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## CENTRAL COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

An important letter has been addressed by the Central Council to the Diocesan Conferences of England and Wales in the hope that the Advisory Committee, which exists in each diocese to assist the Chancellor in dealing with faculties for alterations, restorations and improvements in churches, may be strengthened by the addition of a member with a practical knowledge of bells and ringing. In some few instances the committee already includes someone thus qualified, but in the majority of cases the Advisory Committees are without anyone with knowledge of the subject from the ringers' point of view. The effort now being made to remedy this state of affairs is very necessary, because bell restoration and augmentation form an important part of the matters with which the committees have to deal. Cases occur from time to time where alterations in a church vitally affect the ringing arrangements, even if they do not actually concern the bells themselves, and unless the committee investigating the scheme has among its members a person with a practical knowledge of bells, there is a liability that this side of the question may be overlooked (as, indeed, it has been more than once), and serious and permanent prejudicial effects upon the future of ringing at that particular place may result. Again, the committees frequently include a member appointed for his special antiquarian knowledge and the zeal of gentlemen with this attainment has from time to time been an obstacle to bell restoration on lines which would facilitate ringing. In these instances a modifying influence in a committee is therefore very necessary, and we hope the Central Council's letter, which was resolved upon at the Chester meeting, will have the requisite effect.

It will be extremely interesting to see what the result is of this action by the Council. Doubtless in some cases, when the matter is brought to the notice of the Conferences, the necessary appointment will be made, but where the letter has no effect we hope the Council will not be content to let the matter slide. It is a question of the first importance that someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing should be on every one of the Advisory Committees, because, in the future, they will be, in effect, if not in fact, the deciding authority in all restorations of and additions to rings of bells. The Central Council must press their request wherever there is any doubt as to a suitable appointment being made, for too often matters of this kind are shelved by the gentle practice of ignoring them. Despite all that we are told of the recognition of ringers in these days, there still exists

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a considerable prejudice in some quarters, and ringers are thought to be of little account. This attitude, wherever it is to be found, is one which the Council should attack at every available opportunity, and we fancy they will find more than one such opportunity in their present endeavour. Having embarked on this very necessary campaign, they must follow it to a successful conclusion, and, through the various channels open to them, they must make those responsible for appointing these committees understand that the claim to the representation of practical knowledge of bells and ringing is important, and not to be ignored, or turned down without adequate reason.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK SPRINGHAM ... Treble	THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 6
FREDERICK BIRD ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
WALTER PRIOR ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 8
WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 4	HENRY DEW ... .. 9
THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 5	GEORGE JORDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First attempt for a peal. Ringers of 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor hail from Stansted; 7th and 8th from Cambridge; treble, 2nd, 4th and 9th from Bishop's Stortford.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5220 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BASRILL ... .. 6
CHARLES MEE ... .. 2	JOHN FORMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 8
JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 9
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 5	ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th 20 courses wrong and right in the Titlams, and 20 courses right in the back stroke home position. It is made up with short and long courses with regular and irregular course ends. Mr. C. Mee, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Ipswich. Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*GUYDO DICKINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	†L. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Triples in the method.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD E. ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAUSER ... .. 7
BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BOOTH ... .. Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2	FRED. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	JAMES A. HART ... .. 7
*GEORGE DANN ... .. 4	*RUFUS ALLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. S. HOBDEN.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor, and first attempt.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 4	TITUS BARLOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
*LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
ROBERT FLEUTY ... .. 4	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Quickest peal on the bells. \* First peal in the method. F. Claydon has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, who attained the age of 73 years on the 18th and 22nd September respectively.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the (R.C.) CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 5
*LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3	JOHN NEAL ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George E. Large on his 20th birthday, it being his first peal as conductor on eight bells, and first attempt. Mr. George F. Swann has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 7
*STEPHEN HOARE ... .. 4	GEORGE HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the tower.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. STACEY ... .. Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
HARRY BARRETT ... .. 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 6
ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 4	JOHN J. WILLMOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 6
GEORGE HILL ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4	CHARLES SEVERN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 5
JOHN BURLS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6
CHARLES WINSEN ... .. 3	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7
THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 4	C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 3	J. EDWARD CAUSER ... .. 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

## PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble	FRED HARWOOD ... .. 5
*HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## BARTHOOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	ALBERT ASTBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and on the 17th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

## YORKTOWN, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5006 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Dobbie and the conductor, on the anniversary of their respective weddings.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

†THOS. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	†JOHN J. BECK ... .. 5
SAM BRYANT ... .. 2	ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6
*JAMES T. TITT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 7
†ROBT. H. JOHNSON ... .. 4	ROBT. B. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in method. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. B. Watts on the 8th anniversary of his coming to Shildon as Vicar. Also as a wedding peal for George Hutchinson, one of the local ringers.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

8 On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR C. CORBYN ... .. Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 5
CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 2	JAMES SPALDING ... .. 6
ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 7
*CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 6
E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
HENRY PRING ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

## PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	DAVID H. ELLIOTT ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Major.

## SALLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MOYSE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 6
*WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This was the 100th peal in the method by the conductor. This and the peal at Wymondham were arranged for Miss Kitty Willers.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, 1,051 Stedman Caters: A. Walker (conductor) 1, J. W. Pemberton 2, E. Sibley (Northampton) 3, G. E. Large 4, G. Walker 5, M. J. Morris 6, E. Mansell 7, G. F. Yendall 8, T. H. Reeves 9, W. T. Froggatt 10.



**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.  
(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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

LIONEL HAMMOND ... .. Treble	THOMAS CRANE ... .. 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 5
FREDERICK PECK ... .. 3	JAMES HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the treble ringer. The singer of the 4th bell is 74 years of age.

**BEDFORD.**

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*KENNETH BOWYER ... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 3	THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal.

**FINCHLEY.**

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and College Single, and two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

FREDERICK CHERITT ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. TUBB ... .. 4
FREDERICK S. TUBB ... .. 2	BERTRAM F. TUBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM P. BLAKE ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.**

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble	FRANK LEWIN ... .. 4
*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... .. 2	†C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 5
MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

† First peal in seven methods. \* 100th peal on tower bells.

**IPSWICH.**

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

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

Being 720 each of Single Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

BEN TILLET ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM PRIME ... .. 4
*VICTOR E. WATERS ... .. 2	†FREDERICK BOWELL ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LONG ... .. 3	ALFRED BOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BOWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all the band. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in new steel frames by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. It is 20 years since the last peal was rung on them. It is also the first on the bells by an entirely local band.

**OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Consisting of one extent of Bob Minor, one of Oxford Treble Bob and five of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Treble	HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 5
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

First peal of Minor by all the band.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

MIDLAND DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.  
NO SUCCESSOR FOUND.

Members of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild met at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on Saturday, for the sole purpose of electing an honorary secretary in place of Mrs. J. E. Groves, who has held the office since 1921, and who, owing to the objection of Miss Parker, the general secretary, to a non-ringer being district secretary, felt she could not carry on any longer.

There was a fairly good attendance, and those who could not attend wrote asking Mrs. Groves to continue in office. The members present were unanimous in desiring her to continue, and Miss Pigott said it would be impossible to get anyone to do better or take more interest in the Guild. She could not understand the general secretary's attitude, as each district was allowed to select its own secretary and committee, and no rules had been broken. If the district was not flourishing it was keeping together, thanks to the secretary.

This expression of opinion reflected the views of all present, and similar sentiments were expressed in letters received from Miss Thatcher, Clerk; Miss Dodds, Miss Johnson, and others.

Mrs. Groves thanked the members for their kind appreciation, but after Miss Parker's remarks at the Reading meeting, nothing, she said, would induce her to carry on any longer.

Her resignation was, therefore, accepted with much regret.

As no one else would accept the office, the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Morgan, and to Mr. Neal and the other gentlemen, who had helped in the arrangements.

**WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) was held at Weston-super-Mare on Sept. 19th, and was well attended, in spite of heavy rain in the earlier part of the day. Members were present from Bath, Bristol, Clapton-in-Gordano, Corston, Evercreech, Portishead and Tiverton. The bells, a light peal of eight, were going soon after 3 o'clock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman being rung. The Vicar (Preb. Porcher) conducted the Guild service, and gave a short address, after which members and friends adjourned to the Paragon Cafe, where an excellent tea was served.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. Edwards, of Portishead, presiding.—St. Philip's, Bristol, was chosen for the next meeting, to be held early in December, and Miss A. Emm was elected a life member of the Guild.

The thanks of the meeting are due to Preb. Porcher for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Blackmore for so kindly making all arrangements.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the North-Western Division was held on Saturday, Sept. 19th, at St. Dunstan's Church, Hunsdon, Herts. Unfortunately it rained practically the whole time, so the attendance was very small. However, ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. N. A. Errington. Fifteen members then sat down to tea, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. N. A. Errington.

At the business meeting, A. Wrenn was elected a member, proposed by the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, and seconded by Mr. Cook.

Very interesting discussions followed concerning the increase of lady ringers in the county, and how to assist a tower and help it to advance in the art of change ringing.

The Secretary read a letter from the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard, regretting his inability to be present.

Mr. H. Dew, on behalf of the company, thanked the Rev. N. A. Errington for the use of the bells, and for the many duties he had performed.—To this the Chairman suitably replied, saying he was always pleased to welcome members of the Essex Association. The activities by the Rev. N. A. Errington during the day were ringing with the company, conducting, holding the service, playing the organ, giving an excellent bell ringers' address, presiding at tea, and taking the chair at the business meeting.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE OLD NORWICH CONTROVERSY. PUBLIC EXCITEMENT LEADS TO FREE FIGHT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

This is Edward Crane's letter which appeared in the 'Gazette' of December 4th, 1731:—

WHEREAS Thomas Melchior did assert in the 'News' on the 27th past that Thomas Crane did place himself in a Public House, where there were People coming in and going out, this is to tell him that Mr. Will Aburn does here justify that he was in a room of his, and that there was nobody with him all the Time of their ringing but two of his company, till he had proved the Truth of their Peal. But this is just like offering to swear that their Advertisement was true; but when Thomas Crane went and made Affidavit before one of our Magistrates that they rung but 4,860 changes, and that we put John Webster upon his Oath, he then cunningly said it was not the peal they rung, but it was the Peal upon his Paper he would swear was true. Then we asked him why they advertised but 8 men when he was fain to relieve the 6th man? He said they did not count the tenor man. Then why was he in the 'News'? We asked him how many times their 5 fore bells struck together in one part of their Peal? He owned 5 times. Then how could this Peal be rung without Bells out of Course? Mr. Melchior was pleased likewise to say that the Peal we rung in St. Michael's of Coslany is not Stedman. I am very sorry he should show his Ignorance to both City and Country. I will appeal to any Man of his Art, whether or no they ever knew the 6th and 7th Bells were turned half the one way and half the other way, as theirs do now. I must tell him that he never pricked a Peal upon 7 bells with only Two Doubles, if he had he would have known how the great Bells should have come Home at their proper places; and not have taken himself to a Peal of 5 Bells and fled to STEDMAN for assistance; because the Peal of 5 bells will work many ways, and so will Grandsire on 5 Bells as well as Stedman. Then, I pray, let any man that is a judge in this Art tell me, why Stedman on 7 bells should not work as GRANDSIRE on 7 bells, and bring their Great Bells Home at their Quarter, Half, Three-Quarter and Whole Peal's end? Likewise STEDMAN'S on 6 bells. Why they work proper and bring their Great Bells Home at their proper time? And so do other peals on 5, 6, 7 and 8. But, alas! Mr. Melchior, if you desire to keep to your credit you must go into St. Gregory's Churchyard and call up John Garthan to do the work for you. Pray be not affronted because I tell you the Truth.

## EDWARD CRANE AND HIS COMPANY.

If Thomas Melchior really meant what he said when he declared it was not worth his while to answer his opponents for the future, he speedily found that circumstances were too strong for him. The controversy blazed up fiercer than ever. The general public began to take sides; it was the sporting event of the moment, and was hotly debated in all the inns in Coslany, round Mancroft, and elsewhere in the city. His followers expected that Melchior should reply to Edward Crane's last letter. But, indeed, he was not the man to need any pressing. He could write a good letter; he had a pretty wit; and he threw himself into the fray with gusto. Whatever the other side may have thought, Melchior thoroughly enjoyed the dispute. In his last letter he had protested with dignity against the absurdity of Thomas Crane's charges. The charges had been repeated, and now he would give the other a good dressing down for his pains.

Whether Thomas Crane was speaking the truth when he said that he shut himself up in a quiet room all the time he was counting the strokes of St. Peter's tenor, or whether he was going in and out talking and being talked to, as Melchior asserted, is no great matter. I am inclined to believe Crane. Melchior, of course, could not know anything about it at first hand. Mr. Aburn, who was host of the inn where Crane was, was a friend of both sides, as a good innkeeper should be, and was quite willing to agree with each in turn. He was ready to 'testify' to Crane's version, and when Melchior called and talked the matter over, with the help of a friendly glass or two, he told him pretty much what he wanted to hear. Imagination did the rest, and Melchior sat down and wrote a lively account of Thomas Crane that must have made even that rather dull-witted gentleman squirm. It is not good to a man's vanity, after he has been posing as an authority, to be turned into a figure of fun. The date of the letter is December 11th, 1731.

WHEREAS Thomas Crane in the last Week's Paper did pretend that Mr. Aburn would justify that he was in a Room of his all the Time that we were ringing, and that there was Nobody in the Room but Two of his company: Be it known that Mr. Aburn informed us, that at their first coming they went into the yard, where they sat and heard us ring for some Time; but finding it too cold they went into the room; but he going in Some Time after, found only One Man there: Doubtless they had no dis-

course, for honest Tom was so brisk in telling the strokes of the tenor, that he could hardly spare time to bid RICE GREEN go and be—because he would stay no longer. Tom, methinks, has an excellent Memory, and ears as long as an ass, that he could not be put out of his Reckoning by any Noise the People made by going in and out. This indeed to me seems wonderful, for I have often mistook in telling Twelve Strokes of the Clock by some Interruption or other. But Tom was earnest in proving what he knew nothing of, for whenever the landlord came in to see what he wanted he clinched his fist, shut his Hard Mouth, and grinned at him: all this could not put infallible Tom out, but he went on telling the Strokes of the Tenor for Three Hours and a Half together in which time he told 4,860 Strokes, as he asserted. Methinks this infallible Man ought to be knighted for this grand Exploit. I would almost Envy his great skill in proving peals. I durst have sworn by the paper we had with us in which were set down the bobs and their distances taken from the original, that we rung 5,040 Changes and not Two Bells out of Course, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes. I think I know what I wrote; and John Webster remarkt every Bob that I called, and will take Oath that I called every Bob neither more nor less; yet honest Tom, by his unerring Rule of telling the strokes of the tenor, has sworn that we wanted Nine Score Changes. Likewise this Honest Man told John Webster that he never spoke that Word in his Life, but he would swear to the Truth of it. Let this be allowed him. But alas! I am sorry for poor Ned Crane, finding him void of all knowledge of Stedman's Triples. If the peal we pricked and rung be not proper Stedman's Triples, why does he not accept the Wager Two to One proffered in our last? I tell you, Ned, I am of Opinion that you would rather have made your Peal without Alteration than with had you known how. You have owned that I was the first Man that ever turned the Sixth and Seventh; but let me tell you they are All turned as well as those, Else they would not be every Bell a Course alike, which takes away all Pretension of keeping your bells as in Grandsire. If your Peal had been without alteration, we would have owned it, but as it is it must be called Ned Crane's Triples, and not Stedman's. I tell that Wise Gentleman, who was your prompter before you found that nice way of nailing your Paper against the wall to call your bobs by (though to no effect), that if John Garthan had been alive he would have laughed at your Ignorance for assigning Hunts to Stedman's Triples, whereas Stedman says every bell has a Course alike.

THOMAS MELCHIOR, by Consent of his Company.

The centre of interest now shifts to the other tower. The Mancroft peal had been rung; everything had been said about it that could be said, whether for or against: and all the while the Coslany men were trying to ring their peal. Eleven times they started for it, and eleven times, from one cause or another, it came to grief. Edward Crane was not altogether happy in his calling. Melchior charged him with having a prompter to help him, but we need not pay very much attention to that. Both bands had an extra man in the tower during their peal attempts, to act as referee, to check the bobs and vauch for the peal when rung. And both these men were strong partisans. Each was as anxious that the peal should be rung as any of the actual ringers, and no doubt would have been quite willing to have lent a helping hand, either to a bad-going bell, as John Webster did, or to supply a bob that the conductor missed. It did not seem to have occurred to either Melchior or Crane that this was not quite the best sort of referee. They ought to have invited a man from the opposite hand to be present, or got an entirely impartial umpire. But, doubtless, party feeling ran too high for the first, and the second was not available.

A more serious charge that Melchior made against Crane was that he called his bobs from a paper nailed up in the tower. That is the sort of thing some second-rate conductors have all along been tempted to do. Indeed, some years ago there were rumours of its being done in certain places, and the Central Council passed a resolution condemning the practice. It is certainly not a sportsmanlike thing to do, but I think the main thing against it is that it is not very effective. A man who has not got his peal in his head is not likely to be kept from making mistakes by a piece of paper which as likely as not he can but imperfectly see.

The time when the Coslany men intended to start for their peal was extensively advertised, and beforehand some of the livelier members of the Mancroft party paid the town erior to go round the city reciting a satirical verse which they had got the ingenious Mr. William Scott to compose for the 'occasion.' The bellman used to be one of the public institutions of Norwich. At a time when printing was rarer, and reading not a universal accomplishment, the town erior was the usual means of making things generally known. I do not know if he still exists. He did when I was a boy, though much fallen from his former high estate.

When the peal was actually begun, several hundred people gathered round the church to listen. Some would be mere citizens, but the ex-

cited partisans of both bands mustered in force. Debate and feeling were running high, and it would not have been an English crowd in the eighteenth century if there had not been plenty of betting on the result of the ringing. When the peal had gone on for upwards of a couple of hours, and it began to look as if the attempt was going to be successful, the excitement increased tenfold. The rowdier elements of the Mancroft party started to make a noise, to throw stones at the church door, and on to the lead roof, and one man, more daring than the others, actually tried to force his way inside through one of the windows. St. Michael's tower stands but a few feet away from the street, and the churchyard was surrounded by a brick wall, easily climbed by anyone with a little agility. Of course, this led to counter action by the Coslany party. A free fight ensued, and blood was shed, though by no more serious means than through punched noses. The Coslany party being on their own ground, were numerically the stronger, and the result of the fight was that they drove the Mancroft party off the field.

Was ever peal rung in such like circumstances? I have known cases where the outside people wanted to do murder, but the people to be murdered were the poor ringers inside. I never heard of another peal which so excited a city that people fell to fist cuffs over its merits while it was a ringing.

Crane and his band were highly indignant over the affair. They laid it all to the Mancroft band, and charged Melchior with being the cause and instigator. Melchior hotly denied the charge; the Mancroft band scorned to do such things. I think he spoke the truth. Men of his sort who can speak and write as he could do not need to descend to physical violence. The riot was unpremeditated, caused by the rougher elements which are to be found in every crowd. I do not suppose their interest in Stedman Triples went further than that they had some bets on the ringing, or even that this was more than one of the many occasions that occurred for making a row.

The affair of the bellman was another matter. The Mancroft ringers themselves may not actually have employed him, but they knew very well who did, and Melchior thought the joke quite a good one, and thoroughly enjoyed the fun.

## VICAR BREAKS INTO BELFRY.

### UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION AT SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday week a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, but was brought to an abrupt termination about halfway through, from a most unexpected cause. While the ringing was in progress the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Overton, received a note from a nursing institution in Quarry Place explaining that two important operations were to be performed, and asking that the bells might be stopped owing to the patients needing quietness.

The Vicar, from whom formal authority had previously been received for the ringing of the peal, immediately went across to the church, but found the gate of the iron railings surrounding the church locked. The vergers climbed the railings by means of a ladder, and then found that the belfry door was also locked and bolted on the inside. On the Vicar's instructions, therefore, the door was forced open, causing it to split horizontally across the middle, and damaging the panels.

Naturally the ringers were keenly disappointed at the result of the sudden interruption, especially in view of the fact that some of them had come from Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire for the occasion. At the time of closure, splendid progress was being made, exactly half the changes having been rung in an hour and 49 minutes. The ringers were: G. R. Lilley (St. Chad's, conductor), 1. H. Knight (Wolverhampton) 2. W. Short (Glent, Worcestershire) 3. J. Perry (Brewood, Staffordshire), 4. C. Wallater (Willenhall) 5. J. Lilley (St. Chad's) 6. R. Pickering (Tettenhall) 7. W. R. Kynaston (St. Chad's) 8. E. F. Mitchell (Wolverhampton) 9. W. Fisher (Coseley, Staffordshire) 10. J. T. Elton (Walsall) 11. J. George (Birmingham) 12.

It is about thirty years since a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Chad's, and two of the ringers who took part on that occasion, Mr. Short and Mr. George, were in the abortive attempt on Saturday week.

### AN UNFORTUNATE PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday last, at St. Michael's, Wood Green, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in three methods. Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor had been rung, when the peal came to grief 120 changes from the end of the last 720 of Plain Bob, after 2 hours and 38 minutes' ringing: Miss M. Ringrose 1, G. M. Kilby 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, J. G. Nash 4, A. F. Putland 5, H. Kilby 6. It would have been the first peal in three methods for the ringers of treble, 4th and 5th, and it was also the first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the ringers of treble and 4th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An advertiser in 'The Ringing World' writes: 'Many thanks for inserting advertisement. By its means I have filled the post. I recommend all employers who are ringers to use your column for similar purposes.'

Mr. William Thorley, of Loughborough, met with a serious accident on the 13th September. He was cycling on the Derby road, when he was knocked down by a car, and now lies in a serious condition in the Derby Royal Infirmary. He was to have taken part in a peal of Stedman at Shepshed on the 19th. Owing, however, to his accident Grandsire had to be substituted.

'Church Bells' for Sept. 21st, 1872, recorded, with disgust, two prize ringing festivals. One was the Eccles Wakes Festival, when prizes totalling £16 were offered for a change ringing contest at the Parish Church. The other was at St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, when the first prize of £8 was won by Broad Clyst; the second, £5, by Torquay; the third, £2 10s. by St. Sidwell's, Exeter; and the fourth, £1, by Blackawton. The ringing in this contest consisted of 'ups and downs and rounds and rounds,' and occasionally a few call changes. A contest of £28 5s. in prize money took place in the following week, at Glossop, when eighteen sets competed, and the ringing lasted from 9 a.m. until midnight.

History in Stedman Cinquses was made on October 6th, 1788, when the first peal was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a 6,024 composed and called by Thomas Blakemore. This was an exceptional length for a first peal in the method, and was not exceeded until the year 1806, when 6,334 was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where, some years later, fire destroyed the twelve bells.

It is interesting to note that five of the band who took part in the first performance, also took part in 1792 in what was probably only the second peal in the method, this also being rung at St. Martin's, and was again composed and called by Thomas Blakemore.

On October 1st, 1749, 'ye first peal on ye eight new bells,' a 5,040 'Bob Majors' was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by the Eastern Scholars.

The first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on record was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on October 3rd, 1863.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the celebrated bells at All Saints', Fulham, where later a record length in the method was rung, was accomplished on October 3rd, 1819.

Established in 1686, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths has just celebrated its 239th anniversary. Painswick bells are justly famous throughout the country, and some wonderful performances have been achieved on them. Many records have been made (some of them, of course, since surpassed elsewhere), but the 13,001 Grandsire Cinquses rung on February 14th, 1920, still remains the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

Two other among numerous noteworthy achievements may be mentioned, one of them nearly 200 years ago, and the other over a century since. These peals were the 12,006 Grandsire Caters rung in 1737, and the 12,312 in the same method in 1817.

They know well how to organise a bell fund at Norbury, Cheshire, and how to awaken public interest outside the ranks of the church congregation. The whole of the residents have been stirred up by the scheme, and not only have the Nonconformist bodies contributed the cost of a bell, but the children in their schools have done their part.

On Sunday afternoon, for instance, the handbells were taken to the Wesleyan Sunday School, the Vicar gave an address to the children, and a collection for the bell fund realised over £12! Parishes who are at a loss to know where to obtain funds for bell restoration might get a few hints from Norbury—we are sure the good folk there would be glad to pass on details of their scheme.

By the way, the Loughborough Foundry has made an excellent job of the bells and hanging. The bells were unofficially tried on Saturday, and all who heard them were delighted. The official opening is on October 24th.

Ringers who intended visiting Urchfont for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild meeting to-morrow, should note that the meeting has been postponed, but another has been arranged for Bromham on the same date.

There is likely to be a renewal of activity at another Ipswich Church. At St. Clement's, where the bells have been relunged by Mr. Alfred Bowell, a peal of seven different Minor extents has been rung by a local band, and it is 20 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

## BRIGHTER BELL RINGING.

'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.'—Daily Paper.

Personally, comments 'Punch,' we always try to avoid these humorous sallies.



## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

By J. P. FIDLER. EIGHTH ARTICLE.

Knutsford, No. 31, page 28, is the next method to practise. The work 'up' is identical to that of the two previous methods, so we can devote our attention to that done by those passing the treble 'down.' Looking at the 2nd, we find the slow work commences and finishes like that of Rostherne, with a double dodge substituted for the place-making. In the middle work, the 3-4 bell, after making 3rd's, does a half-pull in 4th's, makes 3rd's and 4th's, finishing with a half-pull in 3rd's, whilst the 4-5 bell commences with a half-pull in 3rd's, and does the opposite work.

It will be necessary to record this work, thus:—

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's, double dodge on, lead, half 2nd's, lead and out.  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, half 2nd's, lead, double dodge off, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, half 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, half 3rd's and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. Half 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, half 4th's, 3rd's.  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.

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### BOGEDONE.

As the figures for Bogedone do not appear in the present edition of the Collection, a lead is given. Let us look at the 'slow.' The bell which snapped with treble, leads full and makes 2nd's place, does a 5-pull dodge on the lead, lead's full and out, whilst its partner, passing treble 2-3 down, leads full first, and does a 5-pull dodge off the lead, and waits for treble. For the middle work, the bell which passed treble 3-4 down, makes 3rd's and 4th's, does a single dodge, makes 3rd's and out, and the 4-5 down bell, makes the odd place first, i.e., 3rd's, a single dodge and makes double places, i.e., 4th's & 3rd's. This needs, recording as under:

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, 5-pull dodge on the lead, lead and out.  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, 5-pull dodge off the lead, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, 4th's, dodge 3-4, 3rd's and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. 3rd's, dodge 3-4, 4th's 3rd's (treble comes).  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.

These four methods will 'splice' at any lead end.

### FLY.

Ely, No. 35, page 29, the 'odd' method of the group, 'splices' only course for course. Three bells work in the 'slow,' that which passed treble 2-3 down being the mainstay. Its work may be divided into three small parts: (a) Lead, and dodge off (being work with the bell that snapped with treble); (b) 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, work which allows that bell to get away, and the one which will snap treble to come down; and (c) a single dodge on, lead and out. Meanwhile, that which snapped with treble, leads, makes 2nd's, dodges on, leads and does Treble Bob work out, and the bell passing 4-5 down does the opposite work. There is no fifth's place made under the treble, a dodge and a place in the middle being substituted.

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, dodge on, lead and Treble Bob 'up.'  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, dodge off, 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, dodge on, lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, dodge 3-4 and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. Treble Bob down, lead, dodge off, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. Dodge 3-4 down, 3rd's, treble comes.

There are now thirty methods to hand, and for a peal of this number, allow two 720's for the group under review, and a group to each of the remaining extents. Having successfully accomplished this, you can enter the last lap.

For the benefit of those content with seven-method peals, there are two methods, which, when added to the five already dealt with, will constitute a peal worth ringing. The first is 'Dunedin,' No. 34, page 29. This method was first rung at Norbury on July 1st, 1910, from a lead given by Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, N.Z., an old instructor of the company. He had never seen the collection of methods, and not until some time later was its presence discovered.

The other method is Chadkirk, No. 10, page 10, containing the same work 'up' and a work 'down,' which has to all intents and purposes already been learned.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.]

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### THE SUGGESTED NEW RULES.

Melton Mowbray, the place noted for 'pork-pies' and the frequent visits of the Prince of Wales for hunting and racing, was the scene of the M.C.A.'s second quarterly meeting last Saturday.

The Church of St. Mary is a magnificent cruciform building of the Early English and Perpendicular styles, containing numerous fine stained-glass windows, and many ancient interesting monuments. The stately central tower is embattled, with octagonal turret, pinnacles and dwarf spire, and contains a fine peal of ten bells. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and was continued during the afternoon and evening, the bells being manipulated by a large number of visitors from Burton, Colgrave, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Peterborough, Syston, Wigston, and other places. While the ringing was not of the best, the striking being mostly in jazz style, or, as 'A flat' would term it, 'Syncopated'; it was nevertheless enjoyed by all, even though some attempts did not come 'home.'

The committee meeting took place at 4 p.m., and after the usual routine business, an appeal from Belper (where six steel bells are being 'scrapped' and a new peal of eight by Taylor being erected) was discussed, and a grant made from the Bell Repair Fund.

The Hon. Secretary informed the members that he was in communication with the Central Council and Railway Companies with reference to the suggested cheaper rates for ringers. He also announced that he had received a quantity of back issues of the M.C.A. reports, and was given permission to dispose of these to any members desiring them, on payment of cost of postage.

The suggested new rules were discussed at some length, but no satisfactory solution being arrived at it was left over for the time being.

The committee then adjourned for tea, but a hitch had occurred owing to a large number of members being present who had failed to give notice. However, after a rearrangement all got served. During tea, the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Davies) arrived, but owing to another engagement could not stay. In a few remarks he welcomed the visitors to Melton, and before leaving was elected an hon. member.

At the subsequent meeting, the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, R.A., J.P.) was supported by Mrs. Chambers, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), and hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris).—The President gave a brief outline of the committee meeting, after which the secretary read out the list of new members made since the last meeting, viz.: 6 honorary, 6 life, 9 ringing and 2 rejoined. One old and valued member (Mr. H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton) was transferred to the life members' list.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar and local committee were passed unanimously, and in seconding the latter, Mr. W. E. White asked that it might be noted that any inconvenience caused over tea arrangements was entirely the fault of members attending, who had failed to notify the local management, and urged all in future to avoid this unpleasantness, by giving the necessary notice.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., when a social hour was spent in harmony, handbell ringing, etc. The best 'ringing' of the afternoon was that done by Maurice Swinfield, of Burton, when he tapped on the piano a perfect course of Duffield Major followed by three courses of Stedman Triples, the 'bobs' being called by Mr. W. Willson. Owing to 'domestic' ties, the writer had to dash away very unceremoniously during a song by the local hero, so what result this had upon the hearers he cannot say! Taken altogether this meeting was most successful, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. E. M.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The heading of your 'leader' in the 'Ringing World' for Sept. 18th is incorrect and misleading. The words, 'M.C.A.'s proposed new rules,' infer that the suggested alterations which you mention are proposed by the Midland Counties Association, and this is quite wrong. These proposed new rules have not been put forward by the General Committee nor by any District Committee, but represent the efforts of one ordinary ringing member who does not hold any official position whatever in the M.C.A.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. WRIGHT and E. MORRIS. Hon. Secs.

[We think that no one who read the article referred to will have been misled. It is not always easy to convey an exact interpretation in a single line heading, but, after all, the new rules are proposed for the M.C.A., and no one else, and even the general committee do not constitute the whole of the association.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples, also 630 in the same method: L. Gray 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, A. E. Darnell 5, H. Langdon 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, A. Riley 8. Rung as a last token of respect to Mrs. Franks, wife of Mr. Harry Franks, a respected member of the St. Andrew's Guild, whose funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery during the afternoon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

After an absence of 16 years, the association again visited Rawtenstall for the annual meeting on Saturday, but the day chosen proved one of the worst in September, which told against the numbers present, although a goodly company got together. The nine towers in the branch were thrown open to visitors, and some of the ringers broke their journey at towers on their way down, but all made their way to headquarters in time for the service at St. Mary's, which was intoned by the Rural Dean, the Rev. G. E. Knapp Fisher, of Newchurch. The lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, while the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hunter) gave a forceful address. Between 50 and 60 attended the service. Tea followed in the Schools near by, when the company was increased by a party which arrived late, by charabanc. Those of the committee who were present met in a classroom to discuss the report while the later ones finished tea.

The business meeting was held afterwards, with Canon Elsee in the chair, supported by the Rev. T. Hunter, the Rev. G. E. Knapp Fisher, the hon. treasurer, secretaries (Messrs. A. Tamlinson and W. H. Shaker), the vice-president, and eight of the committee. The clergy present addressed a few words to the members, and Canon Elsee afterwards thanked them for what they had done to make the meeting a success.

The committee reported 1,502 members on the books, 102 of which had been elected during the year. The financial position was satisfactory, with a gain of £5 9s. 10d., against a loss last year. The peal list is 124—a record for the association. They had lost, by death, 12 members. The report ended with best thanks to the local secretaries who worked to get the result achieved.

Afterwards, the balance sheet was read, and passed, and the election of officers took place, there being four nominations for vice-president. Voting papers were issued, and while these were marked, collected and counted, the election of the other officers was confirmed, as no more than were required were nominated. Seventy-five papers were returned, and showed a majority in favour of Mr. J. Rollerson, who was accordingly elected for the next two years. Three places were voted on for next year's meeting, and Bolton, with its eight rings of eight and one of six, was chosen. The best thanks of the meeting was given to the organist, choir for their services, and the local ringers for making everything as comfortable as possible.

**ANOTHER NOTTINGHAM VETERAN GONE.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Woolley, at the age of 72, after only a few hours' illness. Deceased's familiar bent figure was well known in the Midlands, and while never rising to great things in ringing circles, was always a reliable man, and a worker. His one venture as a conductor is the only peal of Oxford Bob Triples yet rung in the district. He leaves a widow and two daughters, the elder of whom was Nottingham's first lady ringer.

The interment took place on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at Bulwell, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by W. E. White, F. S. Price, A. Coppock and H. R. Cobbin. A muffled touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, by F. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, E. R. Lader 8.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.**

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths celebrated their 239th anniversary. Touches on the famous bells were rung during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Institute, where an excellent meat tea was provided. The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Neary) presided, and extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers. He said what a good thing it was to have those social gatherings for creating and fostering the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among them.

Mr. Albert Wright, Master of the Painswick Youths, spoke of the difficulties of keeping a band of ringers going, but he was pleased to say they now had a band of twelve, and some more coming on.

Mr. M. E. Ireland, an old supporter, and member of the Painswick Youths, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be with them again, and said how pleased he always was to be among ringers, on account of the good fellowship and harmony which prevailed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and to this the Vicar suitably responded.

The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Gaters and Bob Major were rung.

On Sunday, for morning service, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes: Thomas Wright 1, William Ireland 2, William Ryland 3, Albert Wright (composer and conductor) 4, H. Hopper 5, G. Orchard 6, C. Gardiner 7, C. Barnfield 8.—On Sunday afternoon and evening, for service, touches of Triples, Gaters and Cinques were rung.

**REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

**CENTRAL COUNCIL'S LETTER TO DIOCESAN CONFERENCES.**  
The following letter has been sent by the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. Alex. Young) to the Secretaries of the 44 Diocesan Conferences:—

'As Secretary to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, I have been instructed by my Council to approach the Diocesan Conferences with reference to the appointment of members to act upon Advisory Committees for additions to churches and their ornaments. Where such committees exist it frequently happens that questions relating to the rehanging or improvement of church bells are submitted for their judgment, and it is, therefore, important that each committee should if possible have among its members one at least who has some practical knowledge of the subject from the ringers' point of view.

In several dioceses care has been taken to appoint on the Advisory Committee someone who is thus qualified. And in view of the importance of the bells in many churches, my Council respectfully urges that this should always be done.

All the great Diocesan and County Associations of Ringers were represented at the meeting of the Council at Chester last June, and on their behalf I beg respectfully to ask that if the Advisory Committee for your diocese does not already include a member with practical knowledge of bells and ringing, steps may if possible be taken to add such a one to the committee, or at least to ensure that before any decision affecting the tower or bells is taken, expert opinion should be sought.'

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION AT WALDRON.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Waldron on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: St. Nicholas, Brighton; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Hailsham, Heathfield, Mayfield; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Southover, Lewes, together with members of the local band. Good practice was had in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was held, the Rector (the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson) giving an excellent address on the duties of ringers and churchworkers generally.

Service over, a move was made to the Foxhunt Memorial Hall, where, by the generosity of several ladies in the parish, about 30 members sat down to a splendid tea, presided over by the Rector.

At the brief business meeting which followed, the Rector was voted to the chair, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. A. J. Ancock, E. Burgess, W. Burgess, A. Hilton, A. Humphrey, F. Marchant, J. Marchant, W. J. B. Parker, F. C. Pettitt, S. Pettitt, H. Wood, C. F. Woolen, all of St. Andrew's, Alfriston; H. Kent, Christ Church, St. Leonard's. Mr. W. Pickworth, of Southgate, was elected as a non-resident life member, and the election of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, was confirmed.

Following a discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rotherfield.

Mr. G. W. Stokes (the hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and his address at the service. He also thanked the ladies who had so kindly provided the tea, and had attended to the ringers' wants at the table.

The Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, in responding for himself, and on behalf of the ladies, said what a pleasure it had been to have the members of the association amongst them that day. He thanked them for their kind remarks, and wished the association every success.

The meeting then terminated, the members returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. For the success of the meeting great thanks are due to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, who kindly made all the arrangements.

**REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.****To the Editor.**

Sir,—Mr. G. P. Burton will have to try again. Fancy having to label a composition No. 274,000. No, never let us do away with the composer's name. Why should we do so? It is a custom handed down, I believe, ever since the early days of ringing. When, if ever, a register is compiled whose peals would be included; all or only the best ones? I ask this question, as recently a well-known composer stated he had compositions of one method alone running into six figures. Would all these be included? It would need some register. Neither do I think many, if any, hands would trouble to ask the number. There are to-day not alone hundreds, but thousands of ringers who could not tell the course ends of a peal and compare it with a number in a register. I quite agree with Mr. Trollope in his 'Notes by the Way' of Sept. 18th. Even now he says it takes a very keen ear to take down from outside a peal of Stedman Triples the composition, of which the listener does not know. Mr. Trollope might have added, 'and other methods as well.'—Yours truly,

'IN AND STHS.'

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

A very pleasant meeting of the Bristol branch took place at Bitton on Saturday last, members attending from St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, St. Peter's, Almondsbury, Henbury and Mangotsfield. Mr. J. A. Hart, of London, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, were also present, and the members were specially pleased to welcome the latter, after his long illness. Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung before tea, which was served in the Village Hall. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. G. Hillier, of Bitton, for having the bells ready, and making the arrangements for tea.

Mr. J. Gould thanked the members of the Bristol Branch, on behalf of Mrs. Gould and himself, for their handsome wedding present, which consisted of an oak hall stand, and said it would remind them of the many pleasant gatherings every time they took their hats off the pegs to come to the meetings.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and good use made of the bells, some members ringing their first touches of Stedman and Grandsire.

**DEATH OF A MALDON RINGER.**

We regret to report the death of William George Mansfield, of Maldon, Essex, who passed away rather suddenly on Thursday, Sept. 17th. The deceased was taken ill whilst at work at Messrs. Sadd and Son's, timber merchants. He was removed to his home, where he died in a few hours.

The deceased, who was 61 years of age, had been a bell ringer at All Saints' Church for 47 years, and was the oldest ringer in Maldon.

The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Tuesday Sept. 22nd, when the ringers were represented by Messrs. R. Hutson, F. Chalk, W. J. Brinkley, A. South and F. May, of Rettendon. During the evening, as a last token of respect, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, the following ringers taking part: Miss A. E. Walcock, Messrs. R. Hutson, F. Chalk, W. H. Chalk, J. Walden, W. J. Brinkley, A. Mansfield, A. South, E. Ellinger, J. Amos and F. May.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CHANGE OF MASTER IN NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Hagley on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Unfortunately the weather was very wet, but in spite of this there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Selly Oak, Smethwick, Halesowen, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, Cradley, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Oldswinford, Hagley and Kidderminster. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon, and service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Burns), who, in the course of an interesting address, pointed out the usefulness of the work of bell ringers in calling people to the House of God.—After the service, tea was provided in the Village Schools.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided, supported by Messrs. J. Nicholls and G. A. Lionel Hatton (churchwardens), R. Mathews (Ringing Master of the Association), W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), T. J. Salter, J. Price, H. Mason and A. J. Skelding (secretary, Northern Branch).—A letter of apology was received from Mr. A. E. Parsons, who sent his kind greetings to the meeting.

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Keith Hart of the Sussex County Association, who was on holiday in the district.

The Rector welcomed the association to Hagley, and said he was sorry they were seeing Hagley under such conditions, but he hoped that when they came again more favourable conditions would prevail.

The election of officers took place, and Mr. A. Hackett, of Halesowen, was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who resigned on account of pressure of business. Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) was re-elected branch secretary, and Mr. J. Price (Old Hill) was re-elected Central Committee representative.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wollaston on the third Saturday in January, 1926.

Hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. Cartwright for the excellent work he had done on behalf of the association during his term of office.

The Rector, Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Hatton were elected hon. members, and Mr. Cartwright moved a vote of thanks to the Rector, the churchwardens (Mr. W. Molineux and Mr. Tandy) for their welcome to the association, and hearty thanks were also given to the ladies who had served the tea.

The Rector, in reply, thanked the ringers for electing him an hon. member of the association, and Mr. Hatton replied on behalf of himself and his colleague, Mr. J. Nicholls, who had had to leave the meeting early.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches in various methods on the bells were rung, and this brought a successful meeting to a close.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN LONDON.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch experiment of holding a reunion in London was quite a success, ringers being present from Beaconsfield, Camberwell, Chalfont St. Giles, Crayford, Dartford, Ealing, Edmonton, Hammersmith, Highgate, Holborn, Hughenden, Leytonstone, Rickmansworth, St. Albans, Southgate, Stoke Poges, West Ham, and a well-known couple who reside in London. Some of the earlier arrivals had a friendly pull at the North District meeting of the London County Association at Tower Hill, and three o'clock at St. Dunstan's saw Mr. T. H. Taffender and the branch secretary anxiously looking for ringers. Within a few minutes, however, 'Go, Cambridge,' was called, followed by London, Stedman, Kent and Superlative.

The ringing chamber at this church does great credit to the energies of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who is in charge, it being many years since one could come out as clean as one went in.

Despite the somewhat boisterous weather, the activities of Cupid could not be suppressed, although his arrows apparently failed to find a permanent resting-place.

At St. Clement Dances, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were rung, and then a good course of Cambridge Royal, by a band composed of five resident and five non-resident members of the Guild, made an excellent finish.

Afterwards, at 'The Edinburgh,' memories of 'ten, twenty, thirty, years ago,' were revived. Touches on handbells were enjoyed by various members of the party, and, later, the company were joined by some of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, who entertained them with some Stedman Cinques.

That common foe, the clock, brought this enjoyable occasion to a much too speedy end.

**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH REVISIT SHENLEY.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, Sept. 12th, when a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, the attendance numbering 40, which was considered very satisfactory, as all the visitors had to reach this isolated spot by 'wheel,' no station being near. The towers represented were Bletchley, Bechampton, Bradwell, Calverton, Penny Stratford, Great Linford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, and Simpson, together with the local men. The bells are a fine ring of six. Service had been arranged, with the choir taking part, and reminded all of the happy times when the annual festival used to be held at Shenley, the chief feature then being the service. The address was given by the Rev. Reid, Rector of Stoke Hammond, who has recently been appointed to the living. After service, tea was served on the Rectory lawn.—The Chairman of the North Bucks Branch (the Rev. L. Moxon) thanked the Rector of Shenley (the Rev. R. H. Evered) for permitting the meeting to be held at Shenley, where for so many years their annual festival was held, during the time their late chairman (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) was rector. It was a pleasure to see such a large gathering, and remarkable to see so many young members, showing that the branch was still going strong.—Mr. W. Sear (secretary) addressed the meeting on the position of the branch affairs, and thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success, especially the Vicar of Shenley.—The latter, who responded, said that he hoped he would have the pleasure of welcoming them there again in the near future. Further ringing afterwards took place at the towers of Shenley, Loughton and Old Bradwell. Miss Steel, of Bedford, and Messrs. Herbert, of Woburn, were visitors to the meeting, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**MR. S. GREENHALGH'S 100 PEALS.**

Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh, of Pendleton, Manchester, completed his 'century' by a peal of Stedman Triples, at Mottram, Cheshire, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The list is as follows: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 32; Stedman Caters, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 20; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 21; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Double Norwich Major, 3; total, 100.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was the first in the North of England, and was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on January 20th, 1914.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. Andrew's Church, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Kent 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob: S. Heath 1, H. Tidy 2, P. Tidy 3, C. Church 4, L. Tidy 5, E. Tidy (conductor) 6. Rung as a last token of respect to Gladys, daughter of Mr. T. Firminger, one of the ringers of the local band, who was interred at Limpsfield Parish Church that afternoon.



### THE LATE MR. W. ROCK SMALL. PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your columns, to inform your readers that a movement is being made to erect a memorial in memory of the late William Rock Small, who recently passed away, at the advanced age of 85 years.

It has been suggested that a stained glass window or brass tablet should be placed in the Tipton Parish Church, and no doubt many friends would like to subscribe to this effort. Accordingly a fund has been opened, and all donations will be thankfully received, and should be addressed to the undersigned, at 52, Park Lane East, Tipton, Staffs.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN B. EVANS.

### NINETY YEARS' BELFRY LINK BROKEN. DORKING VETERAN'S DEATH.

The death occurred on Sept. 24th, at the age of 71 years, of Mr. Harry Boxall, of Dorking, Surrey. He had been a ringer at St. Martin's Church for 53 years, and, with his passing, the name of Boxall disappears from Dorking belfry, after a continuous association with the tower for 90 years. Deceased's father and uncle were ringers before him, and both rang in two churches before the present imposing building was erected. Mr. Boxall was a man who thought more of a well-struck 500 than many a faulty peal.

On the occasion of the funeral of the deceased, which took place at Dorking Cemetery on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, was rung in 47 mins., by William Messum 1, Alfred Dobinson 2, John Wyatt 3, Edward Hull 4, George Cook 5, Arthur Dean 6, John H. White (conductor) 7, William Lynch 8.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Egham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Visitors and members attended from Chertsey, Bagshot, Blackwater, Finchampstead, Isclworth, Staines, Sunbury, Yorktown, Old Windsor, and the local band. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Tranter), who also entertained the visitors to an excellent tea. Unfortunately he could not stay to the business meeting, owing to an important engagement, and the best thanks of the members was given him for his various kindnesses. In his absence, Mr. Nye was voted to the chair for the business meeting, at which it was resolved that an application be made to the railway company for cheaper fares to members attending ringing meetings. The members then made their way to the belfry, where ringing, which had been enjoyed during the afternoon, was again indulged in until 8.30 p.m.

### GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 12th, when there was a good attendance. Ringers were present from Clondom, Godalming, Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas, Guildford, Haslemere, Hersham, Leatherhead, Shere and Worplesdon, as well as the members of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Du V. Brunton), who also gave an address. Tea was served in the Churchroom, over 30 sitting down, presided over by the Vicar. A short business meeting followed, at which an apology was read from the Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden), who was absent, through illness in his family.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. James and the local company for making the arrangements.

After some touches on handbells, the tower was again visited, and several touches of Surprise and Plain Minor methods were rung, under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling.

### THE 'FRIENDLY' PEAL AT PUTNEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Putney on the 10th inst., it would appear from the way it was published, that all the ringers were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary's Society, Putney. As a matter of fact, one of the band was not a member of either society, and only four were members of the local society.

A similar discrepancy occurred two years ago, when a peal was rung in honour of Mr. T. Bolton's birthday, and then, as in the present instance, it was understood previously, that it was to be a non-society peal.

Mention might have been made of the inability of Mr. Bolton's taking part in the peal, to the great disappointment of all concerned.

With all deference to the local secretary, I think it is very important to publish peals as correctly as possible.—Yours truly,

H. LANGDON.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### TAUNTON RINGERS' TRIP.

St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, together with a few friends, visited Bournemouth for their annual outing on August 15th. The party, numbering nineteen, including the Rev. — Allen (curate), left Taunton by charabanc at 7 a.m. The first halt was made at Dorchester, where the party was met by Mr. J. Godwin (Rector's warden). The bells of the Parish Church were soon raised in peal, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and the journey was then resumed, Wareham being the next stop. Here they were met by the steeplekeeper. The bells were found up, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. The next stopping place was Poole, where Mr. Townsend welcomed the visitors, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. On reaching Bournemouth lunch was partaken of at the Tregonwell Arms Private Hotel. The party broke up to spend the afternoon in various ways. They reassembled for tea at 4.45 p.m., after which the homeward journey was commenced, the route being via Blandford to Sherborne. Here they were met by Mr. King, captain of the local ringers. The heavy ring of eight (tenor 46 cwt.) were raised in peal, and some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. Taunton was eventually reached at 10.45 p.m., the party having thoroughly enjoyed their trip. The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells; also the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness.

#### LUTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 15th, in ideal weather, Luton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing by motor. A start was made at 9 a.m. for Woburn, the party being welcomed by Messrs. C. and E. Herbert, and a good hour's ringing was indulged in on these delightful bells. The next place of call was Newport Pagnell; but, owing to sudden illness near the tower, no ringing could be done, which was a great disappointment, shared by both the visitors and the curate (the Rev. L. S. Parkinson), who gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the Vicar. After a look round the church and town, the party headed for Northampton, where lunch was served at the Angel Hotel. Afterwards it was proposed to visit Buckingham, but the Vicar could not allow the use of the bells, owing to the recent death of the vergier, and a new one had not yet been appointed, so at short notice a call was made at Wicken, where the visitors were met by Mr. Green. Not much ringing could be done here, however, as the village was en fête, and a hospital demonstration was in progress in the park close to the church. Tring was the next place of call, and was reached via Buckingham and Aylesbury. After tea the tower was visited, where Mr. Brackley received the party, in the absence of Mr. F. Reeve, who was on holiday. Various methods were rung on this grand peal of bells, and tracks were then made homewards, Luton being reached at 10.5 p.m. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The visitors wish to thank, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and friends for making the outing a success.

#### ALDBURGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldburgh, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 22nd. The trip this year was on rather a smaller scale than usual, although the ringing was of a high standard. Three towers were visited, viz. Halesworth, Chediston and Wisset. Two or three of the local ringers, including Mr. F. C. Lambert, met the company at Halesworth, where some good touches, including Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. Chediston bells were found to be a very handy six, and a good 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung, in which Mr. F. C. Lambert and Mr. F. Peck took part, this being their first 720 in the method. Other touches, including London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round. At Wisset a splendid 720 of Norwich Surprise was scored, as well as several other good touches. Returning to Halesworth, a very hearty meal was much enjoyed, after which the bells again pealed forth. This time Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were the methods rung. Touches, including Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples and Calers, were also rung on the old peal of handbells. Several old ringing friends were met during the afternoon, and a very pleasant time spent. Although tired, all were happy on arriving home about 11 p.m. Thanks of the band are due to the Rectors of the churches visited for permission to use the bells, also to Mr. F. C. Lambert for so kindly making the necessary arrangements.

### BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A happy meeting was held at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 5th, about thirty members being present from Anston, Darfield, Hoylandswaine, Felkirk, Rotherham, Sandal, Horbury, Wath, Penistone, Barnsley, and the local company. Much interest was shown by young learners, and encouragement and help were given them by the veterans. The usual tea was arranged for by Mr. Wooller, and duly appreciated.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in October was promptly accepted, and a rush made for further ringing.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, W. C. Gosling (conductor) 2, G. Voules 3, R. Luckhurst 4, H. Fuller 5, E. Voules 6.—Also, for evening service, another 720, with G. Pound 4, the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**SINGLEFIELD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for early service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Abery 1, E. Cottrell 2, R. Allen 3, W. Lambert 4, G. Abery (conductor) 5, V. Bryant 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peat, comprising 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: Mrs. Murrey 1, F. Abery 2, F. Smith 3, Miss N. Collins 4, G. Abery 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**THEALE.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for children service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Abery 1, E. Tucker 2, G. Parsons 3, F. Smith 4, F. Abery 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Hailey's Variation: J. Eagles 1, Miss E. Hardesty 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, C. R. Millway 4, R. H. Stevens 5, C. R. Walker 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8. Miss E. Hardesty and Miss E. Chapman are from Streatham, London.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. Congreve Bridgeon (conductor) 3, A. N. Wood (Bedford) 4, P. L. Miles 5, E. G. Locke 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. V. Selby 8, C. W. Roberts 9, L. G. Tanner 10.

**HILLINGDON.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 27th, upon the occasion of a visit from the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: H. Chandler 1, Miss G. Baker 2, W. Welling (conductor) 3, G. Gutteridge 4, J. Lucas 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, E. Corke 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, before harvest festival, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Gregory 1, H. C. Mulford 2, A. Mayo 3, E. Hudson 4, E. A. Gregory 5, W. Seymour 6, E. G. Rice (conductor) 7, E. White 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, for dedication service, on Sunday evening Sept. 27th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Parnell, junr., 1, F. Smith 2, J. Davies 3, F. Chamberlain 4, W. Richards 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell, senr. (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. First quarter-peat for ringer of treble. First quarter as conductor.

**PAIGTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., composed by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves: F. Allwood 1, A. W. Bowers 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, H. J. Hole 5, F. E. Parnell (first quarter-peat as conductor) 6, F. T. Gover 7, C. Boyce (first quarter-peat) 8.

**KIDLINGTON.**—Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, 672 Bob Major: A. Tuffrey 1, F. C. Exon 2, J. Judge 3, W. F. Judge (conductor) 4, C. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, W. Judge 7, J. H. R. Freeborn 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: R. Payne 1, A. Tuffrey 2, F. C. Exon 3, W. F. Judge 4, C. Bennett 5, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 6, J. Judge 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, S. Stilwell 5, J. Milner 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

**STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, 612 Grandsire Caters: B. A. J. Yeates 1, A. H. Taylor 2, B. Garbett 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, W. H. Jones 5, G. Booth 6, W. G. Curtis 7, J. Warrilow 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, R. B. Siberry 10. Longest length of Caters by the whole of the band, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Haigh (conductor) 1, F. Oakwell 2, S. Figgess 3, H. Poulter 4, E. Friend 5, A. Hone 6, J. Haigh 7, T. Green, B.A. (first quarter-peat) 8.

**BANBURY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, 336 Stedman Triples: H. Incey 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Incey 4, M. Smith (conductor) 5, F. Selwyn 6, J. Simons 7, R. Higham 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: D. Wright 1, C. Austin 2, T. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larby 5, G. Ruri 6, E. O. Donham 7, W. Groves 8, T. G. Dannerster (conductor) 9, W. J. Adecock 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Edinburgh, also as a compliment to the ringer of the 8th, on his 59th birthday.

**HILLINGDON WEST, UXBRIDGE.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, for service, 630 Grandsire Triples: B. Lucas 1, T. Smith 2, P. Jones 3, G. Gutteridge 4, J. Lucas 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**SALTBURN-BY-THA-SEA.**—On Sept. 20th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. Kemball 3, F. Barber 4, G. A. Peck 5, G. Duncan 6, R. Laughlon (conductor) 7, H. Barber 8.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 15th and 29th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1s., at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Sandal, near Wakefield. The draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea, charge 1s. 6d. each, must notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 28th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, when the bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Parish Room.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. per head.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints, Ryde, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, and W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.O.W.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Tea Gardens, High Street. All welcome. — Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR**, October 3rd. — St. Peter's Church, bells (10) will be open for ringing from 6 to 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The Urchfont meeting has been unavoidably postponed. A special meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—L. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Wokingham (All Saints) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Thursday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 3.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 5th? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3.15, with Heston Tower for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Book to Osterley Park Station (District) and a beautiful rural walk through the park.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Rectory Parish Room at 5.30 at 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending the meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A monthly meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready early. Divine service 4.30. Preacher, Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers are invited to visit this tower, where, over 110 years ago, a peal consisting of 21 variations of Treble Bob Minor extents (15120 changes) was rung. For tea tickets apply to Mr. A. Panther, 25, Sandy Mount Road, Wath, Rotherham.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4 for all sending word by Oct. 14th. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells (8) available. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., Martock, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All members are welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Arrangements as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th? A social will be held after the close of ringing.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, to those who notify me by Oct. 7th of their intention to be present.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. — The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Will tower secretaries please inform Mr. G. Newton, 20, Nicholson Street, Rochdale, of the numbers who intend to be present not later than Saturday, Oct. 10th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges. Those attending please notify divisional secretary not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

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#### NOTICE.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 5th. All ringers will be welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

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