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The amount of spade work which there is open to our ringing associations to undertake is being continually emphasised in many ways. In this week's issue alone, for instance, there is a report from Suffolk that over a hundred towers with rings of bells remain outside the Guild; the annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, in whose area there are approximately 200 belfries with rings, refers to 'the many towers' not included in the list of members. We imagine that there are very few associations which can boast of more than fifty per cent. of the towers affiliated. What are the reasons for this poor result of many years of work? The fault does not always lie with the organisations, although there are too many cases where the association waits for those outside to come in of their own volition instead of keeping up a continual crusade to bring them in.

This, however, is not the only reason for the present state of affairs. The trouble often lies with the un-affiliated ringers themselves. There is an absence of esprit de corps in their constitution. It is frequently apparent in the indifference with which they regard their responsibilities towards the fellow members of their own band or to their church; and it is more manifest still when it comes to their relations with other companies or the parent association for the area. They fail to see that they are personally going to get anything out of joining and because they imagine there is no quid pro quo for their small annual contribution, they will have nothing to do with any diocesan or county organisation. This, of course, is entirely a wrong view to take. There is a great deal to be got out of participation in the activities of a ringing association, not least being the widening circle of friends and the increasing sense of brotherhood which comes from mingling with ringers from other towers, but the spirit in which the question should be approached is what can one put into the cause, and not what is to be got from it. The ringer who puts most into it, will certainly get most out of it, even from the actual ringing point of view, for, as he shows his enthusiasm, so will he find that others will be ready to provide him with opportunities which would never otherwise come his way.

On the other hand, there are still openings by which associations might make membership more attractive, and by which they might show their desire to help those ringers less well placed than themselves. District meetings are not the only means by which assistance can be given, and probably the best and most substantial work of all can be done in the home tower, with the aid of a

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few competent ringers gathered from neighbouring belfries. Here again comes in the spirit of 'giving' instead of 'taking.' There may be little attraction for a Surprise ringer to go to another belfry to ring Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minor, but where a man has time and opportunity to help forward the work of his association and the art, he ought not to hesitate to give his services. We believe a good deal more could be done in this direction with proper organisation than is at present accomplished, and probably more intensive spade work on these lines would bring into the associations many of the towers which now remain outside.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8009 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*RONALD H. BULLEN... .. 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 2	†CHARLES W. CLARKE 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	HARRY SEAR 9
GEORGE A. CARD 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN 10
LEONARD H. BAYBUT 5	JAMES BENNETT... .. 11
*STANLEY W. BAYBUT 6	†GEORGE H. DAYNES 12

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques. Ringer of treble from Northampton, 6th from Sawbridgeworth, 8th from Bedford, 9th from Bletchley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	JESSE GILBERT 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 4	GEORGE CONDICK... .. 8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT S. STRATFORD Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON... .. 2	STEPHEN STRATFORD 6
†HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON 8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only ten years of age, and it is his first attempt for a peal. He is the youngest member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to score a peal, and was elected a member before starting.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1927, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
BENJAMIN HAMMOND 2	JOHN MOY 6
EDWARD HOWES 3	WALTER H. MILLER 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 8

Composed by G. I. INDOFF.

Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

First peal of Major by ringer of 3rd, and first in the method by ringers of 5th and 7th. First peal of Major as conductor.

BISPHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

JAMES ASHTON Treble	JOSEPH JACKSON 5
GEORGE PARKINSON 2	C. NORMAN SHARPLES ... 5
RICHARD BENSON 3	CHARLES SHARPLES 7
ARTHUR PARKINSON 4	RICHARD PORTER Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal of Bob Triples by all. Also first on the bells, and supposed to be first by Fylde Branch. The first six ringers are all under 21 years of age. First peal by treble and tenor ringers.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, March 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Bernard W. Witchell, Ringing Master of St. Thomas' Abbey Church, Eddington.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

"JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	CECIL NICE 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
BERNARD WELLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

I.O.O.F., MANCHESTER UNITY.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

BRO. HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland District Treble	
BRO. FRED RIGBY, 'Peace and Plenty,' No. 1208 2	
BRO. FRED BLACKLIDGE, do. do. 3	
BRO. J. R. TAYLOR, P.G., 'Philanthropic,' No. 1693 4	
BRO. F. G. BRADLEY, Prov. G.M. Chorley District 5	
BRO. FRED. HARWOOD, P.G., 'Useful Friend,' No. 921 6	
BRO. ALFRED BLOGG, 'Loyal Star,' No. 75 7	
BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR, N.G., 'Philanthropic,' No. 1693 Tenor	

Composed by BRO. EDWIN TIMBRELL, P.G., 'Queen Adelaide,' No. 471

Conducted by BRO. W. TAYLOR.

Rung to celebrate the appointment of Bro. Bradley, of the 'Loyal Star' Lodge, as Prov. Grand Master of the Chorley District.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDLEPH ... 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	*FRANK BARNARD 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 4	†REGINALD HARPER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY ENTWISTLE Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
RENNIE HARTLEY 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
WILLIAM HUNTER 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Stedman in the tower.

ENVELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
SIDNEY JAMES 3	JOHN POTTER 7
FRED ABBOTT 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal of London on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALL'S F. WINNEY Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
FRANK BOREHAM 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	ERNEST BRITT 7
ARTHUR J. HOING 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS BARROW... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5
ROBERT FARLIE 2	ALLAN FAIRLIE 6
EDWARD LODGE 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 4	THOMAS LOWE Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HUGHES.

Ringers of the 4th and 5th from Bangor, of 7th from Rhyl, remainder local. A substantial repast was afterwards kindly provided by the local ringers. The Rector was in the chair, and cordially invited the visitors to come again soon.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON... .. Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
JOHN BOOTH... .. 3	* JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	EDWARD CADNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON

* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Also first peal on the bells after their rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
FRANK CORKE 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Cutmore on his 66th birthday.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
ALFRED HACKETT 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst was proposed a life member of the above association previous to starting. This was the conductor's 450th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	† CYRIL WINWOOD 6
* FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
REUBEN HALL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. The conductor, who is a member of the local band, has now called Holt's Original from each of the above bells, and also rung the sixth through it in a strictly 'silent' peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	JACK BAILEY... .. 6
REGINALD BOULTON ... 3	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... 7
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON (No. 1.) Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

This variation is rung for the first time, and contains 202 singles with no bobs. It is the second peal so rung.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD EVANS Treble	FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	ERNEST COOMBS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
SIDNEY DAWE 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 6
CHARLES MASON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
* HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PETER BOARDMAN ... Treble	BENJAMIN TREVITT 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	FREDERICK J. HANDCOCK... 6
HERBERT LUDKIN 3	WALTER HUGHES 7
JOHN A. CALLAND 4	* JAMES GARDNER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal in the method away from treble. Arranged and rung as a welcome peal to the new Rector, the Rev. C. Ernest Procter.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 4
ARTHUR COOK 2	JAMES BAILEY 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

Specialy arranged and rung for Mr. Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

HIGHOLERE, HANTS.—On Friday, March 25th, after Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor: L. Robbins 1, R. Scott 2, F. Knapp 3, Rev. L. J. Best 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, R. Rex 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Best, who is leaving the district for Shedfield, Hants; also his first 720.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	†FRANK LAWRENCE 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	†JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
†JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal (aged 15). † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor away from the treble.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE MIDDLETON... .. Treble	FREDERICK RANDALL 3
*SYDNEY MUNTON 2	RONALD COLEMAN 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Friday, March 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. Treble	WARREN S. HORNBRICK 4
*GEORGE GODARD 2	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	†GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 4th and 5th belong to Charles' Church, 3rd and 6th to St. Andrew's, treble to Emmanuel and 2nd to Bickleigh.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
*EDWARD J. BEER 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. 5
JOHN BURLS 3	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal and 50th as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. One of the local band could not attend, and the ringers' thanks are due to the ringer of the 2nd who took the vacant rope at the last moment.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
F. NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Nunn, who was 73 on the previous day. Also Messrs. Golden and Harrison's 20th peal.

Bell Ropes

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ALFRED BARNES 1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	†HARRY CHAPMAN 7-8

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* 50th peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major in hand.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKERS' TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	JAMES GEORGE 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 6, BROOKHILL COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

YOXFORD BELLS REDEDICATED.

The six bells at Yoxford, Suffolk, were rededicated on March 6th by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. These bells had been silent for a great number of years owing to their very unsafe state. The old framework has been strengthened with iron braces and now timber added where necessary. The bells have been entirely rehung with new and modern fittings, consisting of steel headstocks and plain bearings. The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich. The cost of the work has been defrayed by the balance of a fete held on Whit Monday, 1926.

The service of dedication was well attended by ringers from Leiston, Saxmundham, Halesworth, Wenham, Reydon, Peasenhall, Ipswich, Great Bentley, Mistley, Wrentham and Kelsale. Judging by remarks passed, the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired, and the tower now contains a peal worthy of a visit.

An appeal was made during the service for funds to pay for an instructor to the newly-formed band, and resulted in £7 5s. being raised at once. This was due to the great interest taken by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Raven).

Immediately after service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by Alfred Bowell 1, Fredk. Lambert (Halesworth) 2, Fredk. Bowell 3, Arthur Tooke (Halesworth) 4, Charles Howard (Halesworth) 5, Wm. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 6.

The same firm also has work in hand for Fyfield (Essex), Hothfield (Kent), Egerton (Kent), and Sudbury (Suffolk), and have just completed the rehanging of the six bells at Wainfleet, Lincs.

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE AND YORKSHIRE RELISH.

At Crowle, Worcestershire, on Saturday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (1,280 changes): C. Tansell 1, W. Niblett 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, R. G. Knowles 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

NOTES BY THE WAY. OLD OXFORD RINGERS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. V. Bennett, the treasurer of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, has very kindly sent me an account of the first peal rung in the City taken from the society's peal book. It states definitely, what I surmised from Thomas Hearne's account, that the peal was 'produced and called' by John Vicars. Mr. Bennett points out a discrepancy in the dates. Hearne says the peal was rung on January 1st, 1734; the peal book says it was rung on January 1st, 1733, which would, of course, be before Annable's visit at Whitsuntide in that year. Hearne, I think, was right, for the entry in his diary is dated the day following, and the peal book probably, as in the case of most old peal books, was not written till a few years later. A good deal of confusion, too, exists as to the dates of events in the early eighteenth century, owing to the fact that the year then legally began on the 25th of March and not on the 1st of January. It is quite clear that it was the visit of the College Youths which stirred up ringing in Oxford, just as their equally famous visit to Cambridge in 1657 brought Fabian Stedman into touch with the Exercise at large.

After the failure on May 1st, the band postponed their attempt for the six thousand till the autumn. October the 4th was the anniversary of the death of William of Wykeham, the famous statesman and Bishop of Winchester, who founded New College, and as it was a ringing day, it was a very suitable date for the attempt. Mr. Buckland, the schoolmaster, who was responsible for the previous failure, was dropped, and the best band available was got together. But things went awry. First Richard Hearne, the tailor (no relation of Thomas Hearne, the diarist), who usually rang the treble, would not start, and the band had to be rearranged. And then, sad to say, when they met, three of the best men were 'much in liquor.'

Perhaps that had something to do with Richard Hearne's refusal to ring. The three offenders were Lloyd, Barnes, and, worst of all, John Vicars, the conductor. In those days of heavy drinking to take a drop too much was no great matter. It might happen to anybody; there was plenty of it among the dons and heads of the University. But on such an occasion, as Hearne said, 'they ought to have been sober, and, indeed, there cannot be any true ringing but by persons that come perfectly sober.'

Lloyd, at the ninth, was too drunk to strike his bell, and, of course, that upset the compass. Before they had rung two courses Vicars missed a bob. Still they went on. Whether they forced up the correct course end does not appear. At 600 changes they had a bad muddle, then another at 1,100, another at 1,400, then a second missed bob, till at last they got into a hopeless tangle, and the attempt came to an inglorious end at the 2,714th change. They made a second attempt, but that also failed after 650 changes.

Altogether it was a pretty disgraceful exhibition. Hearne was quite ashamed of them, and so, too, were they of themselves, for they did their utmost to keep quiet who it was that had made the blunders. But Hearne was a genius for finding out details, and he very soon got to know all that happened inside the tower. However, as he thought it 'not to their credit to have their names mentioned, so neither was it for the honour of

William of Wickham to discover who the persons were who performed so lamely on the day he died,' he expressed his intention of suppressing the names and also the cause of the trouble.

But before long the band displeased him in a matter upon which he felt strongly, and to punish them he put down all the details. I should rather like to know how he knew that the bobs were missed. It was not till some time after that he got to know what did happen in the tower, but he records the omission of one bob on the day after the attempt was made. He had a keen ear, and was a very careful listener, and, perhaps, this is the first account we have of the calling of a peal being taken down outside the tower.

'1734. September 28 Saturday 4 Kal. Oct. Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham and the festival of St. Comas and Damianus, some of the Oxford ringers agreed to ring at New College proposing to ring 6,876 Cator changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have begun at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve before they begun for they had rang only two hundred changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularise them all, only thus much may be noted that a bob was missed being called before they had got two hundred, and that they strangely blundered a little after they had rang 600, and so again after they had rang 1,100, and so after 1,400 and 1,900; and at length when they had rang 2,714 (which wanted 4,162 of the whole) they were quite out, it being then three-quarters after one. Then they set the bells and soon after began and rang 650, and made an end at very near half hour after two, so that the whole both times were 3,364 changes in two hours and nineteen minutes. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide and the person who rang the ninth bell-making a bad step even at first. Though 'twas so wet, I heard them all the time, walking for that purpose up and down the parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the peal and done it well I should have taken care to transmit in print (in one of my books that I print at the Theater) the names of the several ringers to posterity, 6,876 changes having never as yet at one time been rung in Oxford. But, as the performance was bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the art of ringing) as it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham to discover who the persons were that perform'd so lamely on the day he died, which day ought to be observed with all possible decorum and the ringing should be then as clear and true as can be, for which reason I shall pass over (what might be further observed) in silence.'

DIPLOMAS FOR RINGERS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a young ringer I am naturally interested in the discussion of 'How can we keep young men interested in the art?' Now that the Central Council meeting is so near at hand, may I make a suggestion to them for discussion at their meeting?

I suggest that they issue diplomas, to be awarded to ringers ringing their first peal in the various stages of our art, say, one for plain methods, one for Treble Bob, and one for Surprise. The Council should surely, Sir, be able to issue a diploma worthy of any frame, and the cost, which should be small, could be charged to the applicant. Perhaps some enterprising member of the Council will bring this matter forward at the meeting.—Yours truly,

F. NEALE.

Bicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD **NORTH BRADLEY WANTS MORE BELLS.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. F. A. Poulter, M.A., the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and gave a short account of the business transacted at the Guild Committee meeting which he attended on March 15th, at Salisbury.

Two new members were elected from Holt, and it was proposed to hold the next gathering of the branch, which is a quarterly meeting, at Melksham, on Saturday, April 30th.

An application was received for a grant from the Guild funds towards the restoration of Market Lavington bells, and it was decided to forward the application to the secretary for the annual meeting of the Guild.

Mr. P. Harding, correspondent of the North Bradley ringers, expressed the thanks of the ringers at North Bradley for the assistance they had received from the branch, especially to Messrs. C. Andrews, J. Francis, S. J. Hector and W. Baxter for coming over from Trowbridge to help them.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the branch to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to have the meeting there, and how keen the ringers were since they had learnt change ringing. They had lost one or two of the older ringers who had found it difficult, but others had taken their place. He remarked how nice it would be for them to have two more bells. They had put in a new organ, and perhaps it would be possible to put in the other bells some day. He hoped the branch would soon hold another meeting there.

Mr. Bartlett, the organist, expressed his pleasure at assisting in the service for the ringers. In his younger days, he said, he was a ringer at Westbury, and so he was pleased to do anything to help.

Ringers, including Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Miss N. Williams (Bath), and Mr. H. Baker (Gainsborough), were present from Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), North Bradley, Westbury, Trowbridge, Bratton, Hilperton, Rowde, Zeals, St. Martin, and Holt. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. The ten bells at Trowbridge Parish Church were also available in the evening.

The Church at North Bradley, which is dedicated to St. Nicholas, is a very beautiful building, and contains on the north side a beau-

tiful chapel erected over the tomb of Emma, the mother of John Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury. The inscription on the tomb is in Latin, and the following is a translation:

'Here lieth Lady Emma, mother of the Venerable father and lord, Lord John Stafford, by the grace of God, Archbishop of Canterbury, who died on the fifth day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord, fourteen hundred and forty-six. On whose soul may God have mercy. Amen.'

She died at the Priory of the Holy Trinity, Canterbury; and was buried here by her son.

Sir Humphrey Stafford, father of John Stafford, lived at Southwick Court (which is in the parish of North Bradley), died October 31st, 1413, and was buried at Abbotsbury, Dorset. John Stafford, born in 1387, made LL.D. at Oxford 1413, Prebendary of Wells Cathedral the same year; Dean of Wells and Keeper of the Privy Seal, etc., by Henry V.; Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1425; made Lord Chancellor by Henry VI., 1432; Archbishop of Canterbury, 1443; died at Maidstone and buried in Canterbury Cathedral, 1452.

Before the dissolution of the monasteries, North Bradley was attached to the monastic church at Edington, Wilts. The bells are a nice ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). They were rehung by Messrs. Meares and Staunbank in 1893 at the cost of £160.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Sunday, March 27th, for even song, by the Holy Trinity Society, 960 St. Blaise Surprise Major in 37 mins.: W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, W. J. Robinson 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Staere 7, A. H. Pulling (composer and conductor) 8.

This is a new method, the author of which is the Rev. E. Bankes James, and the name given to it is that of the Patron Saint of Guildford, who is commemorated in the calendar on February 3rd.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

The death occurred on Sunday, March 6th, of Mrs. Tullett, wife of the captain of the East Grinstead, Sussex, ringers. The funeral took place on Saturday, March 12th, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 52 mins.: L. W. Payne 1, G. Lambert 2, T. M. Potter 3, G. Tizzard 4, G. Hewitt 5, N. E. Hope 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8. Much sympathy has been expressed with the bereaved husband.

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Under his will, all the ringing books of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews will go to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he was successively hon. secretary, Master and vice-president.

Congratulations to young Robert Stratford, of Whitley Bay, who has rung his first peal at the very early age of ten years.

When things go wrong with the exterior of a steeple or spire, there is usually a great saving of cost if the repairs can be done without the erection of expensive scaffolding. Church authorities will, therefore, be glad to know of a competent firm of steeplejacks. The advertisement of Messrs. E. Mossop and Sons, of Smethwick, will be found in this issue.

Two hundred years ago to-day, as we recalled in our last issue, 'a remarkable peal was rung . . . called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes,' in 6 hours 28 minutes, at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich.

'Although the record affirms that "there was no change alike or bell out of course," yet I think it improbable,' wrote Jasper Snowden in 'Treble Bob,' 'considering the very little knowledge then acquired concerning the proof requisite for such peals, that this one could be true, unless, indeed, a conjecture of Mr. Hubbard's with regard to this peal could be established.'

Hubbard's conjecture was that it may have been the peal having sixth-place bobs at the part ends, given in Shipway's work as the composition of J. Tobbs, of Leeds. But there is nothing but surmise to connect the two.

Another noteworthy old peal was rung on this day one hundred and fifty years ago, when the College Youths scored 8,000 Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark.

On April 2nd, 1888, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Goddenham, and a similar length of Oxford at Ufford on April 7th, 1894. On April 3rd, 1899, 15,072 Double Norwich was rung at Erith.

April 5th in the anniversary of 10,097 Grandsire's Caters rung at Shrewsbury in 1808.

The first non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Batley, Yorks, sixty years ago next Wednesday.

The famous 40,320 of Bob Major was begun at Leeds on April 7th, 1761, and finished on the following day.

The first peal of Court Bob Royal, composed and conducted by George Gross, sen., was rung at Shoreditch by the Cumberland youths on April 7th, 1801, and a peal board remains to 'hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance.'

Thomas Tolladay conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, in the City of London, where the bells are now seldom if ever rung, on April 1st, 1834.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the veteran president of the North Wales Association, has just recovered from a serious illness.

A bad attack of influenza has left Mr. W. T. Peglar, Master of the North Wales Association, quite deaf. It is hoped that this may be only temporary. Mr. Peglar is still on the sick list.

The handbell peal at Bishop Ryder's Church on Saturday, and recorded elsewhere, was rung after the 'Masons' had met short for Cambridge, 'Ye many-coloured coated one' failing to turn up.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES.

I desire to remind members of the various committees of the Council of the necessity of appointing a convener wherever necessary, and also either publishing or sending me their annual report some time between Easter and Whitsuntide.

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

COLDSTREAMERS, ATTENTION!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very anxious to get into touch with fellow ringers who have served, or are now serving, with the Coldstream Guards. It is a task I have been asked to undertake.

Will all ringers who are Coldstreamers kindly communicate with me, therefore, giving their rank and number, and the stage they have reached in the art of ringing?—Yours truly,

F. ALLEWAY.

13, Athelstone Road,
Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex.

SIXTY COURSE-ENDS OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Allow me, through your columns, to offer my hearty congratulations to Mr. Geo. Lewis on the achievement of his 60 course-ends peal of Treble Bob Major. Such peals may seem quite an ordinary thing to look at, but how many composers can show one? Mr. Lewis' peal will take some beating for the number of changes in a twenty-course composition.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

TO-MORROW'S GREAT RALLY AT CROYDON.

WORLD'S GREATEST CARILLON ON VIEW.

What promises to be the largest gathering of ringers that has ever taken place will assemble at Croydon to-morrow in response to the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are promoting the great rally to enable the ringers of England to see a collection of bell work unparalleled in the previous history of the craft.

The principal object is the inspection of the world's greatest carillon, which has just been completed for the Canadian Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, and which is to be erected in the magnificent tower illustrated in Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's advt. on our front page. This carillon, complete with all its massive framework, will be the central attraction, and visitors will have the opportunity of listening to a recital upon it.

In addition, there will be on view the carillon for Princeton University, U.S.A., the recast bells for Coventry Cathedral, and sundry ringing peals in course of reconstruction; also the bell foundry timing machines, the giant electric clock for Ottawa, etc.

There will be opportunities for ringing at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, both in the afternoon and evening, and all visitors will be entertained to the tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road, at 5.15 p.m. A social will also be held in the same hall at 8 p.m.

The Bishop of Sheffield and Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) are among those who hope to be present, and nearly a thousand visitors are expected.

A few particulars about the great carillon for Ottawa will be of interest.

The carillon consists of 53 bells, extending through 4½ chromatic octaves from the 10-ton Bourdon, 'low E,' to the top treble, 'high A.'

It is practically a 'sister carillon' to the one installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston a little over a year ago in Park Avenue Baptist Church, except that the Ottawa bells are heavier (the New York Bourdon weighs 9½ tons).

The whole carillon has also been carefully tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle to the scale of equal temperament, so that the performer can modulate from one key to any other without offending the ear. Before Bach invented the 'Scale of Equal Temperament' over 200 years ago, it was impossible to attain this result in ordinary music, and until the last few years this refinement was unknown to the bell world. The carillon has also been tuned absolutely to international pitch, which is in general use for ordinary musical instruments and modern concert practice in both hemispheres.

The total weight of the bells is 53 tons, and the weight of the steel framework and fittings is about 22 tons, so that the total installation weighs approximately 75 tons. The ten-ton Bourdon bell will be the second largest individual bell in Canada, and the third largest on the American continent. The inscription on the Bourdon bell is in English on one side and in French on the other; and round the top of the bell a continuous design of maple leaves has been moulded.

A world's record has been achieved in the time taken to construct the carillon. From the date when all the details were settled, all 53 bells with the necessary machinery have been finished in 18 months.

An elaborate 'practice clavier' is being supplied, with tuned bars and resonators and having a keyboard exactly similar to that of the carillon clavier (or console), so that the carillonneur can learn fresh pieces without annoying the neighbours. A more important use of the 'practice clavier' is to enable pupils to learn the rudiments of playing and acquire a certain amount of proficiency, particularly in pedal work, before playing on the lower instrument is permitted.

The great electric clock has been connected up with the four 'quarter bells' and the Bourdon, so as to chime the Westminster quarters and strike the hours during the demonstrations at the works.

The clock mechanism is divided into three separate units, the 'going train' driving the hands of the four 15ft. 9in. diameter clock faces, while the 'striking train' and 'quarter train' are placed fifty feet below under the bells. The old-fashioned clock weights are dispensed with, and in their place powerful electric motors lift and release the enormous hammers.

Shortly after Easter the carillon will be shipped to Canada, so as to be inaugurated on Dominion Day, July 1st. A temporary steel tower has been constructed adjacent to the Victory Tower to facilitate the hoisting of the bells and negotiating them through one of the sides of the tower at a high level.

The actual height of the tower is just under 300ft., and the bells will be approximately 200ft. above ground level. The situation is possibly the finest in existence for the purposes of carillon music.

The fourth-quarter bell, weighing 2½ tons, is the one of which the Prime Minister of Canada, accompanied by the High Commissioner, witnessed the casting last October, and the whole project is being followed in detail with the keenest interest by Mr. McKenzie King.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas', on Saturday, March 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal: R. Steers (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Merritt (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. Cobey 4, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 5, A. J. Ford 6, C. Elliott (first quarter-peal) 7, C. Davis (first quarter-peal) 8. All the above, except Messrs. Hurrell and Cobey, are Sunday service ringers.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last June, after we had rung the second peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, I wrote some account of the method, and since that time several people have denied that it is Superlative because it does not agree with their particular theories.

Now I have been studying methods, their construction and extension for over 30 years. The collection of Minor and Plain Major methods were first compiled by me. I have also a very large number of Treble Bob methods ready to make another selection from in the future, and your readers must have noticed that in dealing with Superlative I advanced no theory.

I purposely abstained from advancing a theory because I know that methods have been extended in the past in various ways. Some extensions are simply theoretical, e.g., Double Norwich; some are purely practical, e.g., London Surprise; some are both theoretical and practical, e.g., Bob and Grandsire.

Now change ringing is not only a science, but it is also a practical art, and I wonder if our friends who object to Superlative Royal on theoretical grounds realise what the consequence of their action would be if the Exercise let them have their way.

Stedman Doubles was invented by Fabian Stedman; someone extended it to Triples, Caters and Cinques; and these extensions are practical, and by no stretch of the imagination can they be justified on theoretical grounds.

London Surprise Minor is a very old method; someone extended it to Major, and the Major is a practical extension of the Minor, but in strict theory it is a different method.

Double Norwich Major and Maximus were made from the Royal, and in theory they are the same method, but in practice they are very different.

If the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal has not yet been rung, the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and the first peal of London Surprise Major have also never been rung, and I am quite sure that the Exercise will never agree to that.

Facts remain the same, theories change, and we cannot have all the work of the past upset to agree with some passing theory.

The first peal of Superlative Royal was rung at Wakefield a century ago, and if a peal of Maximus is to be rung the method must agree with the Major and the Royal.

There was some excuse years ago for ringing Grandsire on even numbers and Kent and Oxford on 9 and 11 bells, but it would only be a disgrace to-day for a band of ringers to ring the method published in 'The Ringing World' as Superlative Maximus some weeks ago, in face of the Wakefield peal of Royal, and in disregard of all musical qualities.—Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

THE OTHER VIEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many of your readers may never have heard the history of Copernicus and Galileo. The first-named died in 1543, but his treatise on the revolution of the celestial orbs was not published until after his death because he was diffident of its reception.

Galileo, who was born in 1564, by his researches became convinced of the truth of the Copernican system, but the monks of those days would not listen to or have anything to do with Galileo; in fact, he was persecuted by the Inquisition, and the last nine years of his life was made a hell upon earth for him.

Galileo died in 1642, the year that Newton was born; the discovery of the laws of gravitation by the latter settled the question of the movement of the celestial orbs for ever.

Nature and all her works lay hid in night;

God said, let Newton be—and all was light.

Just as the 'powers that were,' in earlier days, refused to accept the truth, so to-day the 'powers that be' refuse to accept a truth that can be proved mathematically, i.e., that Shipway's so-called Superlative Royal is not a true extension of Superlative Major.

It has been pointed out many times that Cambridge Surprise is a double method on all numbers except for two single places behind when the treble is not in that position; if these two single places are added, then 'Cambridge' has no longer regular lead heads.

What is true of 'Cambridge' is true of innumerable methods, and Superlative Major (like Cambridge Minor), when extended as a double method to the higher numbers, is one of these.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

[By a strange coincidence, the two letters appearing above arrived at the same time.—Ed. 'R.W.']

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

In the belfry at Ospringe (Kent) Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, March 22nd, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Hodges. The board, which is the gift of Mr. A. H. Whiting, is of oak and commemorates a peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung on November 6th last by a band of whom half were local ringers. The Vicar conducted a short dedication service, and also gave an address and thanked Mr. Whiting for his gift.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret that my letter should have rambled; I had hoped, in my ignorance, that I was following a train of cold logic.

However, I stand corrected; but Mr. Armstrong would do well to read the written word, no matter how badly done. In my letter, I can find no suggestion that a learner 'should' do as he is told; to my mind, the rambling conveys the desire to end this state of affairs. I stated that the learner 'does' do so, and I will elaborate; he does only what he is told to do, the more is the pity. Moreover, he does it parrotwise, and in no other way.

Unless your correspondent should take unto himself unmerited credit regarding the decision in your Editorial, I would state that I had no intention of 'supporting' him in the literal sense, having 'followed' his train of thought two years ago, with this difference, that something was done, even so little. Via a local band and a district meeting, the question was brought before the general meeting of our association, with the result that some indication was forthcoming of what was generally desired, and some small good was done. My personal effort for betterment did not mature, but the effort was there.

Perhaps his numerous correspondents will bestir themselves and their associations in like manner. If the 'secretaries of great Guilds' and other officials would devote more time and thought to this subject, something useful might be attained; and here is the opportunity for your correspondent and his friends to 'follow our train of action,' and to help the 'move on.' No matter what be the result of their labours, something will have been attempted.

In conclusion, may I, too, ramble from the point at issue in an attempt to guess your correspondent's name and address, had they not been given? Judging strictly by (1) his modest retirement, (2) the general tone of gentle courtesy, and (3) the painful rectitude of his many conceptions of the literal, my effort would have read: (1) 'Mr. I. Amit,' (2) 'The Eight Bells,' and (3) 'Bright 'Un.'

I would apologise for the necessity of still signing

MINORMANIA.

A BLUNT REPLY TO MR. ARMSTRONG.

Dear Sir,—It will, no doubt, be obviously futile on my part to ask you to realise that I have before me as I write your issues of March 11th and 25th. I had, many years ago, alas! St. Anno Domini will have his day, your very first issue, in the Frisian Islands that were, and when I perused that 'very first' I believed that a new era had dawned for ringing. I shouted, in broad Yorkshire, not Frisian, 'At last is St. Campanus come into his own.' But I spoke, as your last issue plainly shows, far too early, for if your issues of March 11th and 25th are to be believed, 'tis only in this glorious month, dedicated to hares, by the way, the Messiah of beginners arrived, and, above all, 'tis in Hunts (noted for hogs, I believe), that he has eventuated. I have read his letters. Oh, yes, Sir, I've not missed one punctuation mark. I love such metal—the real Damascene (no, don't substitute O B for that second A, Sir). I think that John P. must really be 'American,' for he sure does want the hull airth for threepence. And, Sir, unless I mistake me very much, he, and only the likes of he, gets it in the neck, thrown in big lumps; for on page 191 of your issue of March 25th, 1927, I note that 'Change Ringing,' by Charles A. W. Troyte, is advertised; 'Bob Minor and Major Simply Explained,' by I. and M. Broome, of Bath; and on page 192 of the same issue—sorry, Sir, I was going to say we have, but I should say John P. has, for it is plainly to be seen that you publish the journal for John P.; any left over are handed over to his official almoner to dispense or disburse to us other deserving cases—the Jasper Snowden Series and the Central Council Series. And on page 188 of the said issue we have a beautiful chromograph of a place where they juggle with girlers, carillons, and a few match stalks right on top of the sky line. Well, Sir, Mr. John P. wants something useful in the way of instruction for those with tender understandings (not feet). People understand in their heads sometimes, as well as their feet, though I admit that good feet are necessary to good ringers, and should be included in all the latest up-to-date ringers' outfits along with Troyte's and a marlinspike. Well, sir, I trust you will forward to good Mr. John P. along with my compliments, copies of your pages 191, 192, and 188. He will find more good solid instruction for beginners than you could publish in your pages in the next decade. I doubt if you could get all that is contained in those books published before John P. has gone to his rest. At the rate of two columns per week it sure would take a decent time to get through those books, and I rather doubt if John P. could assimilate more than two columns per seven days of real good instruction like 'Troyte' contains. That is, if I am to judge by his two letters. I know you will publish mine because it is no more vapid than those of John P.

And now, John P., what do you really want? If you want your ringing done for you and left at the door with your copy of the 'Mail' and the matutinal sterilised, just say so, and some of us will be happy to oblige. You certainly don't seem to ask for anything in your letter that isn't thrown at you in big lumps in 'The Ringing World' week by week. Instruction! Why, it oozes out of every line. If you think you could put a paper on the market that is a greater help to beginners than the 'R.W.,' just hop right to it, and we (no, Sir, that's wrong; make it we plus eye strikers) will buy it. If you can't run a paper, Mr. John P., send us a few real good articles

on instruction, and don't forget that not a few of us know lumps more about instruction than you do. I have steered a matter of two hundred colts through their first peal, and I shan't be content to see any sob stuff from the pen of one who, in his two 'modest' epistles, has demanded so much. I don't quite see eye to eye with the Editor of this 'R.W.' on all subjects. We get out the copper coal scuttle and dustbin lid and have 100 up with King Billium the Axtieth's cues near every time we meet, so just see to it, Mr. John P., that those articles of instruction are—better than any that have yet appeared in the 'R.W.' up to date. I note that you can't ring a quarter-peal, Mr. John P., so you have sure got a busy job on to teach a lot of us. And now, Sir, just impress on Mr. John P. that the 'R.W.' as a paper, is what Mr. John P. described it as, viz., the 'tombstone' of a declining art. It is essentially to record what has been done in the Exercise; it is a record of that which many tyros have accomplished and wish placed on record that 'those who run may read.' John Brown rings his first 720. So good; let the world know it. Bill Timmings rings his first 'Gannie Gunter.' Then it must be inflicted on John P., this and to other. Someone foists a new and ambidexterous version of Ardschoke Triples on us, and in the pages of the 'R.W.' it is sent to the British Museum, and there it lies, like Hearne's Diary at Oxford, for all who come hereafter to delve into its pages and cull learning. Yes, Sir, don't, on your life, stuff your pages with kindergarten material which we can buy for a few coppers so ably expounded by Messrs. Broome. Don't give us any fables like 'Alice in Wonderland'; we get that in Snowden's 'Ropesight.' Just point out to all incumbents who have a ring of bells in their steeple that no one ever heard of the choir boys having to purchase their own psalters. Why the ringers should have to purchase their own music in 999 cases out of a thousand, gets me guessing. The whole of the Exercise is what it makes itself.

Mr. John P. evidently does not realise that the ringing Exercise is self-supporting, and receives no benefit or instruction from outside. Outsiders, however clever they may be, can never be of assistance to ringers, therefore the acme of perfection in ringing can only be what the most perfect ringers make it, and I should imagine that, as in any other science, the greatest savants are not the best instructors, as the gift of imparting knowledge is not vouchsafed to the majority. Very few scholars in a class learning Euclid would be able to clean the cobwebs off the 'Asses' Bridge' to the average schoolboy comprehension. The majority merely thunder it at the class and gasp with amazement that the light of immediate comprehension has not dawned on each boy's face. Pedagogue knows it, and why it is so. He can't put himself back thirty years, nor the boy's mind forward thirty years. Could he do so—well, sir, and that could be done, such letters as John P.'s would never have been written.

Now, good Sir, you whom I have known no long, as scapegoat, as purveyor of logic, compositions, history, god and bad, you've published my peals, my vapourings, my many pilgrimages, now that you have acquired a new calling I trust that you will live long enough, and at the long last, as chief monumental mason of our Exercise, write week by week some portion of the 'memento mori' of mine own declining art. Just tell John P. that, in ringing of all things, the good don't die young. Had it been so, I should not survive to-day, but I don't want the moon to play with for 3d. per week. If John P. wants it, just tell him if he climbs up among those match stalks on the top of page 188 of your issue of date March 25th, 1927, he will be just about as near Elysium as he can get—if he just shuts his eyes and walks about.—Sincerely yours (and his),

JOSEPH E. SYKES THE GREATER.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ONE HUNDRED TOWERS WITH NO MEMBERS.

Two meetings have been held lately, one at Ufford on February 12th, another at Stowmarket on March 19th. Both were well attended, and there was a large amount of good ringing.

Just before the former meeting, a peal board was unveiled in Ufford tower to commemorate the ringing of the 'Charles' peal there on July 4th, 1924. The lettering is cut in gold on a slab of beautiful dove marble, on a black marble base. The work was done by Mr. Chas. Mee, one of the founders of the Guild, and the cost was shared between him and several other donors.

At the meeting, the Secretary pointed out that there were 50 towers where there were fewer members than bells, and the Guild lost by them not compounding; while there were over 100 towers where there were bells but no members.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

23456 M B W H

52364	—	2	2
63254		2	2
62534		1	2
63425	2	1	1
25346	1	2	2

Twice repeated.

In this peal, the 2nd never dodges with the tenor.

First rung at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on March 26th, 1927.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In the annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the year 1926, the membership is shown as 1,042, an increase of 58. Appreciation is expressed of the work of the branch secretaries. In one or two branches, it is stated, increased membership had been looked forward to, but in these, as in other branches, there were many towers not included in the list of members. With regard to these, the executive committee is particularly anxious to assist, and will readily do so if approached. There are, approximately, 200 churches with bells in the two dioceses, so that they should enter upon a campaign at once to bring more of these into the association.

The balance sheet showed a gain on the year's working of £10 5s. 5d., but the committee would like to see a more general response to the Hefry Repair Fund, and members are asked to bear this in mind in 1927.

The peal performances for 1926 were 18 less than in 1925, and totalled 40. Restorations and augmentations carried out during the year were very encouraging.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Michael's (City), Bristol, on Saturday last. The attendance of members did not come up to expectation, but representatives attended from St. Michael's, St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, and St. Werburgh's, Bristol, Almondsbury, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Olveston and Stoke Bishop.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and touches in the standard methods were rung up to 4.30 by the mixed bands. The service, which was of a very bright character, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Hazeldine, and was fully choral. He also gave an instructive address. An adjournment was then made to the new Parish Hall, where an excellent tea was awaiting the members and friends, provided by that excellent church worker and lady bellringer, Miss E. Smith, who had spared no time and trouble to ensure the comfort of all. A company of 35 sat down.

The short business meeting followed, the chairman (Mr. J. Gould) presiding, supported by the Rector and Mr. Gregory (churchwarden).

Messrs. A. White (Almondsbury) and W. Cook (Henbury) were elected performing members. The question of securing a conveyance for the next (quarterly) meeting, to be held at Marshfield on April 30th, was discussed, and it was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange for a motor.

The invitation at the ringers' rally, on Saturday next at Croydon, by Mr. C. Johnston, was discussed, and the secretary was asked to thank Mr. Johnston for this kind offer.

Mr. C. Harding proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Parish Hall, and taking the service, also to Miss Smith and her lady helpers for providing such a bountiful tea.

The votes in both instances were carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in responding, welcomed the association to his parish. It made a pleasant change, he said. He took great interest in his ringers, and either he or his curate visited the tower every Sunday. He apologised for the absence of his other churchwarden through illness.

Hearty votes of thanks were also given to the organist and choir for their valuable service. The tower was again visited, and ringing maintained until 8 p.m.

The notice of the next (quarterly) meeting at Marshfield will in due course be given in 'The Ringing World,' and a record attendance is looked for.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK WEBB.

There has been recorded elsewhere in these columns a muffled peal rung at Kidlington, Oxon, on Thursday, March 10th, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Webb, who was laid to rest on that day. He had not been in his usual health since August last, but it was only shortly before he died that his condition gave cause for grave anxiety.

Frederick Webb was the last of a fine trio of church-bell ringers and loyal Oxford Guild members, all of Kidlington, the other two being William Bennett and Harry Judge. Twenty-five years ago they were to the fore in all ringing matters in that part of the Oxford Diocese, besides being the backbone of the Kidlington band.

At the same time the firm of Webb and Bennett were doing some good work as bell hangers in many parts of the country, and it was of course on the Kidlington bells as hung by them that the seventeen thousand of Double Norwich was rung. For many years, Mr. Webb served on the committee of the Oxford Guild, and was as regular and as helpful in his attendance there as he was at the meetings of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneys Branch. A man to be relied on, whose words were few and sincere, and whose actions were the outcome of an honest desire to do good. May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

HOME FROM CANADA.

At the Parish Church, Harpenden, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Day 1, R. Jarman 2, R. Coburn 3, H. Burgess 4, R. Newson 5, W. Simmons 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, S. Barnes 8. Rung as a compliment to H. Burgess, who was home on holiday from Canada. Longest touch rung by W. Simmons.

SUDBURY VETERAN'S DEATH.

Sudbury, Suffolk, ringers, together with some friends, met at All Saints' Church on Saturday afternoon to pay a last tribute to one of the old company, Mr. W. Griggs, who passed away at the advanced age of 87 years, and was buried at the cemetery earlier in the afternoon.

The deceased was the oldest surviving member of the company that flourished in the eighties under the able conductorship of the late Chas. Sillitoe. Unfortunately the only other surviving member of that company, Mr. M. Sylvester, was unable, owing to ill health, to take part in the ringing, although he was present at the funeral service.

Two short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, those taking part being Messrs. A. Scott, C. Clark, G. Tatum, W. Heard, W. Lee, S. Gridley, L. Allington and G. W. Dixon, also T. Chianey (Melford), J. King (Polstead), and D. H. Elliott (Assington) conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent by the Loughborough District at Quorn on Saturday, when 14 members joined quite a number of young local ringers, who consequently obtained some excellent practice on their eight bells. The Rev. H. E. Runsey, who presided at the meeting, gave the ringers a most hearty welcome, and said he was most pleased to do all he could to help to further the brotherhood which existed between ringers.

Methods indulged in were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples.

The next meeting was fixed at Prestwold, but, in case the bells cannot be obtained, Wymwold was chosen as a substitute.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Slinfold on Saturday, March 19th. A good number of members and friends attended from Heene, West Tarring, Billingshurst, Warnham, Lower Beeding, Shipley, Merstham, Horsham, Chertsey, Rudgwick and the local band. The six bells were kept going till five o'clock, when tea was partaken of at the King's Head Inn, where the ringers were met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Hebington).

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, the following members were elected: C. E. Smith (Godalming), W. Hooker (Warnham), A. Parker (Stokingfield), C. Denyer (Horsham), Chas. Smart and P. Knight (Pulborough), W. Tickner and E. Tickner (Itchingfield), J. T. Dyke (Othelcompton), and W. Robinson (Guildford).

Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected as secretary, Messrs. Lindup, Doick and T. Adams were elected on the general committee, and Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw as the committee of advice. Horsham was proposed for the next quarterly meeting in May.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding and granting the use of the bells. The members then again visited the helfry for further ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting was held at Howden on Saturday, March 19th, and was attended by upwards of some 40 members, representing the towers at Beverley, Eastington, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, York, and the local tower, the beautiful spring-like day adding no little to the enjoyment of the proceedings.

The peal of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) was, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Waring, M.A.), available during the day, and various touches were rung in the standard methods. Owing to an urgent engagement of the Vicar, the service which was originally arranged for 4 p.m. had to be unfortunately abandoned.

An excellent tea was provided in the Mission Room, followed by the business meeting at the same premises. The chair was taken by the Vicar, supported by the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer, Selby). The Chairman, in his opening remarks, extended a very hearty welcome to the association, and commented that it was six years since the association's last visit to Howden.

Two new members were elected—Mr. H. Kneeshaw, of Market Weighton, and Mr. S. Kinnman, of Holy Trinity, Hull.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held at Market Weighton in June, by kind invitation of the Rector.

The Exercise is the poorer by the death of two old ringers, which occurred during the last month—Mr. H. Jenkins, aged 82, of All Saints', Hull, and Mr. T. H. Haigh, aged 74, of York Minster, and to their relatives the members extended their deepest sympathy.

The retiring officers, Mr. F. Cryer, Selby (vice-chairman), and Messrs. A. Walker, sen. (Pontefract), W. Gibson (Beverley) and J. Drake (Goole), committeemen, were re-elected for three years. Mr. J. H. Howell, Hull (general committeeman), intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. F. W. Dale, Hull, was elected in his stead.

On the motion of the vice-president, a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Howden for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for serving the tea, and Mr. R. B. Smith and the local ringers for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Canterbury Pleasure Major in 48 mins.: J. Stanford 1, J. Cook 2, W. Hooker 3, W. Pettifer 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Stanford 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

FRYBURNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, before evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 240 Grandsire Doubles: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Litch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—On Tuesday evening, March 22nd, before Confirmation service, held by the Lord Bishop of Barking, 720 York Surprise; after service, 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, E. Litch 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 720 Ipswich Surprise: R. H. Cox 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evensong, 720 Double Court: S. Began 1, R. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, R. Rex 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, in 22 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 hobs): C. M. Mitchell 1, E. J. Beer 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Burtles 5, G. Morrad 6. The ringers of the 2nd is from Gravesend tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—For evensong on Sunday, February 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. H. E. Stubbs 1, E. Cartwright 2, D. Collins 3, J. Grundy 4, J. Saddington 5, W. Smith 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Hutchby 8.

WAINFLEET BELLS REHUNG.

On Friday evening the Old Leake ringers paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, Wainfleet, to try the bells which have just been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Owing to a breakdown with his motorcycle, Mr. G. W. Houghton arrived late, and Mr. H. Wellham (Ipswich) kindly took his place, and a well-struck 720 Rob Minor was rung: Percy Lakin 1, Miss Elsie Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, sen., 3, J. Phillips 4, H. Wellham 5, J. W. Lakin, jun. (conductor) 6. Mr. G. W. Houghton arrived later, and further ringing was done, the methods being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge, and the local band took part in Bob Doubles.

The bells, which are a nice ring of six (tenor about 12 cwt.), have been rehung with all new fittings, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The only fault is the noise in the ringing chamber, which it is hoped will be remedied by bringing the ropes to the bottom floor, as it is only about 40 feet from the bells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 19th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Stonehouse). A special service was held, and the Rector gave a most interesting address on the history of the church. Tea was held in the Parish Hall, 36 members and friends sitting down, the towers represented being Ashford, Charing, Cheriton, Wye, Eastwell, Wickhambreau, Wingham, and some of the local bands.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, supported by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. C. W. Everett (the Master), and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Franklin).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sellenge.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. J. Youngs, was passed to Canon Helmore and the Rector for the kind way in which they had received the Guild.

The bells at St. Stephen's were kept going until late in the evening.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

234567

S 762453	2
S 437562	1
624753	2
376524	1
243657	2
762543	1
437256	2
624537	1
S 736452	2
S 527643	2
365427	1
273546	2
652473	1
736245	2
527436	1
365742	2
273465	1
652347	2
S 376452	1
S 423576	1

Repeat eleven times, hob for single at 6th and 12th part ends. First rung at St. Mary's, Aberavon, by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild on March 7th, 1927, conducted by E. Stinch.

NOTICES.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Acton meeting cancelled, at the request of the Rector, owing to the serious illness of a parishioner near the church. With regret and apologies to members.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service. A cordial welcome to all.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. Draw at Park Hotel 2.45 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good attendance. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at South Anston. Corporation bus from Pond Street. Underwood's bus from Handsworth terminus.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, April 2nd. Meet at St. Peter's at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Hebburn Parish Church and for Christ Church. Tea at Co-operative Cafe, Jarrow, at 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 5th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 7th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Magnus' on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on April 9th (Parish Church bells not available). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 6th?—W. Bott, Dis. Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A monthly meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 1.30; all ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who apply before April 6th to Mr. G. Tinker, Builder, Penistone. All members are requested to enter early for the cup contest to be held at Hoylandswaine in June. Our brother ringers at this tower offer a cordial invitation to our association to make this event more successful than ever. Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone. — C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Friday, April 8th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting and ringers' opening festival will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in St. Giles' Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea kindly let me know before the 6th? —C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the bellry at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Easter Monday. Parish Church (8) and Lea (6) bells open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Baker, 12, Lincoln Street, Gainsborough, by April 11th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Easter Monday at Sidmouth. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. It is essential that all who desire tea (1s. 6d. per head members, 2s. 6d. non-members) should acquaint Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, and secure tickets not later than April 13th to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—1877-1927. — The jubilee meeting of the Guild will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The annual service will take place in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Venerable the Archdeacon of Norfolk. By kind invitation of the president and committee luncheon will be provided at Snellings, Rampant Horse Street, at 1.30 p.m. Circular letter giving full particulars has been sent to all the district secretaries, leaders of companies and unattached members, who are kindly requested to send in a list of the names of those members accepting the invitation to luncheon. Applications for luncheon tickets must be sent to the general secretary not later than Monday, April 11th, by whom the tickets will be issued. The general business meeting will be held immediately after the luncheon. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre and All Saints' are kindly placed at the disposal of the members.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. Swithin's (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Easter Monday, April 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 13th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday at St. Mary-le-Tower. Committee meeting in Vestry at 12.15. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 1 p.m. Luncheon at 1.30 at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, price 2s. 6d., for all those sending me word by the Tuesday previous. Meeting follows. Bells available all day (12); also St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (5), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6).—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Owing to illness, the meeting to be held at Maldon on Easter Monday, will not take place.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available for ringing: Parish Church (10), Almondbury (8), Longwood (8), Kirkheaton (6). Divine service will be held at Parish Church at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rev. Canon A. Baines. Business meeting in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, at 3 p.m. Tea in same hall at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. All applications for same must be made to Mr. W. Frith, 5, Lufton Road, Birkby, not later than first post Wednesday, April 13th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Towers open for ringing: Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), St. Luke's, Bromley Common, St. George's, Beckenham, Chislehurst (morning only), Hayes (6) (afternoon). Committee meeting in Church Committee Room 12 noon. Service, SS. Peter and Paul, 12.30. Preacher, Rev. H. P. Kennedy Skipton, F.R. Hist. Soc. Dinner in the Old Town Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for dinner tickets must be made immediately. Central Council representatives must be elected at this meeting. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be sent to me a fortnight before.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 18th. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of St. Mary and the Martyrs (8), and Old Chesterton (6). Will captains of belfries inform the Secretary of the numbers intending to attend, by Thursday, April 14th?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those who hope to attend kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 19th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30, Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. Ringing during April as follows:—St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 25th, at 6.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—At All Saints' Church, on January 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., for evensong: E. Lloyd (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Deacon 2, J. Carter 3, A. Chamberlain (first in the method) 4, H. Carter 5, W. H. Humberstone (conductor) 6, W. Brewin 7, F. Lloyd 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Sunday, January 30th, at the Parish Church for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung in 40 mins.: W. Perkins 1, H. Chambers 2, J. R. Main 3, A. Bigley 4, J. King 5, J. T. Ward 6, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 7, J. J. Mawby 8.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. Dedcott 1, J. Goodman, jun., 2, J. Goodman, sen., 3, W. Goodman 4, R. Hall 5, S. J. Hughes 6, J. Jagger 7, G. Guest 8. Rung with the bells muffled prior to the memorial service to the late Douglas Pielou, M.P. for the Stourbridge Division of Worcestershire.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, eight courses of Stedman Cinques (1,047 changes): W. White 1, S. Wyatt 2, F. Chedgley 3, E. Lloyd 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, W. Lloyd 7, P. Merson 8, J. Fowler 9, F. Sadd 10, E. Wyatt 11, G. Reeves 12. The above touch was rung in honour of Mr. J. Fowler on the 30th anniversary of his appointment as steeplekeeper of St. Mary's.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at All Saints' Church, Hoole, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for afternoon service in 45 mins., as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Benyon, wife of J. Benyon, towerkeeper of the above church: E. Barlow 1, G. R. Jones (conductor) 2, W. Westman 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, A. Milson 6.

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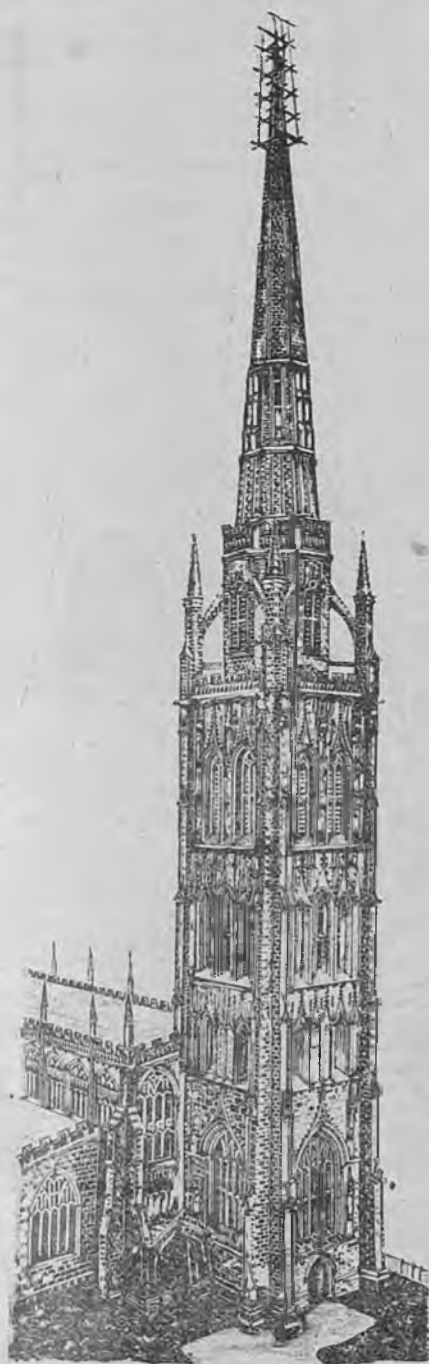
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