wish to dictate, but we feel that the resolutions from the largest and most important branch of the Guild should have received more sympathetic consideration.

To be brief: Let a rule be made: 'That the annual festival be held alternately in the three Archdeaconries,' and then, so far as the Wycombe company are concerned, we think we can promise a 'return to the fold.'—Yours truly,

GEORGE TWITCHEN,
Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry.

A COMPARISON.

Dear Sir,—Some few years ago I remember attending an annual general meeting of the Oxford Guild, when it was held at different places such as the Wycombe people wish to continue, and I should like to say the attendance was no greater than we get at our half-yearly branch meeting, consequently every one could have a ring if they so liked, but compare that with the number we get at Oxford, about 200, and the accommodation for ringing with High Wycombe, with one twelve bell tower. There is no comparison!

I should like to call your attention to the Rule XIII., which says: 'A general meeting shall be held . . . for united practice in change ringing.' How, then, can a town such as High Wycombe offer any facilities for united practice with only one twelve bell tower, for, perhaps, upwards of 200 members, and the majority of them six and eight bell men. The surrounding district of High Wycombe does not lend itself to easy access for travelling to outside towers.

In Oxford we have something like nine six-bell towers, one eight-bell, two ten-bell, and one twelve-bell tower, to say nothing of another seven towers within easy cycle distance of the town, motor buses also run to these villages. These seven towers range from six to ten bells, and are open for ringing. Please compare this with High Wycombe, always bearing in mind the words of Rule XIII. I have quoted.

The Guild is built up entirely of branches, these branches hold their annual meetings; also half-yearly meetings which the Master and Secretary invariably attend. These meetings, I contend, carry on the propaganda work quite as well as the festival meeting did when it travelled about.

Now, with regard to a referendum which I consider very unfair, because you will have a lot of members voting who have never been to an annual festival or who never intend to. If they want a say in the matter, then let them come to the annual festival, or if that is not possible then instruct the representatives of their branch how to vote.

If you see fit to publish this letter, and there should be any criticism, I wish it to be known that I shall not answer it, as I do not intend to get involved in a controversial subject.—Yours truly,

THIRTY YEARS A MEMBER.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

Sir,—May I be allowed to make a suggestion with reference to the difference of opinion, which, if allowed to go on, will do untold harm to the Guild. Each branch of the Guild has its representatives. A meeting of the branch should be called, and the question put to the vote. The branch representatives, irrespective of their own opinions on the subject, should vote on what their branch decides at the next committee meeting of the Guild. The committee would then have the true feeling of the Guild, and would recommend accordingly.—Yours truly,

E. M. THORP.

Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading branch, which appears to be growing more enjoyable each year, was held at Reading on Saturday last. A ringers' meeting without ringing would be something of an anomaly, so, naturally, the proceedings commenced with an hour's 'pulling' at both St. Mary's and St. Giles' Churches, after which, a service was held at the latter. This was well attended, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Rector of Crowthorne). The Canon, himself a ringer of wide reputation, and the popular President of the Central Council, traced the reasons for the ringing of bells, incidentally referring to three states of man—birth, marriage and death.

The party then betook themselves to the Central Café, where a substantial meat tea was served. When 'stand' was 'called' for

the grace after meat, 'every man was in perfect strength,' and quite ready for the work of the evening.

The business part of the programme was ably 'conducted' by Mr. W. Polc-Routh. There is no need to 'hunt' for a better chairman, and so the meeting thought, for he was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr. A. W. Pike as vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Hopgood secretary, and Messrs. Foster and Wiggins as auditors. Messrs. Appebee, Swain and MacMunn were elected to serve on the General Committee of the Guild.

The business concluded with reports from the various towers in the branch, and the 'band' of 88 then settled down to enjoy the excellent entertainment which had been arranged. Mrs. Woods most kindly acted as accompanist, and her efforts, which contributed in no small measure to the success of the musical programme, were greatly appreciated by those present.

The officers of the Guild present included the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright).

PLAIN BOB.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DIVISION AT HALSTEAD.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Halstead on Saturday, February 16th, when 26 members were present from Maldon, Halstead, Earls Colne, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley, Great Yeldham, Wormingford, Greenstead Green, Stebbing, Dunmow, Braintree, and the Rev. R. Routh, Castle Camps. A short service was held in the Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. H. J. Curling) gave an instructive address, taking for his text, 'Do all to the glory of God.'

Tea and meeting followed. Mr. C. E. Howard, J.P., Master of the association, presided, supported by the Vicar and Mr. W. H. Dyson (honorary district secretary). Seventeen new members were elected from Halstead (8), Yeldham (3), Earls Colne (1), Kelvedon (2), Feering (1) and Pentlow (2), and the Vicar joined as an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Foxearth in June, and a bye-meeting at Stisted in April or May.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, and to the organist and choir for their attendance.

The bells have been recently overhauled by Mr. Day, of Eye, and are now in excellent ringing order, and the newly-formed band are making good progress in the art.

Some excellent ringing was accomplished on the tower bells in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples on the handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Grantham on Saturday, February 16th, when about 30 members and visitors attended, the towers represented being Surfleet, Bottesford, Folkingham, Lincoln, Hough-on-the-Hill, Nottingham, Worksop, Pinchbeck, Grantham. The bells, a good peal of 10 (tenor 37 cwt.), were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and various Triple and Major methods. Tea was provided at the Globe Hotel, where about 25 partook of a splendid meal.

The business meeting followed, when the Guild Master (Rev. H. Law James) presided, supported by Rev. J. C. Sturton and Mr. S. Proctor (hon. secretary).

All the branch officers were re-elected, and a short discussion regarding the Guild War Memorial took place, the Chairman stating that he hoped it would be put in hand shortly.

The next meeting was fixed for Folkingham in April if the bells are ready by that time. A new treble is being added at this church to make a ring of six, and, if the work is not completed, the alternative place of Market Deeping was decided on.

The Honorary Secretary made an appeal to members to send notice of their intention to attend meetings, as, without an intimation, it was difficult to arrange tea. In this case six sent in names and about 30 attended.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hancock for use of bells, and to Rev. H. Law James for taking the chair. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop. The tower was visited after tea, and the bells kept going until nearly 9 p.m., when a very pleasant and successful meeting was brought to a close.

A most pleasing feature about this meeting was that all four branches of the Guild were represented.

WISBECH.—On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Horace Lewin (first 720, double-handed) 1—2, Ralph Narborough 3—4, Bert Gogle (conductor) 5—6.—On Thursday, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Edward Cook 1, Leonard Newman 2, Walter Jarvis 3, Horace Lewin 4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Fussell 1, C. East 2, G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, J. L. Smith (conductor) 6.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), by C. Charge, in 44 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen (first in method) 2, S. Brown 3, E. Grindell (Debenham) 4, E. Cassell 5, H. G. Frampton 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: *H. Rivers 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, W. C. Stacey 4, C. Hunt 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Crook 8. * First quarter-peal of Major.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Edmund's Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mutton (first attempt for 720) 1, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Surprise: W. Richardson 1, J. Jennings 2, W. Piper 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, on Sunday evening, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, G. Lewis 2, Hy. Bower 3, J. Evinson 4, C. Harrison 5, R. Harrison (conductor) 6, J. A. Dixon 7, Hy. Hurst 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Hurst, mother of the ringer of the tenor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On February 17th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Smith 1, Miss P. Moss 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss D. G. Feltham 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Folkard 8, H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Turner 1, A. J. Skelding 2, Harold Amphlett 3, William Smith 4, B. Dunn 5, G. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, George Glazier 8.

BANBURY, OXFORD.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (by J. G. Shade, in 46 mins.: H. Impcy 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, Jack Judge 5, R. W. Burrows 6, W. F. Judge 7, R. Higham 8. Messrs. Jack Judge and W. F. Judge hail from Kidlington, the remainder belong to the local band.

SWANAGE.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 432 Double Norwich Court and Bob Major was rung by the following: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. Tones 3, D. Hill Brown 4, R. Brown (Southampton) 5, G. F. Haysome 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all except ringer of 5th. Also, for evensong, 224 Bob Major.

BERMONDSEY.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering, in 38 mins.: A. Chapman 1, F. H. Pailand (conductor) 2, F. W. Chapman 3, E. J. Triemer 4, J. Carmen 5, F. Mockford 6, C. H. Chapman 7, P. Ballard 8. Longest length by 1, 6 and 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. H. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, E. A. Reeve 4, A. G. Newman 5, S. W. Holdaway 6, J. Gransbury 7, F. E. Darby 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9. W. Essery 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of 6 and 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, February 10th, 560 Bob Major: H. Floyd 1, J. W. Lane 2, H. Gates 3, W. Floyd 4, P. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, R. S. Cook 7, H. Golding (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Gates 3, R. S. Cook 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, J. Floyd 8.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd, 480 Bob Minor.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 704 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt (conductor) 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Mellin 1, A. Chalk 2, W. S. Butler 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. Butler (conductor) 6. Also 120 Cambridge Surprise and 120 New London.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. S. Butler 1, E. Bright (conductor) 2, W. Mellin 3, W. Butler 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 360 New London.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser 1, J. Crowder 2, H. James 3, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C. (Eltham) 4, E. B. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Hurrell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 10th, at All Hallows' Lombard Street, City, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: F. G. Newman 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, A. Coles 4, W. Nudds 5, F. Pike 6, F. I. Hairs 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8, R. W. Grimwood 9, W. Hewett 10.—On December 18th, 1,291 Stedman Caters for evening service.

GRASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holts' Original), 1,260 changes, in 37 mins.: A. Whistler 1, H. Bush 2, H. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, T. Store 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, E. C. Williamson 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells, and all are Sunday Service ringers.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Hughes 1, J. Parker 2, P. Oakhill 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, H. Fussell (conductor) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 27th, for evensong, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob, in 48 mins.: L. Shepherd 1, D. Ellingham 2, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 3, J. Shepherd 4, A. R. Laurence, junr., 5, D. Richardson (first quarter-peal) 6, A. Shepherd 7, A. Laurence, senr., 8.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. H. Liddbetter 2, T. Beadie 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brooks 8.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Thursday, January 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Stiles 1, J. T. Brown 2, S. Maddison 3, A. J. Farr 4, S. Andrew 5, R. Smith 6, J. Ames (conductor) 7, G. W. Simpson 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of R. Mackman, who has been one of the band for 47 years.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, January 20th, 672 Superlative Surprise: W. Morris 1, V. Tipton 2, H. Smale 3, J. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. Also 304 Double Norwich.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Thomas 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Ranford 3, C. Bowers 4, C. Layton 5, E. Price 6, E. W. Turner (conductor) 7, *G. Jordan 8. * Longest length in the method. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: R. W. Warrilow 1, J. J. Taylor 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtis 5, F. V. Haggis 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, Z. Baker.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: F. Hawkins 1, F. Stinton 2, J. Foster 3, F. Price 4, E. W. Turner (conductor) 5, E. Spencer. First 720 in the method.

LONDON.—St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. (composed by C. Charge): G. J. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, J. Bullock 3, R. J. Green 4, H. G. Gowllett 5, J. R. Gammon 6, E. C. Russell (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on January 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Baker 1, *W. Ibbett 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, J. J. Pratt 4, Miss P. Moss (first of Caters as conductor) 5, P. Jones 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, *J. H. Lucas 10. * First of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, L. H. Page 3, F. C. Norris 4, G. C. Iles 5, A. Outmore 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. A. Trollope 8, J. A. Moorhouse (Leeds) 9, H. A. Folkard 10.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Booth 3, C. Creasey 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—For morning service, at St. Etheldreda's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes): L. Shepherd 1, D. Ellingham 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Dunham 4, A. R. Lawrence 5, D. Richardson 6, A. Shepherd (conductor) 7, G. Richardson 8.

LONDON.—St. Clement Youths.—At St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evening service, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, W. Rushton (conductor) 2, Miss D. Bryant 3, Miss F. Orr 4, Robert Fardon 5, C. F. Winney 6, C. W. Roberts 7, E. Davies 8.

NOTICES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 106th anniversary of these bells will be commemorated on Saturday, March 1st, instead of Tuesday, the 4th.—R. White.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Welford, on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 25th?—W. Bott, District Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association was held on February 9th at Hanley Parish Church. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin) gave an address on 'Good work.' A company, numbering 59, sat down to tea, at which the Rector presided, and there were also present the Rev. Beavan, Mr. Stanway (churchwarden) and Mr. S. Cardell (Ringing Master).

After tea, ringing certificates were presented to the following new members: Messrs. Millington, Corner, Sargeant and Eardley (Hanley), and Whitfield and Gater (Burslem).—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Churton (Stoke), and seconded by Mr. Page (Stoke). The ladies were thanked by Mr. Whieldon (Milton) and Mr. Hurd (Burslem).

The ten bells were utilised during the day, and in the evening touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung: also rounds and call changes for those not yet initiated into the art and mystery of change ringing.

A 'COMING-OF-AGE' CELEBRATION.

Miss Dorothy Saunders, daughter of Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, celebrated her 21st birthday on January 5th, and in honour of the event, a very fine peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the 'Dale' bells. Born not more than a hundred yards from the Coalbrookdale bells, her home has always been well within a quarter of a mile of the church, to which she has always been very much attached. Although she has never learnt the art of ringing, she has always been very popular with the local ringers and visitors. From a child she has been fond of art work, which accounts for the really fine collection of pictures which she has done from time to time, chiefly in water-colours and black and white. In the year 1921, at Coalbrookdale Secondary School, she passed the Oxford Senior Examination, and since then has entered the teaching profession. After the peal, the ringers were invited to Institution House, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders to a substantial tea, the remainder of the evening being spent in harmony. In this also the Coalbrookdale ringers gave a good account of themselves. There were tunes on handbells, some first-class double-handed change ringing, piano and violin solos, songs, duets and recitations, and midnight arrived all too soon. Miss Saunders was the recipient of many congratulations and presents.

THE FALSE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. G. Billenness, according to his letter published in your issue of the 8th inst., must have misread Mr. Barnett's letter pointing out the falseness of J. W. Moorhouse's 5-part Variation, when he says 'attempted' at Erith. It was not until, unfortunately, the peal was rung that its falseness was discovered. —Yours faithfully,

F. J. CULLUM, Junr.

A FAREWELL.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Tuesday, January 29th, a quarter-peal (1,357 changes) Stedman Caters: J. Wilkinson 1. G. R. Newton 2. W. Fisher 3. C. S. Benwell 4. A. Lintott 5. T. W. Gilmour 6. J. Martin (composer and conductor) 7. W. H. Rickett 8. E. Caunce 9. C. Packer 10. The above was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. C. Packer, who has left for Swansea.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Saturday, January 12th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cooper 1, E. Weston 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. F. Swann 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, C. Davis 6, M. J. Morris (conductor) 7, H. Cook 8. Rung as a tribute of respect to the mother of Mr. G. T. Mitchison, the local captain.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Wednesday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: T. Bettison 1, W. H. T. King 2, R. Huskinson 3, W. Allin, senr., 4, T. J. L. Bleaby 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

EXETER.—On Thursday, January 31st, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Shepherd (conductor) 7, *T. J. Stokes 2, A. Monkley 3, E. W. Bilen 4, J. Arbury 5, *A. H. Goad 6, C. G. Routley 7, W. H. J. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 8. * First quarter on a bob bell.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Waterson 1, R. Chester 2, R. H. Hurst (conductor) 3, H. Lowman 4, R. T. Sharpe 5, W. Bettles 6. Rung, half-muffled, as a token of esteem to the late Mr. Hancock, who for 40 years was a member of St. Peter's choir.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Tuesday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Gleaves (Willingham) 1, G. Perkins (conductor) 2, B. Saunders 3, G. Ransom 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington (Long Stanton) 6.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 3rd, 360 Bob Minor.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, open for ringing from 4 to 5.15 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 29th. Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Stockport St. George on Saturday, Feb. 23rd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Fendene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church. Tea in Hunsdon House at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome. Kindly notify, if possible, intention of attending.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Annual subscriptions now due.—L. Turner, 7, High Street, Kempston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Old Basford. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—Aylsham and Norwich Districts.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. B. Duncan and G. H. Cross, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. V. Bairstow, 9, Jane Street, Denholme, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Notification to be made to Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kemball's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. R. Peck, Eden Corner, Saltburn, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th? A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following. Will all members wishing to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30, address by the Rector, Rev. C. Stonehouse. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Olde Beverlie, provided by the Association, for all those members who notify me not later than Feb. 26th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available during the evening from 7-8.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, March 1st. Bells, St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6), available at 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's, 4.40. Tea (complimentary) in St. John's Parish Room at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers invited. Please write for tea, by Feb. 28th, to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, 1st March.—Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant, New Bond Street. Bells of St. Michael (8) available at 6.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 26th Feb.?—E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the above Association for March will take place at Norton on March 1st, and not March 8th, as previously arranged. Commence 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock or earlier if required. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, 1s. each only to those who notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year to be in my hands not later than Saturday, April 19th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoodleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea 1s., 5.15. Those desiring tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. By kind permission of Frank Shearman, Esq., ringers may go to and from the Church by way of the Court Drive.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Witleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed meeting at Huntingdon will be held on March 1st. Arrangements as before.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. at The Chequers Hotel.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each, in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: Alphington (8), St. Thomas (8), Ide (6), Kenn (6), Kenton (6).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above Branch will be held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those that notify me. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Blechley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by March 5th. Meeting to follow. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelips, R.D. A tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 4th of their intention of being present.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Hinley Road, Dudley.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells will be available. Further particulars next week.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.) dedicate the new bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Members of the Guild are invited to be present. Further particulars later.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

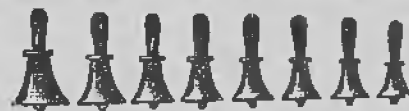
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The treasurer will be glad to receive from ringing and honorary members, for the year 1923-4, subscriptions now overdue, and, in some cases, those outstanding for previous years. He would respectfully remind local secretaries that subscriptions are usually payable at the annual meeting held in October, and should not be overlooked indefinitely.

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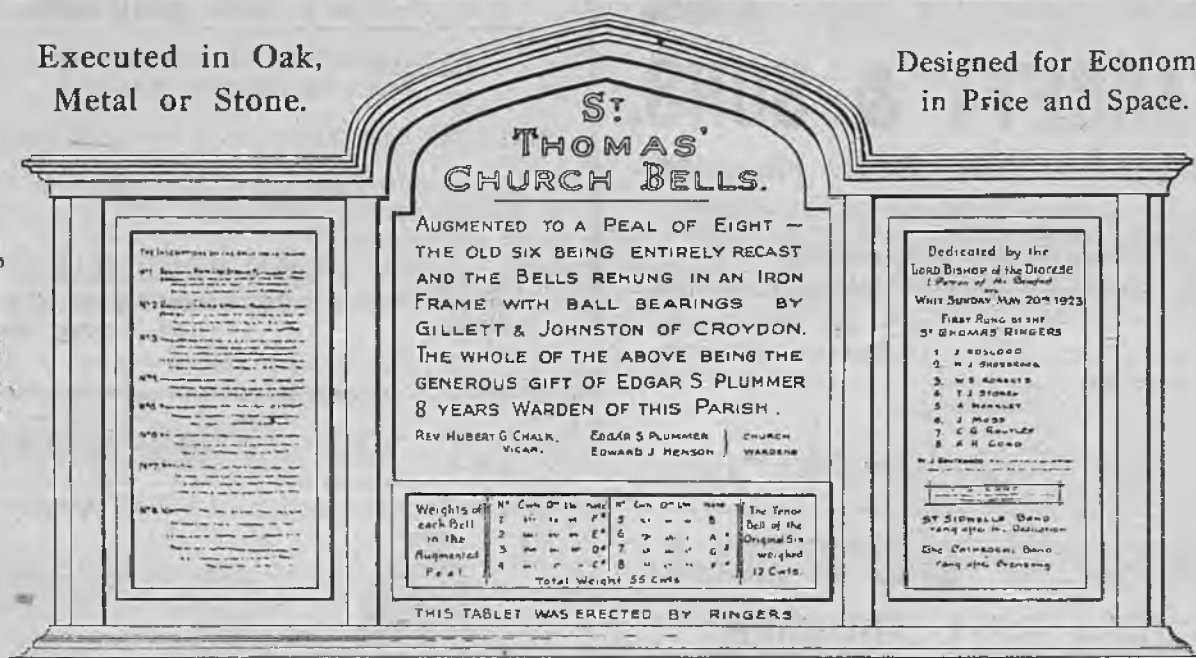
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