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ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

One of the biggest tasks that falls to the lot of the association secretary is the preparation of the annual report. These publications involve a large amount of labour, often unrealised by the ordinary members. Some reports are more elaborate than others, and are not only interesting but useful productions, giving a great deal of information, and making a permanent and compact record of the society's doings during the year. Even the less pretentious of the reports seem to be looked upon by the members as of indispensable importance, and for this reason the associations go to considerable expense to produce them. But with all the care expended upon these reports, errors constantly occur, and there is nothing which gives the secretary so much trouble, if he does his work conscientiously, as the revision of names and addresses.

At the last annual meeting of the Winchester Guild the question of dealing with the resident members was discussed, for district secretaries had found the dilatoriness of local bands, in supplying information, a considerable handicap in compiling the reports. How much more difficult is it, therefore, for those responsible to revise the list of non-resident members, of which every association has a growing list. Many reports include the names and addresses of these ringers, and it is almost impossible to keep them up to date unless the members themselves keep the secretaries advised. Even then cases of death go unnoted, and names that ought to be deleted remain, sometimes for years, on the 'live' list.

In another column we publish a useful suggestion by the secretary of the Lancashire Association, which might be developed with advantage to all our ringing associations. He suggests a kind of 'clearing house' for the revision of the information, and it is probable that something of this kind might be established. In the meantime, one way of effectively revising the lists could be found in an arrangement whereby each association secretary should send copies of his last report to all the other secretaries so that the latter could give any information at their disposal. It sounds, perhaps, a little formidable, to ask secretaries to do this, but the amount of work in which each would be involved would actually be small, as he would only be responsible for the corrections in which the names of his own territorial members were concerned, and as the action would be reciprocal, whatever extra labour was involved would be repaid. The whole value of these reports lies in their accuracy, and any scheme which will make for this should be welcomed, not only by members, but even by those hard worked secretaries whose desire is to discharge their task efficiently.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST BRETT 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	HERBERT LANGDON 8
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 4	ALFRED B. PRICK 9
HENRY G. MILES 5	JAMES H. ROMLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON

ST. WOOLOS, NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Woolos' Society.)

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS ... <i>Treble</i>	†FRANK CRABE 6
FREDK. ATWELL 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN HAMMOND 3	REGINALD LEWIS 8
JOHN BULLEN 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 9
SAMUEL JONES 5	†KENNETH KNOWLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. ELSTON. Conducted by CHAS. GREEDY.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Archdeacon of Monmouth (Rev. D. H. Griffiths, M.A.), who was Vicar of St. Woolos' from April 9th, 1908, and whose death took place in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on Friday, August 27th, 1926.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD <i>Treble</i>	PERCY HARRISON 6
†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	J. BENJAMIN BUDD 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 9
†ERNEST MORRIS 5	*SIDNEY A. JOHNSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal on ten. † 100th M.C.A. peal, and completion of the circle of this tower. ‡ 50th peal on these bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*REGINALD TOWNSEND ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST BISHOP 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND 3	WALTER H. TROEMAN ... 8
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal. The ringers of 2, 4, 5, 9 and tenor hail from Bristol, the rest belong to the Swindon Parish Church Guild.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC G. LOCKE 6
FRANK V. H. SINKINS 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 7
RALPH E. SADLER 3	R. CONGREVE PRIDGON ... 8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 9
HENRY G. MILES 5	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged by R. CONGREVE PRIDGON and CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. CONGREVE PRIDGON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HYKWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	* WILLIAM H. WAIN ... 7
JOHN P. TARLTON ... 4	† WILLIAM WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
JAMES BATTERS ... 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... 6
REG. V. JOHNSON ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
CECIL NICE ... 4	WILLIAM WALLIS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

This peal and the one at Loughborough were arranged for Mr. Budd, of Grimsby.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HORACE TULETT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
EDMOND H. LINDOP ... 2	H. J. TUCKER ... 6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 3	WILLIAM HART ... 7
WILLIAM HILMAN ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

* REV. W. F. LANE ... Treble	RONALD CHAPMAN ... 5
* HARRY HUNT ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 3	HARRY GOODGER ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	RICHARD HAINES ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. BERNARD COOK ... Treble	HERBERT HOWELL ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE T. MILLER ... 6
JAMES CLARK ... 3	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 7
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	JOHN W. HOBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Ring as a farewell to the Rev. C. F. Ayerst.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH ... Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This peal was rung to celebrate the diamond wedding and 83rd birthday of Mr. George Thurlow, a veteran of the old company at Framsdén, also for the silver wedding of Mr. G. Pryke, the ringer of the third.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL ... Treble	† PERCY MASSAM ... 5
* ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	† ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
† HUGH TAYLOR ... 3	* HAROLD L. JONES ... 7
* ERIC WARD ... 4	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells by a local band.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6-8 covering, being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

LEONARD COZZELL ... Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
GEO. SMITH ... 2	* BEN CHANCE ... 6
* HARRY SMITH ... 3	ALFRED BOXLEY ... 7
CHAS. WM. COOPER ... 4	* J. STANLEY PEARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the unveiling of the war memorial by Brigadier General Hickman.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
JAMES T. WARD ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 4	GEORGE BASFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Arranged for Miss Steel, of Bedford. The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. T. R. Hensher hails from Bolton.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
WILLIAM AMBLER ... 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	ALBERT JAGGER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Ringers of 2, 3, 4 hail from Queensbury, 7 and tenor from Northowram, 5 from Pudsey. Treble and 6th are members of the local company.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
*FRANK H. BALLARD 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	KEITH HART 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. HAZELDEN Treble	*THOMAS STREETER 5
GEORGE TOMSETT 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4	†JOSEPH SPOONER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
FRANK FIELDEN 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Mr. H. Davenport's 50th peal for the Lancashire Association.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

BERNARD FISHER Treble	*WILLIAM STOCK 5
*WILLIAM SHARP 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 7
WILLIAM FREEMAN 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM MANKLOW Treble	CHARLES SONE 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE POUND 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
FREDERICK LEESON 4	CHARLES DUNN Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

This peal was rung by a district band, and was the first on the bells since their restoration, the 'go' being excellent.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 4	GEORGE C. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

C. HENRY WEBB Treble	FRED COTTON 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	†JOSEPH C. BEALE 6
*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
WILLIAM COPE 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

* Twenty-fifth peal. † First peal in the method.

STAUNTON HAROLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT EARL FERRERS' PRIVATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*HARRY MORGAN 5
ALFRED B. BEADSMORE 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 7
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. This is only the third peal rung on these bells, the last having been on March 13th, 1889. The Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, D.L., entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
*ERNEST J. TROMAN 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
*EDWARD PERRY 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
WILLIAM C. WEST 4	*HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. J. Francis and W. C. West were elected members previous to starting.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM T. POWELL Treble	WILLIAM DEVEY, SRN. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 3	JOHN PERRY 7
WALLACE L. RODEN 4	E. THOMAS THORPE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell. The ringers of the 4th was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. RAPER Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
ROLAND NEWSON 2	WILLIAM J. ELDRED 6
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT 3	ROBERT E. GREENACRE 7
*EDWARD GREENACRE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Joseph E. Sykes, Joseph Broadley, and the son of Mr. J. W. T. Wright.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kelso, Coldstream, Cunecastra, Sandiacre, Westminster, Allendale and Ipswich.

CHARLES PRESTON Treble	*CHARLES BOWEN 4
ALICE PRESTON 2	*REG PRESTON 5
*H. BILLINGS 3	W. FRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by MISS ALICE PRESTON.

* First peal with a bob bell. Miss Preston is the first lady to conduct a peal in North Staffordshire. Rung for the wedding, at Hanley, of Rev. A. N. B. Birch, son of the Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector of Bucknall) and Mrs. Birch, and Miss Winifred Mary Browett, daughter of the Rev. A. E. Browett (Vicar of All Saints', Hanley) and Mrs. Browett.

HODDLESDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HINDLE Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 4
*ALBERT YATES 2	FRED READ 5
†ARTHUR LORD 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First away from treble. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. Hindle and A. Ingham. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the association before starting.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 22 of Grandsire, 34 callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWARD H. GWILLIAM ... Treble	*PERCY N. ROWLEY 4
*WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON 3	*HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*BENJAMIN COOK Treble	†FREDERICK EMM 4
†CHARLES H. LAWRENCE ... 2	†WILLIAM C. WEST 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	†ALFRED J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Doubles. The peal consisted of ten 240's under A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 22 six-scores with ten different callings. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. Collett, M.A., the newly appointed Vicar.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.—On Thursday, September 30th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,316 changes) in 30 mins.: T. Winscombe 1, S. Walker 2, E. Liversidge 3, T. Cooper 4, E. Pammenter 5, F. Pickering 6, H. Mortimer (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8.

BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*D. KNOWLES Treble	*R. KNOWLES 4
*H. WEALL 2	E. CUTSFORTH 5
*T. LONGWORTH 3	*J. ASPIN Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTSFORTH.

* Proposed members of the association before starting, and this is their first peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
JOHN A. COLE 3	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Wright, churchwarden, on the occasion of his parents' diamond wedding.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	*JACK LEGGETT 4
*JOHN C. FURLONG 2	HARRY TURNER 5
*CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by the Sunday service ringers of this church.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. (approx.).

FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... Treble	FRED GINN 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ARTHUR W. T. GINN 3	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Cook and Mr. W. Ginn, father of the 3rd ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 27, MARKET SQUARE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. HIMS 1-2	F. NEALE 5-6
3-4	

Umpire: H. HATFIELD.

This is believed to be first peal rung with one man ringing four bells.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins.: R. W. E. Picton 1, R. G. Bell (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Hoare 3, S. E. Edwards (first quarter Stedman) 4, G. Seaman 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, October 6th, for even-song, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, C. W. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. J. Gleaves 4, A. Geo. Rivers 5, F. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook (conductor) 7, G. Crisp 8.

STAUNTON HAROLD CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**AN AMBITION ATTAINED.**

'Nothing so difficult but diligence will overcome.' So runs the superscription to a peal board in the belfry of the beautiful church at Staunton Harold, Leicestershire. With this spirit, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester (whose ambition is to ring peals at as many towers as possible in his native shire, and, incidentally, revise North's book, 'The Church Bells of Leicestershire'), set about getting a peal on the bells at the private church of the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, D.L., J.P. A band visited here on August 26th, but owing to a serious accident which involved the Countess Ferrers, her son and his wife (Lord and Lady Tamworth) the previous evening, the peal could not be attempted. Earl Ferrers, however, graciously showed the visitors over this historic church, which was built by his ancestors, and is beautifully situated in front of the hall, amid the trees by the water-side. It is said to be the only Anglican church erected during the Commonwealth, and over the entrance is the following epitaph to the founder:

'In the years 1653,
when all things sacred were throughout the nation
either demolished or profaned,
Sir Robert Shirley Baronet,
founded this church,
whose singular praise it is,
to have done the best of things in the worst of times,
and hoped them in the most calamitous.
The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.'

His Lordship ascended the tower and copied off the bell inscriptions, as dictated by Mr. Ernest Morris, and later listened to tunes and change-ringing on the handbells. A further visit was arranged when the distinguished invalids were better, and last Saturday the band (with slight variation) again met, full of zeal and ambition, in spite of those critics who declared an ambulance would be required to carry off those who collapsed, and a load of stimulants to revive the remainder.

The two senior 'Ernests' attended to the bearings, one with a bottle of castor oil and the other with a pound of lard and after solving the mysteries of the clock (to take off the striker) descended to the belfry where Alfred (the Great) had trimmed his lamp, and set the candles alight in the quaint, ancient, wooden candelabrum.

A start was made, and all went well for over two hours, when one of the candles spluttered and eventually snuffed out. Then one after another they all disappeared, until eventually a solitary one was left. This lasted till about five minutes from the end, when it, too, collapsed, leaving only the faithful lamp to cast a feeble glow in the Stygian darkness, and the ringers appeared like so many ghosts moving their arms up and down. All stuck to their work and finished a very good peal in just over the three hours, thus accomplishing an ambition so diligently sought.

Then arose the question, Is it to be tea and miss the bus to Ashley, meaning a four-mile walk, or no tea and catch the bus? Needless to say, the tea won, and the band are very grateful to Earl Ferrers for his kindness in granting permission for the peal, and his generosity in providing tea afterwards in the hall. It is worthy of note that the tenor man in the present peal is the son of the tenor man for the last peal over 37 years ago. It is also the 82nd Leicestershire tower the conductor has rung a peal at.

A description of this church and bells was published in these columns on December 24th, 1915.

BELLS OF S. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.**FORTHCOMING DEDICATION.**

There is every reason to hope that Messrs. Taylor and Co. will complete the work on the peal of ten bells at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, so that the dedication can be held on the Eve of S. Nicolas' Day (Sunday, December 5th). The office of dedication will form part of the usual Eucharist service, which is sung at 11 a.m. The bells will be rung at the moment of dedication for a few minutes, also at the conclusion of the service.

It is, of course, realised that 11 a.m. is not a convenient hour for many ringers to assemble, but it is hoped that some will find themselves able to attend. Ample arrangements for ringing during the day will be announced later.

The tenor and four trebles have been recast, the remaining five retuned, the ringing circle is to be improved, and the excessive false striking corrected. The ringers and authorities hope that this programme of work will convert an excessively miserable peal of bells into one of at least passable beauty.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD'S HALF CENTURY

With a peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile, L. H. Whitehead, brother of W. P. Whitehead and E. R. Whitehead, of Leicester, reached his half-century.

Doubles in three methods (on handbells) 1, Treble Bob Minor in two methods 1, Bob Minor 3, Bob Major 12, Grandsire Triples 9, Stedman Doubles (on handbells) 1, Stedman Triples 18, Stedman Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 3; total 50.

This ring at the famous cuntry is the lightest peal of ten in the world, the tenor being only 6½ cwt.

A YORKSHIRE RESTORATION.**GRINTON BELLS REHUNG.**

The dedication and re-opening of Grinton Church bells took place on Saturday, October 23rd. The service was taken by the Rev. N. Eyerton Leigh, Rector of Richmond, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Harrison, Vicar of Grinton.

The bells, a peal of six, tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb., have been overhauled and rehung in an H frame made for eight, mounted on subsidiary girders, thus anchoring the four walls together. The second bell has been recast, and the others retuned.

A party from Richmond attended the opening, and a few rounds were rung during the service. Afterwards various touches of Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of the local ringers taking part.

When the bells were taken down for restoration, an old oak beam was found bearing the following inscription: 'James S. Harrison, bell-hanger, Barrow-in-Lincolnshire, 1751,' and it is rather strange that this should be the name of the present Vicar.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, whose representative, Mr. S. R. Roper, took part in the ringing. Others taking part were: G. Holmes, J. Kinchin, T. Walton, R. Todd, W. Downall, S. Thorpe, and T. Lunn.

Tea was provided by the Vicar, and a vote of thanks was passed to him, also to Mr. A. Morton, for taking the party from Richmond.

The 'go' of the bells was excellent, and great credit is due to the firm for the way they have carried out the work.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 54th quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 16th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. Various other methods were rung before the service, which was taken by the president of the Guild, the Ven. J. L. White, assisted by his curate, the Rev. M. Sharpe. The organist and choir also assisted. In his address, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Nuneaton, and pointed out that although he did not often thank the ringers for their services, they really did do a lot of good.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Vicar, and admirably served by the ladies.

The general meeting was held afterwards, the president being in the chair. Stoke-in-Coventry was selected for the January meeting. Mr. H. Argyle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also to Mr. Sharpe and the organist and choir.

A touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells, and then the members adjourned to the belfry, where the four Surprise methods, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Single and Double Norwich, and Duffield's Major, were brought round. The 'fall' at 8 p.m. brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.**

A special meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, October 16th, at St. John-at-Jerusalem, South Hackney. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and some good touches were rung in most of the standard methods. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — McLean). Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall, about 35 members and friends participating.

At the business meeting which followed, the members were called upon to elect a district secretary and Master, owing to the resignations of Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Alleyway. The choice of those present unanimously fell upon Mr. L. Gray and Mr. J. A. Hales, as Master and general secretary respectively.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. Ventris, Ward, Dymont, and Jeffries, all of St. Paul's, Glyn Road.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the Hall and the bells, to the organist, to the ladies who waited at table, and, last but not least, Mr. Riley, whose assistance was much appreciated.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until nine o'clock. Some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and two courses of Cambridge Major were rung.

The next meeting is to be held at West Ham, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

MR. F. W. STOKES' 100 PEALS.

A handbell peal of Bob Major completed the century for Mr. F. W. Stokes, of Blankney, Lincs.

Tower bells.—Royal: Superalative Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 5, Double Court 1, Double Norwich 1, Double Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Caters: Stedman 3, Surfleet Treble Bob 2, Grandsire 5, Major: Cambridge Surprise 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 8, Plain Bob 3.

Triples: Stedman 20, Grandsire 5 (conducted 3), Oxford Bob 1 (conducted 1).

Minor: 2 to 7 methods 20 (conducted 18).

Handbells: Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 4.

Total 100 (conducted 22).

GOLDEN WEDDING AT WOODSTON. THREE GENERATIONS RING CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

Saturday, October 23rd, was the 50th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. Henry Hoare and Mrs. Hoare. Their four sons being at Peterborough, it was arranged to ring on the bells of St. Augustine's, Woodston, two short touches, so that father, four sons and two grandsons, making three generations, might take part. The method was Plain Bob, rung as follows: Henry Hoare (father) 1, J. T. Hoare (Cambridge) 2, S. Hoare (Watford) 3, E. K. Hoare (grandson) 4, C. H. Hoare 5, Herbert Hoare (conductor) 6. In the second touch, H. Long, jun., took the place of J. T. Hoare.

Mr. Henry Hoare has been parish clerk at Woodston for 52 years, commencing these duties at the age of 18. He always chimed the three bells that were at that time in the tower, and were unfit to ring. In 1914, it was decided to have a peal of six. The three old bells were taken out and recast and three new ones added, the work being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. J. J. Jutson kindly undertook to teach six men to ring, Mr. Henry Hoare being one of these. Since the six bells have been in the tower, he has taken a very active part in ringing them for Sunday services, very seldom being absent. He has not been a keen peal ringer, having only rung one peal on the treble.

To mark the occasion of their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Hoare were presented by the Rector and churchwardens with the sum of five guineas, a wallet and a picture with a copy of the marriage lines attached, the money having been collected from the parishioners. In the evening, a peal was rung, as recorded elsewhere.

BELL LECTURE TO ROTARIANS.

Mr. J. R. Mackman gave a lecture to Twickenham Rotarians on October 18th on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Great interest was taken and, after the lecture, many leading questions were asked, which, from a ringer's point of view, was a very encouraging feature. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank kindly loaned a model, which proved of great assistance.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Tuesday, October 12th, in 1 hr. 13 mins., a date touch of 1,926 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stephenson 1, W. McCleave 2, W. Robinson 3, F. Bentley (longest length and first attempt) 4, H. Wormwell 5, W. Hunter 6, R. Hartley 7, H. Entwistle (conductor) 8. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to W. Robinson, also for the birthday of wife of the conductor. Longest length by ringer of 4th and first attempt.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. E. A. PITSTOW.

His many ringing friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Ernest A. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, met with a serious accident on Thursday of last week. The ladder on which he was working moved, causing him to fall heavily, with the result that his left ankle was smashed. He is suffering from severe shock, and lies in Saffron Walden General Hospital. The latest report of him is that he is fairly comfortable, and progressing as well as can be expected.

MUFFLED BELLS

On Sunday, September 26th, at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. R. Heyward, late curate of this church, who was interred at Maidstone cemetery the previous day. The ringers were members of the local band: A. E. Gasson 1, L. Head 2, F. Leeson 3, H. Coast 4, E. Spiller 5, J. Amos 6, L. Mannering (conductor) 7, C. Dunn 8.

On Friday, September 17th, at Appleton, Berks, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): H. Bennett 1, H. C. White 2, G. Hollifield, sen., 3, C. G. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Hollifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham.—On Sunday September 19th, 1,036 Grandsire Triples for evening service, with the bells also muffled. Mr. Phillott had attended the anniversary of the opening of Appleton bells (March 4th) for upwards of 50 years.

At St. Peter's Church, Chatteris, Cambs, on Monday evening, September 6th, after a memorial service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins.: J. Mattock 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, T. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Abrams 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect for the late Mr. W. C. Clarke, organist of the above church, who died suddenly whilst on a holiday in Jersey.

LAVENHAM.—On Thursday, September 16th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,284 changes): A. Symonds 1, S. H. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, M. T. Symonds 4, F. A. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson, and his longest length of Superlative as conductor.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—At St. James' Church, for harvest festival, on Thursday, September 16th, for evening service, 720 York Surprise.—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise; for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 York Surprise: W. Holmes (conductor) 1, J. Miller 2, H. France 3, W. Nelson 4, J. T. Miller 5, J. Ryding 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first handbell peal, Oxford Treble Bob Major, was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811.

On October 31st, 1791, a peal of 7002 'Grandsire Quaters' was rung on the bells at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878.

The first recorded 'name' peal was scored at St. Martin-in-the-Field on November 3rd, 1796, when eleven Williams, conducted by William Shipway, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, there being two men on the tenor.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Shipley, Yorks, were opened exactly one hundred years ago next Monday. The church was built and the peal of six installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1826. A treble and tenor were added in 1867.

A great many ringers, as well as hundreds of thousands of the general public, listened in to the Double Norwich Major on the back eight bells of Bow, Cheapside, on Sunday evening by members of the Middlesex Association. It was a pity the tenor was caught in a bad frame of mind, and almost superhuman effort was required to ring the bell.

A peal of unique interest in our columns this week is that rung on handbells at Bicester, Oxon, in which Mr. Edward Hims rang four bells. Mr. Hims is one of the few men who can also ring two church bells at once.

A peal at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, was the 50th peal by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol.

TO-MORROW'S LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

It is a rare occurrence in ringing annals that two separate record attempts are made on the same day, but to-morrow, as already announced, an effort is to be made at Warnham, Sussex, for 14,144 London Surprise Major, and at Bolton, Lancs, for 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major.

The present London Surprise record is 14,112, rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, on May 11th, 1903. In the Superlative method the Midland Counties Association hold the record of 10,400, rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on May 6th, 1922.

The attempt at Warnham, under the Sussex County Association, will start at 10.30 a.m., and the band will be: J. H. B. Hesse, J. Cole, D. Sippetts, W. Robinson, G. Steere, J. T. Dyke, C. Dobbie and A. H. Pulling (conductor). W. Beeson, of Walton, was originally in the band, but owing to the industrial trouble—he is a member of the police force—he is unable to stand in, and W. Robinson is taking his place.

At Bolton Parish Church, the company will be made up of: E. Jenkins (conductor), H. Chapman, Gabriel Lindoff, Peter Ladin, J. E. Bibby, T. Barlow, E. Cutsforth, and T. B. Worsley, the last-named being the composer of the peal. The start at Bolton is at 1 p.m.

THE HEAVIEST PEAL OF TEN.

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Below are the weights of the peal of 10 bells at the Manchester Town Hall, the total weight amounting to 10 ton 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. They are, therefore, approximately, 17 cwt. heavier than Wells Cathedral bells, as shown by the weights given in your last issue.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	7	2	7
2	8	2	9
3	9	3	4
4	10	0	14
5	14	1	3
6	17	1	7
7	23	0	11
8	27	0	4
9	39	0	0
Tenor	52	0	0

Yours, etc.,
F. PAGE.

Manchester.

THE CORRECTION OF ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In getting the 'copy' ready for our new report, I find 204 non-resident ringers. To these we add this year 12, and death has removed four. I have been wondering if it would not be possible to form a kind of 'clearing house' to weed out those whom death has claimed, as there must be a lot in that list, and other secretaries must find the same trouble in keeping their reports up to date. If any secretary likes to send me his list of Lancashire members, I would be pleased to do my bit towards rectifying these errors.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. SHUKER.

106, Bank Street,
Clayton, Manchester.

278,828 PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.**MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF DESCRIBES HOW HE PRODUCED HIS WONDERFUL COLLECTION.**

[In the following article Mr. Gabriel Lindoff explains how he has produced his collection of nearly three hundred thousand peals of London Surprise Major, with the 6th the extent home at course ends, and 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's. It is one of the marvels of constructive composition and worthy of being placed on record. For that reason we are glad to have overcome Mr. Lindoff's reluctance to talk about his own work.]

The Editor has asked me to write a few notes on my book, which contains 278,828 peals of London Surprise Major. This, to me, seems so much like blowing one's own trumpet that for a time I have been rather reluctant to undertake it. Still, an explanation of the methods employed in building up these compositions may be useful to those coming after, and may probably stimulate some to work on similar lines in other directions, and at length I am therefore complying with the request.

In the first place, I might explain that each peal contains the 6th extent in 6th's, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's, and no peal over 5,088 changes in length.

My first plan, which I afterwards scrapped, is not without interest. It consisted of writing out, on separate slips of stiff cartridge paper, the various ways of calling the 6th the extent, and in the order in which they would have to appear in the subsequent compositions.

Each set consists of two round blocks, the junctions being a bob M, when 2nd and 3rd are respectively 3rd's and 5th's place bells, the block which does not contain rounds being sandwiched between two portions of that block which does. The following is an example:—

23456 M 1.5 W

53246
43526**Y**32546
25346
45236
52436**Z**35426
54326
24536
34256
42356
23456

On either side of the spaces Y and Z, where dotted lines are shown, incisions are made with a penknife so that strips of tracing cloth could be threaded through, to cover spaces Y and Z. Upon these strips are written the filling-in courses, and, as they are pulled through, peals appear. These are moved on and make room for others as you pass the strips along, the only care required being that the numbers passing Y and Z correspond. The following is an example of a pair of strips giving 5024's, '56's, and '88's. These strips are interchangeable, and so give two peals on each number with each extent:—

STRIP No. 1.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
M W H	M W H	M W H	M W H	M W H
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —

STRIP No. 2.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
M W H	M W H	M W H	M W H	M W H
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
x —	x —	x —	x —	x —

(x is, of course, in and 5th's.)

As this system left no permanent record, I gave it up for a more permanent one.

In doing so, I first worked out all the possible extents, and, secondly, all the possible touches for filling in Y and Z. The system I worked on to obtain these results was a multitude of slips of paper, kept together with elastic bands. As an example of working this system, let us suppose that there are merely three ways of calling a course. Our first round would be merely three one-course slips, our next nine two-course slips, the next twenty-seven three-course slips, and so on, taking care to transfer to the finished receptacle all those that produce a round block, and destroying those that are false.

The extents were then given a letter, the small touches numbered, and all entered in the front portion of the book. Here are some specimen extents: there are 22 in all:—

B.	T.	U.	G.
M W	M W H	M W H	M W
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	Y
x —	x —	x —	x —
Y	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	Y	x —	x —
Z	x —	x —	x —
— x —	Z	Y	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	Z	Z
x —	x —	x —	x —

There are 196 touches, and here are some specimens:—

1.	173.	174.	165.
M 1.5 W H	M 1.5 W H	M 1.5 W H	M 1.5 W H
— x —	— x —	— x —	— x —
102	103	105	44
— x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
35	121	68	x —
— x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —
x —	x —	x —	x —

These touches are not necessarily round blocks, but run from point to point, a point being a Middle where 2nd and 3rd are not disturbed. My next and last work was to marshal these touches so that they would fit into Y and Z, and also to note their combinations in the book.

The major portion of the book is composed of these combinations that go to make up the peals. They are given as the following specimens show. If these interested care to work these combinations into the various extents, they will find it simple but interesting.

I have not given the course-ends, but the transposition scale below will be of assistance.

23456 M 1.5 W H36452
53462
43652
45362
34256
53246
25346
54632
65432
52436
45236
43652

5024's.	35	105
(a) 1	173	105
(b) 1	105	173
(c) 35	105	173
(d) 35	173	105
5056's.	68	173
(e) 1	121	173
(f) 1	173	121
(g) 68	173	121
(h) 68	121	173
5088's.	1	165
(i) 44	173	165
(j) 44	165	173
(k) 1	165	173
(l) 1	173	165

These can be filled in in two ways, viz., the first three in each line in Y and the last in Z, or the first three in Z and the last in Y.

The following three examples represent the first line of each number worked out one way, with the extent given in the first example:—

5024.		5056.		5088.	
23456 M I.5 W H		23456 M I.5 W H		23456 M I.5 W H	
53246	x —	53246	x —	53246	x —
43526	x —	43526	x —	43526	x —
1 53624	x —	1 53624	x —	44 36524	x —
173 42635	— —	121 23645	x —	26354	x —
35 32654	x —	36245	x —	63254	x —
52364	x —	34625	x —	32654	x —
23564	x —	32465	x —	52364	x —
35264	x —	62345	x —	23564	x —
65324	x —	42635	x —	35264	x —
25634	x —	68 32654	x —	65324	x —
56234	x —	65324	— —	53624	x —
62534	x —	25634	x —	173 42635	— —
32546	x —	35264	x —	1 62534	x —
25346	x —	52364	x —	32546	x —
45236	x —	62534	x —	25346	x —
52436	x —	32546	x —	45236	x —
105 32465	x —	25346	x —	52436	x —
24365	x —	45236	x —	165 34625	— —
43265	x —	52436	x —	32465	x —
63425	x —	173 63425	— —	63425	— —
35426	x —	35426	x —	35426	x —
54326	x —	54326	x —	54326	x —
24536	x —	24536	x —	24536	x —
34256	x —	34256	x —	34256	x —
42356	x —	42356	x —	42356	x —
23456	x —	23456	x —	23456	x —

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

COMPLETE RESTORATION DECIDED UPON.

It has been decided to make a thorough overhaul of the bells at Ickleton Parish Church, Cambridgeshire, now that the replacing of the tenor has been forced upon them by the accident which has recently occurred. The bell-frame has been pronounced very unsatisfactory, and, even if patched up, it would not enable a good job to be made of the restoration. The Church Council, therefore, very wisely decided, at their meeting last Friday, to have no patch-work done, but to have a new iron frame, the tenor recast, and all the other bells tuned and rehung with all new fittings. The total cost of the scheme will be about £400, and it was decided to start an appeal for funds at once.

So keen are the Council on getting the bells put in order that nearly half the amount was promised at the meeting. The local ringers, who are all working men, have promised £5 as a first instalment. Any donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

The old frame is in such a bad state that it has been decided to stop ringing the other bells.

Ickleton is a village situated eleven miles south of Cambridge, and five miles north of Saffron Walden. The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, is a very fine and spacious building in the early Norman style. It consists of a chancel, nave and south aisle, south porch, and a centre tower, surmounted by a fine leaden spire. An interesting feature is the stone columns of the nave, which are said to have been brought from the neighbouring Roman station at Chesterford.

The church was restored about nineteen years ago at a cost of some £600. There are stained glass windows to the memory of the Hon. Algernon Herbert who died June 11th, 1855, and to Mary Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of John Hanchett, who died June 2nd, 1905. There is also a memorial window to the memory of Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, G.C.B., D.C.L., L.L.D., who died May 6th, 1905. This window was erected by the inhabitants of Ickleton and other friends. The register dates from the year 1558.

The tower contains a peal of six bells and a clock. The sacring bell, the sound of which in old times gave notice of the celebration of High Mass, hangs outside the steeple, and is now used as an hour bell for the clock.

The bells are inscribed:

Treble.—'Lester and Pack, of London, fecit James Heath and Henry Hanchett, churchwardens, 1761.'

2nd.—'Thomas Newman, of Norwich, made me, 1719.'

3rd.—'Chapman, of London, fecit, 1781.'

4th.—'Lester and Pack, fecit, John Haley and Matthias Ripsher, churchwardens, 1755.'

5th.—'I tell all that doth me see,
That Newman, of Norwich, did cast me, 1755.'

Tenor.—'Thomas Lester, of London, fecit, Charles Sheppard and Robert Miller, churchwardens, 1751.'

It is interesting to add that six of the ringers are also members of the choir, and one is a sidesman.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE MODERN DEVELOPMENT OF CHANGE RINGING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The remarkable development of the art and science of change ringing during the last forty years is due, in the first instance, to the general quickening of Church life that began in the middle years of the nineteenth century, but the immediate causes came from within the Exercise and not from without. As a result, the continuity of the traditions of ringers and ringing was perfectly preserved. We to-day are, as ringers, what we are, and think and do what we do, because of those who went before us.

Things might just possibly have been otherwise. As a contrast we may take the old village church orchestras of a hundred years ago. What they were like you may read in Thomas Hardy's 'Under the Greenwood Tree,' and doubtless the contemporary ringers were very much the same; in fact, were composed of pretty much the same men. In course of time they were considered unsuitable for the services of the Church, and the hand of the reformer swept them away entirely, not without great loss both to village life and the Church itself. And no doubt a similar fate might have befallen the village band of ringers, only the belfry is a rather inaccessible place, and a substitute for the ringers was not easily to be found.

In many cases reforming parsons did quarrel with their ringers and dismiss them. In many more general neglect of bells and ringers had a slower but more certain result, and in country districts reform of church services was at first accompanied by a marked decline in bell ringing. In the big towns the ringers were, for the most part, too firmly entrenched in their old ways, and the clergy had too much to do elsewhere for any ideas of reform to be thought of. The church authorities simply ignored them, and left them alone, neither helping nor hindering.

It says much for the vitality of the Exercise that it was able to survive this period of neglect, and, while in no way breaking with the past, gradually to adapt itself to changed conditions. No one can say that even now things are always and everywhere what they should be, but, generally speaking, the 'belfry reform' that leading men among ringers were working for forty years ago has been attained.

Among the many causes within the Exercise which have led to this improvement, the most important are:

(1) The establishment of the territorial associations, diocesan and county; (2) the writings of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon; (3) the Central Council; and (4) 'The Bell News.' These all acted and interacted one with another, and it is impossible to say which has been the most potent, but certainly not the least of them was 'The Bell News.' Perhaps I should have written 'the ringing press,' and so have included 'Church Bells,' 'Campanology,' 'The Bellringer' and 'The Ringing World.' But 'The Ringing World' was not founded until some years after the time I am writing about, and the influence of the others compared with 'The Bell News' was negligible.

In early days, when ringers wanted to record their peals and other doings, they had to depend on local papers or sporting periodicals, such as 'Bell's Life.' The first paper that regularly devoted a part of its columns to ringing was 'Church Bells.' This was founded by Canon Erskine Clarke, and was primarily a church paper, written for and read by others than ringers. The refer-

ences to ringing were necessarily brief, and the records of peals very incomplete. But it did a good work for the Exercise. Space was found for many articles on the archaeology of bells, matters relating to composition, and to the history of ringing; and by its means a good many church people first learned that ringing was something different from hard pulling of ropes by old men fortified by big mugs of beer.

In the seventies Jasper Snowden began to write on change ringing, and many of his articles were printed by 'Church Bells.' Naturally a man whose main work was done by his pen was acutely conscious of the need of a paper which should be written by ringers for ringers, and entirely devoted to matters connected with ringing. It was largely due to his influence that 'The Bell News' was started. The man who actually founded the paper was Harvey Reeves, who owned, edited and printed it from 1881 until his death.

Harvey Reeves was at one time employed by the great publishing house of Cassell as a 'reader,' and afterwards owned a printing business at Walthamstow. He was thus no amateur when he undertook to bring out a ringing paper, it is quite certain that he knew his business thoroughly. In his early days he was, according to the standards of the time, a skilled ringer, and had rung and conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He also had ambitions as a composer, and knew a good deal for those days of the composition of peals of Grandsire Triples. One of his compositions has passed into the regular repertoire of Grandsire conductors. This is his quarter peal, undoubtedly the most popular and the best quarter that can be had in the method.

His connection with practical ringing was soon dropped, and it is remarkable how very little he was known among ringers. Even among his contemporaries the number who had seen and spoken to him personally was very small. He never went to meetings; he never appeared in any belfry. He carried out the tradition that the editor of a newspaper must be anonymous to an almost excessive degree.

The early numbers of 'The Bell News' contain leading articles which were very well written. As time went on these became more and more sketchy, and practically disappeared, and either through policy or indolence, the editor made no attempt to influence the opinions of the Exercise. The value of the paper consisted in the fact that it gave ringers the chance of knowing something about each other, and so promoting that feeling of unity which is one of the best possessions of the Exercise. It fostered a spirit of rivalry between bands, and a healthy rivalry which need not degenerate into jealousy is one of the best incentives to progress. The homely and widespread liking of men for seeing their names in print has helped peal ringing in no small degree, and those men who were interested in the scientific side of ringing now found an opportunity of publishing their compositions or making their views known on many of the abstruse problems of theoretical ringing.

The Exercise has been fortunate in that it has had a long succession of able men who were able to contribute articles on different matters, and as we turn over the pages of 'The Bell News' of thirty years ago there is very much beyond the mere record of the peals of the day to interest us. Many of those articles were far too learned for the average ringer, and the ordinary reader, no doubt, would have preferred a fuller and more prompt

account of the touches he had rung and the meetings he had attended. But, of the value of these articles to the Exercise as a whole there cannot be any doubt. It is certain that when the interest of the best ringers in the higher problems of composition ceases ringing, as a whole, will decline.

In its last years 'The Bell News' did not live up to its early standards. After Harvey Reeves' death the paper was carried on for a short time by his sons, and then passed into other hands. The war came, and, after struggling for twelve months, 'The Bell News,' like other publications, found the times too hard for it and expired. Fortunately, the Exercise has not been left without a weekly paper. That would have been a calamity.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Coming to the calling of Triples, it is presumed that the young conductor would be practising and be conversant with the Grandsire method. I do not propose to deal with Bob Triples, as it is very little rung, although I am in favour of the Plain Bob method being practised through all its stages by a young band. But, in dealing with Triples, we will turn first to Grandsire.

The young conductor must make himself master of the names and positions of the calls. He must know not only where the positions are, but when the observation bell will come to them. Calls in Grandsire Triples are made 'Before,' 'In' and 'Out,' 'Middle,' 'Wrong' and 'Home.'

'Before' is when the treble turns the observation bell from lead, the effect of which, it will be remembered, causes that bell to make 3rd's place. This is the only place in Grandsire in which a bell is not affected in its position at a lead end, whether a bob is called or not.

'In' is called when passing the treble in 2-3 up, which causes the bell to make 3rd's and go into the hunt.

'Out' is called when striking in 5th's place coming down in the hunt behind the treble, which puts the bell in 4th's place at the lead end. The calling of the 'Out' is guided by the number of leads the observation bell is to be in the hunt in any particular composition.

'Middle' is called when passing treble in 3-4 up and the observation bell has to dodge with the bell out of the hunt, and it is in '5th's' place at the lead end.

'Wrong' is after passing treble in 5-6 up, and this is the lead following 3rd's place. Therefore, instead of going to 4-5 down, the bell stops to dodge in 6-7 down, and becomes the bell in '6th's' place at the lead end.

'Home' comes after passing treble in 4-5 up, and, instead of dodging 6-7 down, the bell dodges in 6-7 up, and becomes the 7th place bell at the lead end.

This was my first idea to master the very interesting art of conducting, but I hope to give a few other simpler hints in my next notes. It is, however, very difficult to get off the beaten track which has been followed by the authors of our ringing books.

At Christ Church, North Shields, on Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, 648 Stedman Caters: A. Tugwood 1, E. Hern (conductor) 2, J. Gray 3, A. Tully 4, J. Scott 5, C. Waugh 6, J. Robertson 7, J. George 8, E. Gosden 9, A. Skooch 10. First attempt for Caters by the ringer of treble. He only rang his first touch in any method three weeks ago.—Also course of Bob Royal with G. Dix 10. First course by ringers of 1, 3, 7, 8, and 9.

At Hornsey on Monday, October 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, R. Newman (first 720) 2, H. Blee 3, T. G. Dent 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: Fred A. Mitchell 1, S. Sandford 2, Fred M. Mitchell 3, P. Graves 4, W. Lewis (Worcester) 5, R. Smith 6, E. J. Beer (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1 and 4 and as conductor by E. J. Beer.

WEST EALING.—For morning service, on Sunday, October 24th, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,230 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, C. Edwards 2, J. E. Churchill 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, M. Stacey 5, A. Haigh 6, J. Hunnisett 7, H. Folkard 8. Arranged for Mr. Haigh from York Minster.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On October 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: T. Lock 1, R. Mills 2, T. Jeanes 3, H. Westlake 4, T. Creed (conductor) 5, G. Lock 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, October 24th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Eagles 1, S. Baker (Cheriton) 2, R. Birch (Hythe) 3, A. Wratton (Hythe) 4, R. H. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. R. Millway 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Roy Pink 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, P. H. Doick 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. Greenfield 6, C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Pink, of Dorking.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Lott 1, H. Towle (first quarter-peal inside) 2, J. D. Drewett, J.P., 3, A. Miller 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday evening, October 17th, the first quarter of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 58 mins.: A. Firth (conductor) 1, C. Poulteney 2, A. Stamp 3, J. W. J. Cottam 4, G. Tuke 5, S. Briggs 6, C. Ryder 7, L. Littlewood 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, E., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Bayliss (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. Waugh 3, J. H. Parrott 4, S. C. Moye 5, J. R. Gammon 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, G. W. T. Briggs 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, October 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Rayner 1, A. Manckelov 2, W. A. Cooke 3, F. R. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. All local men except ringer of the 8th.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on Sunday, October 17th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: H. C. Miles 1, A. Cutmore 2, R. E. Sadler 3, F. V. H. Sinkins 4, C. E. Winney 5, E. G. Locke 6, W. E. Judd 7, R. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. C. Rice 10.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 16th, for harvest festival, also to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Hammond 1, C. Harman 2, J. Holder 3, S. Russel 4, E. Bishop, jun., 5, E. Bishop, sen., 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, P. Hammond 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., for the harvest thanksgiving service: H. Eghy 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, L. T. Osborne 3, A. Evans 4, A. Bailey 5, E. Humfrey 6, H. Osborne 7, R. Sawyer 8.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, October 10th, for matins, at Christ Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Miss Jessie Davenport 1, W. Bingham 2, Miss Molly Davenport (conductor) 3, R. E. Johnson 4, N. Short 5, W. J. Thyng 6, J. W. Sykes 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey 8. First quarter-peal as conductor by Miss M. Davenport, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.—For evensong, in 42 mins., 1,216 Bob Major: W. J. Thyng 1, Miss Molly Davenport 2, W. Bingham 3, N. Short 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, N. Fisher 6, A. S. Robinson 7, J. W. Sykes (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Ashley V. Rankilor, Vicar of St. Jude's, Moorfields, Sheffield, the preacher at evensong, and to Mr. W. J. Thyng, of Chesterfield Parish Church. Both touches were also rung for the harvest festival services.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Miss K. Simpson 1, B. Newton 2, T. Newton 3, F. Newton 4, W. Newton (conductor) 5, W. Simpson 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method, different calling: Miss K. Simpson 1, T. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, W. Newton 4, F. Newton 5, W. Simpson (conductor) 6.

GODALMING, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: R. Pamment 1, W. Moorey 2, V. H. Smith 3, E. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, C. Bish 6, J. A. Cole (conductor) 7, W. G. Mills 8.—Also after service a quarter-peal in the same method: W. Moorey 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. Bish 3, E. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, J. A. Cole 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, R. Pamment 8.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on September 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: Miss P. Upshire 1, A. R. Glascock 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, R. Sanders 4, J. E. Arnold (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, A. G. Crane 10. Ringer of 5th bells from Leighton Buzzard.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. Spiller 1, L. Head 2, F. Leeson (conductor) 3, G. Pound 4, A. Amos 5, J. Amos 6, L. Mannering 7, C. Dunn 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. George's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, W. Watts (Lower Beeding) 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Treble Bob Kent: F. Turrell 1, V. Goatcher 2, T. Adams 3, W. Denman 4, R. Langridge (Lower Beeding) 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 College Exercise: V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, C. W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Oxford Single Bob: T. Adams 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, R. Langridge 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob: V. Turrell 1, W. Denman 2, G. Warnett 3, T. Adams 4, R. Langridge 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on Thursday, October 21st, when Mr. Gordon R. Smith was married to Miss Clarissa K. Porter, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porter, of Darlington. Mr. Porter is a highly respected Darlington ringer and member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and late of St. Peter's Belfry, Timbridge Wells.

The Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., Vicar of the parish and Rural Dean of Darlington, performed the ceremony, and Mr. G. Holland Fox officiated at the organ.

Merry touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the bells as the happy couple left the church.

On Thursday, September 23rd, the wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church of Old Brampton, near Chesterfield, of Miss Daisy Middleton and Mr. Charles Norman Biggin, and after the ceremony the bells, a beautiful ring of six, which were augmented from five and rehung in hall bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, about two years ago, were kept going all the afternoon by a party of ringers from Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, who had arranged to attempt a peal of Minor. This, unfortunately, came to grief, and, as there was not time to start again, 720's or touches were rung in the following methods: Cambridge and Ringers' Surprise. Morning Exercise, College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, College Treble, etc., by J. Champion, H. Chamberlin, W. Allwood, A. Gill, R. J. Rickeltes, C. Walsh and A. Nash.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may, until the closing date, Nov. 3rd, be obtained from: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Prodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Tower will also be available during evening. Broomfield has a suitable bus service from Chelmsford. — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea may be had at Mrs. Barfoot's, Castle Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Local Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Barking - by - the - Tower, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5.30, preacher Rev. M. Hope. Tea at 6 o'clock in All Hallows' Mission. Business meeting after tea. Bells available: All Hallows', Barking (8), 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9; St. Olave's, Hart Street (6), 3 to 5.30; All Hallows', Lombard Street (10), 7 to 9. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 49th annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the Cathedral Vestry. Dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., 2s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. The bells of the City Churches will be open during the day. Please meet at Cathedral to make up bands for different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Breadsall (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 3.50 and from 6.30 to 8.45. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), will also be available. Full evensong at the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, Rochester, at 5. Business meeting to follow.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., and evensong 6.30.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Meeting and tea afterwards.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells will be available from 2.45. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. 8 Bells. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. On Nov. 13th a whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Dunmow. — The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments in St. Mary's Room after service. — W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 2nd (nomination night) and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. — The quarterly combined practice with the Central District of the Ladies' Guild will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8.30. Ringing Sunday mornings 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. — F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Maxey on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd? — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Todmorden Unitarian. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Torre on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; also Upton, Torquay (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those intending coming please notify me by the previous Wednesday. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Blagdon, near Bristol, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, afterwards. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made if sufficient names are sent to C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please inform me before Nov. 3rd? — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Nov. 6th, and not at Bramley, as arranged. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells from 2.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 2nd. — W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Bull Ring, 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea, 'Magnet' Restaurant, 5. Business meeting follows tea. — F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, November 6th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 2nd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 15th, at 8. All members welcome. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. J. Gornall, Liverpool Road, Penwortham, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th. — A good attendance is requested. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and those requiring tea should notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting of the Central Division at Barcombe on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. — A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch. — The practice meeting arranged for Stalybridge on Oct. 30th will not take place. The next quarterly meeting will be held there on Nov. 27th. — T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

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