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### THE RURAL PROBLEM.

Ringers in the towns probably do not realise sufficiently the difficulties which confront those who seek to build up bands at country towers. In populous centres the trouble is to make ringing a sufficiently strong counter attraction to the many varieties of pleasure which claim the attention of the youth of to-day; in the country districts the obstacle is a far greater one. It is not the difficulty of keeping the beginner interested, but of finding anyone to take up the work at all. Many rural parishes, denuded of young people, who flock to the towns in search of livelihood, are, according to Mr. Slater, whose long experience in Suffolk enables him to speak with authority, absolutely without the new material to mould into ringers, however willing old hands may be to undertake the task. This rural depopulation is lamentable from many points of view, and every phase of country life is suffering from it. It has caused the extinction of many bands of ringers in places where once there were competent companies, and one is forced to recognise that this is a serious problem for the Exercise. Hundreds of willing teachers of ringing up and down the country know the heart-breaking task of patiently instructing beginners, by ones and twos, getting them to a useful stage in the belfry and then losing them through the demands of life's greater claims. Year after year some men train new bands, only to see them depart when the labour and time spent upon them are beginning to give their return. There are some ringers who have devoted their energies to this work of teaching for most of their ringing lives, and the Exercise seldom if ever hears of them, at any rate in this capacity, and yet this silent, unsung work, often full of disappointments, substantially helps to maintain the very foundations of the Exercise.

How can the problem which confronts so many of these rural parishes be solved? It seems callous and cold-blooded to tell them that they must work out their own salvation; and yet there appears to be little that can be done by outside organisation. Associations might, perhaps, render more generous and sustained help in many a country tower than is frequently the case, for, apart from the actual assistance given, the encouragement of this external help has a great effect in maintaining 'life' in a wilting company, as well as adding keenness and zest to the work of the struggling and enthusiastic band. Something might be gained, also, if the various county and diocesan organisations would give special attention to the needs of their own particular rural areas, and conferences with the authorities in the country parishes might lead to useful suggestions. But in the extreme

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cases, such as Glemsford, in Suffolk, with its dwindling population and no youth, it is difficult to see what can be done, except by the patient plodding and the will to keep going on the part of such men as Mr. Theodore Slater.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVON GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
JOHN GLOVAS ... 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN ... 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 3	WARREN HORN BROOK ... 8
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
ALF. WILLIAM MYERS ... 5	GEO. HARRY MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. R. LILLEY.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

The first peal of Royal ever rung on these bells. First peal of Royal for all the band except C. R. Lilley and G. H. Myers, and rung at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to C. R. Lilley. The last time a peal of Royal was rung in Plymouth was at Charles' Church in November, 1903, conducted by G. H. Myers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

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

JAMES GEORGE ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... 9
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5	PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Royal by the rest of the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 5th. Also the first in the county, and believed to be the second peal so rung.

HEREFORD.

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

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	JAMES E. GROVES ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JOHN NEAL ... 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The Guild thank the Dean and Chapter of Hereford for permission to ring this peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	Cecil NICE ... 6
JAMES BATTERS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Monday, April 4th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise: R. Bulley 1, Miss Elsie Chapman 2, C. Roberts 3, G. Cross 4, E. Brett 5, E. Pike 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

The five following peals were kindly arranged and rung to oblige Mr. J. Bennett whilst spending a holiday in the district, who wishes sincerely to thank all concerned:

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Thursday, March 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Michael,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HALL ... ..	... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... ..	7
JAMES BENNETT ... ..	4	JOHN H. HALL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 4, 1927, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	5
JAMES BETTS ... ..	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, April 6, 1927, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST ... ..	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	2	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	6
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	7
JAMES BENNETT ... ..	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Friday, April 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	6
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. R. Garrett, Rector of Helmingham, Messrs. G. Pryke and W. T. Last on the anniversary of their birthdays, all of which occur on the above date.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.*

*At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... ..	7
GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

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*On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Paulinos,*

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

JOHNSON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRO. THOMAS WALKER, M.M., 'Royal and Loyal Lodge,'	No. 2952 (London County Association) ... ..	... Treble
BRO. HENRY HODGETTS, M.M., 'Wilson Iles Lodge,'	No. 2054 (Kent County Association) ... ..	2
BRO. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, P.M., M.E.Z., 'Semper	Fidelis Lodge,' No. 4393 (Oxford Guild) ... ..	3
BRO. WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD, M.M., 'Abercorn Lodge,'	No. 1549 (Hertfordshire Association) ... ..	4
BRO. WILLIAM HODGETTS, S.W., 'Wilson Iles Lodge,'	No. 1054 (Ancient Society of College Youths) ...	5
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M., 'Whitgift Lodge,'	No. 3617 (Devonshire Guild) ... ..	6
BRO. FREDK. WHITE, M.M., 'Holmesdale Lodge,' No.	874 (Sussex Association) ... ..	7
BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, M.M., 'Rose of Denmark	Lodge,' No. 975 (Royal Cumberland Youths) ...	Tenor

Conducted by Bro. JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

The first Surprise peal rung by Freemasons.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL ... ..	... Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHESTER ...	5
*HARRY BADGER ... ..	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

\* First peal in the method.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Botolph, City,*

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... ..	... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN ...	2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	REUBEN SANDERS ... ..	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 1,000th peal.

**NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, April 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR W. LEEDER ... ..	5
WILLIAM C. WISKINS ... ..	2	TOM FORD ... ..	6
GEORGE ARCHER ... ..	3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... ..	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... ..	4	JOHN SOUTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..	5
*JAMES DUFFIELD ... ..	2	CHARLES CUTTING ... ..	6
CHARLES BAKER ... ..	3	CHARLES T. P. BRICE ... ..	7
ALFRED SMITH ... ..	4	GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method.

STOKE GLIMSAND, CORNWALL.  
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.) in E.	
*GEORGE GODARD ... ..	Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS ... ..	5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... ..	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	6
J. HARRY TIPPETT ... ..	3	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... ..	7
G. HARRY MYERS ... ..	4	† WILLIAM J. SYMONS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. All the above belong to Emmanuel Church, Compton Gifford, except ringers of 4th and 5th, who are from St. Andrew's, Plymouth. This peal was rung by special request of the Vicar on the occasion of the rendering of the oratorio, 'Olivet to Calvary,' by a choir of 70 voices from Emmanuel Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	Treble
JAMES GEORGE ... ..	2
EDWARD C. GOREY ... ..	3
CHARLES W. BIRD ... ..	4
ROBERT G. BLACK ... ..	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... ..	7
PERCIVAL PRICE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Messrs. C. W. Bird and R. G. Black hail from Kettering. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells. It is four and a half years since he rang his first on them.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
FRANK JENNINGS ... ..	Treble
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... ..	2
GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	3
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	4
JOHN F. GALYER ... ..	5
FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	6
DANIEL COOPER ... ..	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

STARSTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being seven 720's, called differently.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
HERBERT G. FULCHER ... ..	Treble	EDWARD LDBROCK ... ..	4
* ERNEST CHARLES STAFF ... ..	2	GEORGE GOWER ... ..	5
EDWIN BAILEY ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RUSSELL RICHES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being seven extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JAMES H. RAPER ... ..	Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... ..	4
ALFRED E. BACON ... ..	2	THOMAS W. CHOWN ... ..	5
* FREDERICK C. SANDERS ... ..	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal away from the treble.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven extents.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
ALFRED E. BACON ... ..	Treble	CHARLES A. PARKER ... ..	4
JAMES H. RAPER ... ..	2	THOMAS W. CHOWN ... ..	5
CHARLES G. BATES ... ..	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was Mr. C. A. Parker's first peal, and the band wish to tender their sincere thanks to his father and mother for their kind and munificent hospitality after the peal. Such kindly thought makes 'first peals' landmarks in the tale of years.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
* JACK ALMOND ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... ..	4
MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	2	* MARTIN WALKER ... ..	5
CHARLES H. BIRD ... ..	3	JACK BRAY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

STEVENTON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6240 CHANGES;**

Being twenty-six 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement; each called differently.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM BOSHER, JUN. ... ..	Treble	FRANK W. BUNCE ... ..	4
DANIEL H. WOODLEY ... ..	2	PERCY W. FLETCHER ... ..	5
JOHN NOBES ... ..	3	ERNEST J. PEASE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

This is the longest length on the bells and by all the band.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.  
THE REDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.	
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ..	Treble
WILLIAM SHARP ... ..	2
WILLIAM STOCK ... ..	3
HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	4
PEARL INSKIP ... ..	5
HENRY STAPLETON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
ALFRED E. BACON ... ..	Treble	* CECIL T. NEALE ... ..	3
JAMES H. RAPER ... ..	2	CHARLES G. BATES ... ..	4
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal.

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# EDGBASTON'S NEW BELLS.

## A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE RING.

Edgbaston, the 'aristocratic' suburb of Birmingham, is proud of its new peal of eight bells, which have just been supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated by Bishop Hamilton Baynes, as already briefly recorded in these columns. The ceremony took place at a memorable service, after which the bells were rung for a short time by the local men, assisted by members of the King's Norton Guild.

The former ring of six was recast and two trebles added, one by members of the congregation and the other by the widow of Mr. W. McC. Iliffe, in memory of her husband. The bells form a delightful little octave, with tenor about 10½ cwt. in G, and they are hung in the most modern fittings in a new iron frame. They are of beautiful tone, and the 'go' is perfect.

Of the old six, the four back bells were cast by the Bagleys in 1685, and the inscriptions have been reproduced as follows:

Tenor.—'Fear God and Honour the King.' 1685.

7.—'Matthew Bagley made mee.' 1685.

6.—'Henry Bagley made mee.' 1685.

5.—'Matthew Bagley made mee.' 1685.

4.—'To the greater glory of God.' Creswell Strange, Vicar; John Charles Holder, Elkanah Mackintosh Sharp, Churchwardens; George Street, Sexton. Cast by Charles Carr, Ltd., Smethwick, October, 1898.

3.—Cast by T. Pyke, Bridgewater. 1781.

To all the above inscriptions is added the words: 'Recast, Taylor, Loughboro'.

2.—A.D. 1927. 'To the Glory of God.' Given by members of the Congregation. Adeste Fideles. Stuart Blofield, Vicar; John Belliss, J. Staley Good, Churchwardens; Sidney Freemantle, Sexton. Taylor, Loughboro'.

Treble.—A.D. 1927. 'To the Glory of God.' 'Given in loving memory of William McCandlish Iliffe, by his wife, Florence Iliffe.' Taylor, Loughboro'.

For evening service, on the day of the dedication, Johnson's 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Yates 1, P. O. Laffin 2, H. Withers (conductor) 3, E. Rose 4, G. Large 5, W. Ball 6, C. Webb 7, R. Russell 8.

# JAMES BARHAM'S PEALS.

## SOME NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A gentleman residing in Suffolk recently lent me an old book, a complete copy of James Barham's peal book. A note at the end states: 'The aforesaid peals were copied from James Barham's book, written by himself, by John Naunton, of Ipswich, 1866.' The book was lent him by a person at Maidstone. A further note says the peal book was given to William Holland by James Barham, 1817. James Barham died January 14th, 1818, aged 93 years. The peals are numbered to one hundred and fifteen. Twenty were rung with the Lenham Society, 95 with the Leeds Youths. Four or five of the numbered peals came to an untimely end after exceeding five thousand changes. For instance, Peal No. 12, Leeds Youths: 'Monday, March 31st, 1755.—We attempted a 40,320 quadruple and triple changes Bob Major, and ended thus, viz., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon began, and on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the 6th bell clapper broke, after ringing 24,800 changes, this never being attempted before, and the greatest performance of ringing ever known. In this peal, James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs.'

Again: 'On Easter Monday, March 23rd, 1761, a fortnight before the long peal, Peal No. 25, we attempted to ring at home 40,320 of Bob Major, but had the misfortune to overturn a bell after ringing 17,000 changes.'

The long peal of 40,320 changes is number 26. The following are the names of the fourteen men: James, Thomas and Abraham Barham, William and Henry Tilby, William Davis, William Attwood, Thomas Lacy, John Crisp, Richard Masters, James Hampton, Edward Cook, Stephen Bayley, and John Borah.

The book also contains accounts of several prize-ringing contests, attempts for peals, etc.

A trip to London is mentioned. 'Sunday, January 21st, 1750.—We went to London to ring, and came home on Thursday.' Three peals rung by the College Youths appear in the book. 'Monday, March 19th, 1770.—James Barham's band rang at Sevenoaks a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 5,184 changes in 3 hours 24 minutes.' The College Youths rang at the same time 5,056 of the same peal in 3 hrs. 22 mins., 'but they turned five bells out of course, which is not allowed.'

'Monday, November 15th, 1784, at Maidstone, the College Youths rang 5,040 changes of Old Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours 40 minutes.'

'Monday, September 13th, 1800.—The College Youths rang at Leeds 5,039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 15 minutes very well.'

James Barham rang his first peal some time in 1744 (date not given), and his last on October 25th, 1813. He was then 88 years of age. I might say that before returning the book I made a rough copy of the book.—Yours truly,

GEO. W. MOSS.

# THE DEATH OF MR. W. H. DYSON.

## CLOSE OF AN ACTIVE LIFE.

The late Mr. W. H. Dyson, whose death at the age of 69 years was briefly recorded in our last issue, had had a long and intimate connection with church life in Braintree. For 60 years he had been a chorister, and for over 40 years a regular service ringer at the Parish Church. He was one of the small company who in 1879 founded the Essex Association, and had been secretary of the Northern Division for many years. Mr. Dyson had taken almost a lifelong interest in Friendly Society work, and had been a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters since 1880. He became secretary of 'Court Campbell' (Braintree) in 1890, and retained that office until June, 1923. He passed through all the offices of the Court, and was a Past Chief Ranger of the Colchester District.

A native of Castle Hedingham, Mr. Dyson went to Braintree at an early age, and all his working years had been spent with Messrs. John West and Sons, brush manufacturers, and he rose steadily in the esteem and confidence of his employers until fourteen years ago he was appointed manager of their works. His kindly disposition and readiness at all times to help on a good cause won him the respect and affection of a host of friends in Braintree, and in every circle with which he was connected his death comes as a profound loss.

Mr. Dyson, who was predeceased by his wife about two years ago, leaves two daughters, with whom he was staying at Westcliff for the benefit of his health when he passed away in his sleep.

The funeral took place at Braintree on Tuesday week, and was largely attended. The service held at St. Michael's Church was conducted by Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, Vicar, assisted by Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, and Rev. R. Williams, curate of Braintree. A wreath from the clergy, churchwardens, and choirmen of St. Michael's was placed in the late Mr. Dyson's empty choir stall and remained there during the service. Rev. H. Jordan read the lesson, and the hymn, 'For all the Saints' was sung. The Vicar of Braintree, in a short address, spoke of Mr. Dyson's faithful service to the Church, and said he was a devout follower of Christ whom they would all miss very much. At the close of the service the congregation remained standing while the organist played the Dead March from 'Saul.' From the church to the cemetery the cortege was preceded by members of the Court Campbell A.O.F. wearing their regalia. The Vicar read the committal sentences, and the Foresters' burial service was read by the Secretary and Past Chief Ranger, Bro. H. E. Hammond.

In addition to the family mourners and members of the Foresters, there were present representatives of the firm for which Mr. Dyson had worked so long, the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, of which he was a director, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), and other ringers representing the Essex Association. There were floral tributes from the Master and members of the Essex Association, St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Dunmow ringers, and the company at St. Mary's, Stebbing.

In the evening, at St. Mary's, Bocking, by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, as Braintree bells are at present unringable, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled: F. Webb 1, G. Wiffen 2, G. Lindridge 3, B. Redgwell 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen 8.

# LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## A 'RINGERS' DAY' AT CAMBERWELL.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very successful meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, last Saturday, when ringers had 'their day' with the ten bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It is seven years since a similar meeting was held at this well-known church.

The tower was opened at 3.30, and even before that time there were more men than bells. The bells were set going with the customary touch of Stedman Caters, which was followed by touches in the usual standard methods.

A choral service was held at five o'clock, and by this time there was a good muster of ringers. The Vicar officiated. Afterwards, a move was made to St. Giles' Hall, where tea, kindly given by the Vicar, had been prepared.

At the business meeting which followed, three new members were enrolled.

The tower was again visited, but unfortunately the ringing had to be curtailed somewhat owing to a concert being given at a hall opposite the church.

After the bells were stopped for the evening, those who did not have to travel enjoyed an impromptu social. Some of the members showed that they can sing as well as ring, and in between the songs some tunes were rung on the handbells, as were also one or two touches, a course of Grandsire Cinques sounding very musical.

Visiting ringers came from all parts of London and districts outlying, and wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay) for the use of the bells, for the service, and also for his kindness in providing the tea. They also wish to thank the ladies who helped the Vicar in the preparation of the tea.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Double Oxford Minor: L. Robbins 1, N. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, R. Rex 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## RINGING AT OXFORD IN THE OLD TIMES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

After Vickers' time Grandsire Caters continued to be the method almost exclusively practised at Oxford. Indeed, there seems to be no record of any other having ever been rung. As was the case throughout the country, the status of the ringers steadily declined. We hear no more of any interest being taken in the art by University men, and, by the middle of the nineteenth century, the Oxford ringers fully shared the bad reputation which was too common among ringers. But for many years there was a good band. The Oxford Society has two interesting pen and ink sketches recording peals rung in 1773 and 1781. These are framed and hang at the society's headquarters, the Turf Tavern at Holywell. I am indebted to Mr. V. Bennett for the following copies:—

'On 20th May, 1773, at the College of St. Mary Winton, Oxon, 6102 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 55 mins.: Thomas Chaddington Treble, Peter Smith 2, John Curtis 3, Thomas Binkes 4, John Mason 5, Henry Geely 6, Sam Walker 7, John Baker 8, John Seearsbrook 9, Henry Smyth, gent, tenor. Produced and call'd by John Curtis.

136524978	165243978	154237589	124637589
154367289	123657489	142537689	134256978
143567289	165432978	12465978	142356978
163425978	156342978	124365978	178489352
134625978	163542978	135247689	149785623
124396857	146395827	152347689	123456789
136245978	165432978	142563978	
162345978	154632978	125463978	
135627489	162547389	165294837	
156327489	125647389	124653978	
126543978	145236978	146253978	
	152436978	123467589	
	146527389	134267589	
	165427389	164352978	
	125634978	143652978	
	156234978	162437589	
	136592847		
	152364978		
	123564978		

The first eight bob changes are nearly obliterated and are unreadable.

'On 4th January, 1781, 5,148 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church: Charles Pavier Treble, John Tuckwell 2, James Plaister 3, George Pavier 4, John Mason 5, Francis Boswell 6, Thomas Binkes 7, John Baker 8, Edward Pavier 9, Thomas Blofield Tenor. Composed and called by John Baker.

175293846	145362978	146527389	134267589
146738295	132457689	165427389	142367589
152493867	124357689	125634978	162453978
143526978	154263978	156234978	124653978
135426978	142563978	124567389	163247589
146357289	153427689	145267389	132647589
163457289	134527689	165432978	142356978
153624978	124365978	154632978	123456978
136524978	143265978	134596827	178269453
126395847	163492857	145396827	129785634
154237689	125647389	162437589	134256789
134562978	145236978	132654978	142356789
	152436978	126354978	123456789

These two sketches were the work of John Baker. As was the universal custom down to the end of the eighteenth century, these compositions are given by the bob changes. It is in this way that the peals in the 'Clavis' are given. The modern plan of giving peals by the course ends arose early in the nineteenth century. Shipway seems to have been the first to use it extensively, but it is not quite clear whether he originated it. He says: 'The limited extent of this work renders it necessary that the peals should be given by course ends, wherever it can conveniently be done, which will doubtless be considered as least tedious by the experienced ringer and more agreeable than by bob changes; and I shall endeavour to assist the young practitioner by making the bobs with dashes under small letters at each course end as follows:—An m for middle, w for the wrong and an h for the right, i.e., at home.'

If this means that Shipway was introducing a new way of writing out compositions it is one more debt that the Exercise owes him.

Vickers' band never succeeded in ringing the 10,000 they started for at Magdalen. After that attempt history is (so far as I know) silent about their doings. It was not till 73 years later that 10,000 was rung in the city. That was at New College, and the following is a copy of a board in the tower:—

'March 27, 1815. Rung in this tower a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 10,008 changes by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths. Thomas Pavier, Treble; William Parker, Second; John Tagg, Third; George Pavier, Fourth; Henry Carr, Fifth; Charles Pavier, Sixth; Joseph Montague, Seventh; Edward Nickolls, Eighth; Johathan Pavier, Ninth; Thomas Cook, Tenor.

'This was the greatest number of changes ever rung in the University of Oxford. Composed and conducted by E. Nickolls. Tenor 19.cwt.'

The Paviors were a great ringing family at Oxford. Three of the name rang in the 1781 peal, and four in the 1815 peal; and though thirty-four years separated the performance, two of them seem to have rung in both.

In 1820 the Society of Oxford Youths rang 5,303 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, and in 1828 the Society of Oxford Union Scholars 5,165 Grandsire Caters at the same tower. Both composed and conducted by W. Parker.

Coming down to more recent times, one or two peals rung at Magdalen are interesting from the names of some of those who took part in them. On Friday, April 11th, 1862, Holt's Original was rung, conducted by C. Hounslow. On Monday, October 8th, 1866, in 5,021 Grandsire Caters, 'F. E. Robinson, Esq.' rang the seventh. On July 17th, 1869, John Cox called 5,033 Stedman Caters, his own composition; and on April 1st, 1872, Mr. J. E. Troyte rang the fourth to 6,030 Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by John Rogers. Rogers was at that time living at Oxford, but was afterwards prominent among the London Cumberlands. He was the composer of one or two peals of Grandsire Caters of more than average merit.

At the time Vickers was ringing his peals Christ Church bells hung in the Cathedral tower. Fifty years or so ago they were removed to a wooden building near the College Hall, which has since been hidden by a stone screen. They are a mixed lot. The tenor 1589, the eighth 1611, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 by the Rudhalls at various dates from 1698 to 1747. The two trebles were given by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At Magdalen the sixth and tenor are by Ellis Knight, of Reading. The seventh has a black letter inscription and also 'William Ffoundor me fecit.' The others were by the Rudhalls in 1712 and 1740, but two have been recast. Michael Darbie cast the back eight at New College in 1655, and Abraham Rudhall the two trebles in 1712. Rudhall recast three of Darbie's bells (the 4th, 7th and 9th) and Henry Knight, of Reading, another (the sixth). Before 1655 there was a ring of five bells, which was heavy enough to make Darbie's eight, and, with surplus metal, pay all expenses of recasting.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's, on Saturday, April 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., was rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Peddle, a member of the above tower: T. Smith 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. Lucas 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

# **SPliced DOUBLE NORWICH AND DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR.**

5008 By E. C. GOBEY.

D.Ox			
23456	1 3 3 4		
42635	x —	32541786	
26435	x —	23457168	Call D.Ox.
64235	x —	32547618	
43265	— x	23456781	D.N.
62345	— x	32547681	D.Ox.
24365	— x	23456718	D.N.
63425	— x	32546178	
34625	x —	23451687	
36425	x —*	32415678	
24635	— x	23146587	
62543	x —	21345678	
65243	x S	12436587	
52643	x —	14263857	
26543	x —		
25643	x S		
56243	x —		
42653	— x		
26453	x —		
64523	— x S		
45623	x —		
56423	x —		
54623	x S		
46523	x —		
65423	x —		
24563	— x		

Repeat the first ten courses four times, calling S for B\* in 1st and 4th parts. The 5th part may be called like the last 15 courses instead of the 2nd part, the 4th will then be the 6th's place bell instead of the 3rd.

All calls are Double Norwich; Double Oxford is called when the treble is behind in 3rd lead, tenor making 7th's, thus cutting out two leads with the tenor full work on the front. The other six bells dodge once, then commence Double Norwich again without being called.

The work of the bells as follows: Two front bells dodge the whole lead, the one that is 3-4 places up dodges three times after and becomes the Treble Bob bell up. The Treble Bob bell down dodges three times in 3-4 and makes places. The bell that is due to make far places from behind, makes near places commencing with a dodge. The 7th, which is far places from the front, makes a dodge after.

# **MR. G. R. PYE'S 1,000 PEALS.**

We print below the list of Mr. George R. Pye's one thousand peals, which he completed on Saturday week at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. By reaching a four-figure total, Mr. Pye joins a small and slowly-growing band, but a remarkable feature about his achievement is the fact that he is the third member of one family to reach this number of peals, Mr. William Pye and the late Mr. Ernest Pye, his brothers, having previously accomplished the record.

	Tower bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Grandsire Triples	15	5	4	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	86	30	33+	8
Stedman Caters	69A	3	49	7
Stedman Cinques	83B	7	42	31
Bob Major	4	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	28C	10	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	20	1	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5		2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2			
Double Norwich Major	46D	13	8	2
Double Oxford Bob Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Six Bells, seven methods	1			
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major	52	13		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	48E	3		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	29F	1		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	9	2	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	111	18	8+	
Bristol Surprise Major	110G	16	3	
London Surprise Major	97H	7	5	
Norfolk Surprise Major	1			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Middlesex Surprise Royal	5			
Totals	832	131	168	25

† Including one silent; A including 13,027; B including 11,111; C including 10,464; D including 15,072; E including 10,440; F including 7,392; G including 15,264; H including 14,112; I including 6,063. Rung in 249 towers in 32 counties in England, Ireland, and Wales, and one on the Irish Sea.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recast bells for Coventry Cathedral were dedicated on Saturday. They are, of course, only hung for chiming, but after a long silence their notes will doubtless be welcome to the citizens.

Among those who, prior to Mr. G. R. Pye's achievement of scoring one thousand peals, had accomplished this stupendous task, are the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was the first to do so, Mr. William Pye, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Mr. George Williams, and Mr. Frank Bennett. The next for honours will be—, Yes, he is still going strong.

Mr. Albert W. Coles underwent an operation on April 7th at the London Hospital. We are glad to say he is now going on exceedingly well.

With the augmented ring at Edgbaston, Birmingham now possesses one peal of twelve bells, three of ten, nine of eight and one of six.

To-day, the anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889, is also the fifth anniversary of the longest of all peals, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, rung in 1922.

The Georges, who will attempt a Surprise peal to-morrow, have probably been the most successful 'name' peal ringers of any. They rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's, Camberwell, as long ago as St. George's Day, 1857.

On April 23rd, 1778, the band at Braughing, Herts, rang a peal of 10,080 Bob Major, and preliminary to a 12,240 which they scored in the following year, but which even then was not a record, for in 1737 15,120 in this method had been rung at West Ham.

Bob Major must have made rapid strides in those far-off days, for it was only on April 26th, 1725, that the first peal in the method had been rung. It was scored at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the College Youths.

Among the anniversaries which occur next week are those of the 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, by the College Youths in 1861, and the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1865. Of the band which rang the latter peal, the late Mr. Ted Horrex was the last survivor. Both peals were on April 27th.

On April 28th, 1800, the Cumberland Youths rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton, and it was on this day four years ago that members of the Midland Counties Association rang the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stony Stanton.

There is a band in Warwickshire which can sympathise with the company who recently visited Bankley, as when attempting a peal last Saturday they found the bells they had come to ring were hung in a 'hastie-sided' frame and oiled with something which must have been seccotine. Everything else about the church was faultless.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Bushey, was elected president of the Hertford County Association, for the ensuing year, at the annual meeting at St. Albans on Monday. Mr. Cartmel was elected secretary for the twenty-fifth time. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

## RECORD PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

Although we have not, at the time of going to press, received the official report, we are informed that the attempt for the record peal of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major by members of the Lancashire Association at St. Thomas' Church, Heptonstall, on Easter Monday, was successful.

We have it on the authority of Mr. Harry Chapman, who listened to the peal, that in all his experience he has never heard anything to beat it or even to come up to the standard of striking that was maintained. Hour after hour it was the same, and the last course was as good as the first.

## NEW PEAL OF TEN FOR SURREY. GENEROUS GIFT TO HASLEMERE.

Haslemere, on the southern border of Surrey, is to have a peal of ten bells. A few years ago the old ring was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the octave now has a tenor of 13 cwt. 6 lb. A generous donor, who desires to remain anonymous, has now come forward and offered to defray the cost of adding two trebles.

Everything is now in order for the work to proceed, and it will be carried out under the supervision of Major J. H. B. Hesse, who is one of the members of the Central Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, and who resides in the parish.

The work will involve taking out the three present trebles and re-arranging the rider frame, for the front five bells will hang above the back five.

When the new bells are installed, Haslemere will have one of the lightest peals of ten hung in any English church.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

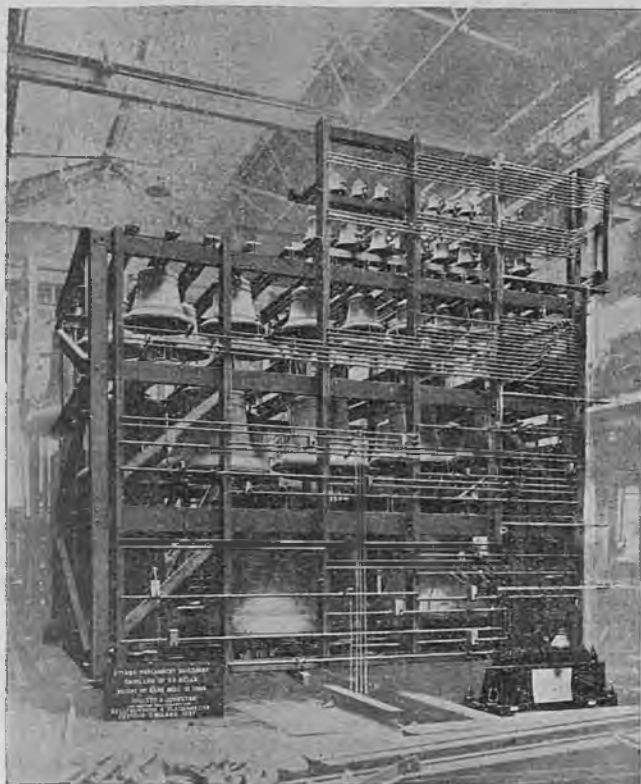
Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. Whittle, with reference to the composition of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of April 1st, I may say I have had this composition for some years, not being able to discover whether a similar peal had been obtained, and I did not consider it a variation of the late Mr. J. Carter's well-known peal. However, seeing that Mr. Whittle had previously obtained a similar composition which he considers a variation, of course I have no option but to take the same view.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.



### THE OTTAWA CARILLON.

The accompanying illustration shows a section of the Ottawa Carillon erected in the Croydon Foundry. It depicts the middle and higher bells, and gives an idea of some of the mechanism which is required to connect the bells with the clavier.



PART OF THE CANADIAN CARILLON AT THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

### BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, April 9th, when members were present from Barnsley, Hoylandswaine, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, South Kirby, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Sandal, Shelley, Handsworth, Wath, and members of local company, together with several visitors.

The day was very wet and chilly, yet in spite of this drawback there was a full attendance. The bells were freely used from 2.45 until about 9 p.m., the methods mostly of Minor, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Tea was served in the National Schools, over thirty sitting down to a substantial and homely meal, kindly provided by a Penistone change ringer noted for his generosity to fellow members.

The Vicar (Rev. F. B. Carlton) was present at tea, and presided at the business meeting. Matters concerning Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the Hoylandswaine company's cup contest, and the association's shield contest were satisfactorily dealt with.

Four new members were elected, and Felkirk was selected for the May meeting.

Votes of thanks were duly passed to the Vicar for his presence, to the donor of the tea, the churchwardens for use of the bells, and the local company for all arrangements made.

### DEATH OF AN OLD LUTON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Shaw, who until two years ago was steeplekeeper at the Parish Church, Luton, and had to relinquish those duties owing to ill-health. He passed away on March 21st in his 66th year.

He was a member of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations, and had rung about thirty peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He always rang the tenor. The funeral took place on the following Thursday, when a wreath was sent by the local ringers.

To his memory, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in 50 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The committee met in the vestry of Great St. Mary's at 11.15 a.m., and service followed in that church at noon. This, as the new Vicar has not come into residence, was conducted by the Rev. R. Copeman (hon. secretary of the association), who also, as the invited preacher did not arrive, gave the address.

Thirty-one members and visitors sat down to lunch at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, supported by the Revs. H. B. Woolley and R. F. R. Routh. After luncheon, the annual business was transacted.

The Secretary presented his report, showing that 29 peals (four on handbells), had been rung in 1926, one at Stapleford being 'York Surprise Minor,' which is believed to be the first rung entirely in that method.

The accounts for the years 1925 and 1926, which had been audited, were passed, and showed a balance in hand of £20 12s. 11d., which will be seriously reduced when the bill for printing the report is paid.

The officers were appointed as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. R. Copeman; auditor and representative on Central Council, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretary for archdeaconry of Hunts, Rev. H. B. Woolley; district secretary for archdeaconry of Wisbech, Mr. H. W. Giddings; district secretary for Marshland, Mr. W. G. Cross.

As Mr. A. E. Austin had expressed the wish to resign his post, Mr. F. Warrington was chosen for archdeaconry of Ely.

The following were elected to serve on the committee for one year: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and R. F. R. Routh, Messrs. J. Taylor, A. G. Rivers, H. Fields, E. G. Hibbins, A. E. Austin.

It was decided to charge 6d. for the report.

A letter from the Vicar of Ickleton was read relating to the re-hanging and recasting of the bells after the fall and breaking of the tenor while the bells were being rung for service on September 12th, and a grant of £5 was voted towards the Fund.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells at Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew the Great, the Church of Our Lady, and Old Chesterton; also to the hon. secretary for his address and to Mr. Boughey for presiding.—Mr. Boughey, in his reply, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Austin for his work in editing the report.

Ringling was then carried on in the above-mentioned towers and kept up till about 7 p.m.

### THE RESTORATION OF ICKLETON BELLS. THE WHOLE PEAL TO BE RECAST.

The condition of the bells at Ickleton Parish Church has proved to be worse than was anticipated. The old frame and bells have been taken out of the tower. No. 5 bell was then found to be cracked as well as the tenor. The floor under the bells was discovered not safe, and when the bells were examined at the Croydon Bell Foundry, No. 3, when the head stock was removed, was found to be cracked.

At a meeting of the Restoration Committee it was decided that the ringers clean out the tower from top to bottom, and this has been done. A new floor has been put in, and the repairs to the tower are nearly completed.

On the advice of Mr. Cyril Johnston, it has been decided to have all the bells recast, as three already had to be recast, and the others were not perfect, as the treble was heavier than the second. The tenor will be a few cwt. lighter than before, as it would have taken a good deal of metal to make it up to its original weight of 19 cwt. The same amount of metal will be put in the tower as before, but it will be more evenly distributed.

The misfortunes of the ringers have been increased by the fact that two of the local band have left the village, and now they have lost their treasurer. Mr. Webb has just started six lads on the handbells.

The following contributions to the bell fund are acknowledged: Saffron Walden Society 10s. 6d., Leytonstone Society 5s., Mr. T. R. Dennis, Cambridge, £1.

Ickleton has suffered a sad loss by the death of Mr. H. F. Beales, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday night, April 5th. He had been treasurer of the local ringers' society since it was formed thirty years ago, and the ringers always found in him a true friend. Only a few hours before he passed away he was discussing plans for the restoration of the church bells with Mr. P. Webb, the leader of the ringers, and when he wished him good-night, said he felt confident they would raise the money.

The deceased was interred in the family vault in Ickleton Churchyard on Saturday, April 9th. Most of the local ringers attended, and at the graveside the six following rang a touch of Bob Minor and played 'Abide with me' on the handbells: G. Lilley, P. Webb, R. Clements, W. Hutley, W. Flitton and A. Lilley. No muffled ringing could be done as the church bells have been taken to the Croydon Bell Foundry. Among the wreaths was one from the ringers.

On the Sunday following, the Vicar referred to the loss the village had suffered through the death of Mr. Beales. Although not churchwarden for the last few years, he had formerly served in that office for eighteen years, and had done much for the church. The 'Dead March' was played after service.

## NORFOLK GUILD'S JUBILEE.

### A RECORD GATHERING AT THE CELEBRATION.

The jubilee of the Norfolk Guild was celebrated on Monday with a gathering that exceeded all previous records in the history of the organisation. Members assembled from every corner of the county, and a number came from Suffolk, which was originally in the diocesan area. There are still ten of the original members alive, and four of them were present to take part in the proceedings—Messrs. William Ireland (Diss), Denison Hayward (Great Yarmouth), Frederick Knights (Norwich), and Robert H. Brundle (Ipswich). Each of these veterans is hale and hearty, and entered thoroughly into the spirit of the day. The committee of the Guild, headed by the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Willink), who is president, had spared no pains to make the gathering a success, and they must have been gratified by the response to their invitation. The historic bells of St. Peter Mancroft were going before nine o'clock, and successive bands were occupied in ringing touches upon them throughout the morning, many ringers from distant parishes having their first opportunity of ringing upon twelve bells. The eight at the Church of St. John de Sepulchre were also in demand, and the little ring of five at All Saints' Church, where the tiny ringing chamber is also the vestry, were also utilised.

There was a short but impressive service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, conducted by the Dean, who welcomed the large congregation of ringers. The fine old building was filled with the singing of this company of men, who, accompanied by the organ but without the lead of a choir, sang the hymns 'Christ the Lord is risen again,' and 'Fight the good fight.' The address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Norfolk, from Psalm xcvi. 8, 'Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.' In a very practical sermon he referred to the motives which induced men to take up ringing, and spoke of it as a reasonable and healthy recreation. It was an essentially social pastime, but he hoped also that they looked upon their work from the higher aspect of being an offering to God. He referred to the completion of fifty years of work by the Guild, and said how greatly the Dean and those who were associated with the Guild hoped that it would go on from year to year gathering strength and securing a succession of those who would give themselves to the art in a right and true spirit.

### NOTABLE VISITORS.

A photograph having been taken of the members under the shadow of the church, the whole party adjourned to Snelling's Restaurant, where the Guild provided a luncheon. The Dean presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Norwich, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Norwich (Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bignold), Mrs. Willink, the Archdeacon (Ven. A. R. Buckland), Canon Aitken, Canon Grant, Canon Bell (Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral), Canon Meyrick (Rector of St. Peter Mancroft), Mr. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild), Mr. C. R. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. G. P. Burton (auditor), and other officers of the Guild. During the lunch and between the subsequent speeches, the Norwich Singers rendered some delightful part songs and glees.

The toast of 'The King' having been honoured, 'Success to the Norfolk Guild' was proposed by the Lord Mayor, who referred to the part which bells had played, and still play, in the life of the nation. He spoke of the keen interest taken in the Guild by the Dean, and of the work which was done by Mr. Coleman. He wished success to the Guild in the future, and expressed the hope that it would continue to prosper under the officers of the association.

### 'THE GOLDEN WEDDING.'

The Dean, in responding, said his first word must be one of congratulation upon that record gathering. They had assembled in good fettle and good fellowship, and in a spirit of optimism which he thought was entirely justified. That was just as it should be, for it was their jubilee, or, if he might express it in another way, it was the golden anniversary of the marriage of the diocese of Norwich, with what they, as devotees, called 'The Exercise.' It was their golden wedding, and it was right that they should have at that festival as many as possible of the sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters as possible, to wish the bride and bridegroom of fifty years ago many more happy anniversaries in the days to come (applause). They were now a goodly company with the Lord Bishop of the diocese at their head and present among them that day for the first time. They were more glad than they could express to have him there on that occasion (applause). They had with them their vice-presidents and officers and numerous honoured guests. He thanked them all for coming that day, and he thanked the members of the Guild for their presence. He wished particularly to emphasise what the Lord Mayor had said with regard to the services of their hon. secretary and treasurer. They could look back on the past with pleasure in the sense of something attempted, something done, and he hoped they might also look forward to the future with a sense of fine determination to uphold the honour of their Guild and to translate their aims and objects into real and tangible results. Continuing, the Dean said to-day, alone of the nations of the world, England rejoiced in bells and in bell ringing such as was represented in their Guild. Bells were not unknown on the Continent, and in some instances were extraordinarily fine and sonorous, but change ringing was unknown except in England. Carillon ringing was a very different thing, and it was one of the many glories of their own dear Motherland that our bells and our ringing, particularly the art of change ringing, was our own.

## AN HONOURED BODY.

It was in the early part of the 17th century that change ringing, as distinct from round ringing, was elaborated into the science that it had now become and had been for many long years. With the restoration of Charles II., in 1660, there came a perfect mania for new rings of bells and, above all, for the science of change ringing. Ringing became a fashionable pastime, and men in the highest fashionable circles took part in it. Many societies for its practice came into being at that time, some few of which still remain, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths. Then came, alas, a period of blackness and deadness, and for many years the art was neglected and almost forgotten, or at any rate held in low esteem. The all-prevailing view of intemperance at that time played havoc with ringers as with all other classes of the English people. But in the first part of the nineteenth century, somewhere, perhaps, about 1830, there came a reformer whose name ought for ever to be held in the highest esteem, the Rev. Henry Ellacombe, who presented the totally new doctrine that ringers were Church officers, and that their art should be consecrated to the service of the Church. Other good men supported him, and many ringers hailed with satisfaction this novel interest in their welfare. A steady improvement set in, and nothing in the history of ringing was more remarkable than the way in which during the last 60 years or so the large majority of bell ringers have raised themselves into a very highly respectable and much honoured body (applause). Diocesan Guilds were founded all over the country, and their membership now ran into many thousands. Without any kind of question enormous good had resulted from this new ideal of corporate life and service which had been held up before the members for the past 60 years. It was the duty of the Church to encourage them. Too often in the past they had been ignored and neglected, but a brighter day had dawned, and there in their own great diocese they might proudly claim and thankfully acknowledge that the old days of neglect were past and gone and a new interest created. New opportunities were offered to young men, and, he was thankful to say, to young women also, to consecrate their physical and intellectual powers to the glory of God and the welfare of the Church. For the past work of that Guild they were thankful, for the future they were full of hope, and he prayed for God's blessing upon their efforts, whether diocesan or parochial (applause).

### THE BISHOP'S THANKS TO RINGERS.

Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy,' and referred to the very great help which the Guild had always received from the clergy, without whose support and assistance, he said, they might, as ringers, just as well put up the shutters and shut up the shop. In their Guild they had had the help of many clergy who had held office, among them the late Rev. Earle Bulwer.

The toast was acknowledged by the Bishop, who paid a warm tribute to the services which ringers rendered to the Church, and thanked the members of that Guild for the manner in which they so often welcomed him in the parishes in that diocese. He was usually able to thank personally the choir and the organist, but the ringers he seldom saw because their work was carried on out of sight. He therefore welcomed that opportunity of thanking them as a body.

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed the health of the surviving foundation members of the Guild. These were ten in number, viz., the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Spetisbury), Messrs. William Ireland (Diss), Denison Hayward (Yarmouth), Frederick Knights (Norwich), Robert Brundle (Ipswich), Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), Robert Whiting (Pulham Market), who was the only survivor of the band that rang the first peal for the association on November 6th, 1877, Joseph Last (Grundisburgh), Edgar Pemberton (Ipswich), and David Collins (Worlingworth). Four of these men were present at that gathering, and the Guild was intensely proud of their 50 years' service. These ten, between them, had rung 996 peals for the Guild, Mr. Brundle heading the list with 271, and Mr. Pemberton coming next with 259. Like old gold, these men became more valuable as the years rolled on, and such as they were the backbone of the Guilds throughout the country. They extended to these old members their most hearty congratulations and their good wishes for their happiness in the eventide of their lives (applause).

The toast was heartily drunk, and the four veterans were asked to bow their acknowledgments, as neither could be persuaded to make a speech, although Mr. Ireland overcame his shyness at the last moment and thanked everyone for the kind words spoken.

Mr. Burton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and referred in kindly terms to the services which this paper has rendered to the Exercise.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded.

This concluded the speech making, and the annual business meeting was held.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. W. C. Duffield was added to the committee in place of Mr. D. O. Holme (resigned), and Mr. B. S. Thompson was appointed district secretary for the Norwich district, which office had become vacant through the removal of Mr. G. H. Cross, who was congratulated upon his appointment to the Civil Service in London.

Twenty-five new members were added to the roll, and the Secretary announced that the committee had decided to exchange the Guild's present holding of stocks into Savings Certificates.

A vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the Dean, to the Archdeacon of Norwich for his address, to Canon Meyrick for per-

mitting the use of St. Peter Mancroft Church for the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the Vicars of St. John's and All Saints' for the use of their bells also.

Subsequently there was a return to the belfries for further ringing, and many old friends spent a happy hour together in chatting over past days.

# INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I suppose that some of your correspondents think that if I had any sense of decency I should consider myself knocked out by their onslaughts, but I do not feel as if I have even staggered up against the ropes. I have withstood the thunders of an Editorial—an honour, I assume, which has fallen to the lot of very few of your readers—I have survived a fair amount of abuse, and have not been put to silence by the attack of your 'Fighting Editor,' Bill Sykes. Can you tell me why he should be so unnecessarily offensive in his reference to Hampshire hogs? As a matter of fact, I am more North Country by one county than Bill Sykes himself, so his gibe has miscarried, but I am sure his brother ringers in Hampshire will appreciate his wit and thank him for the compliment. Abuse is no argument, and humour which can be understood by no one but the alleged humorist cannot be very effective. I have not the slightest intention of participating in a mud-slinging contest, so if my name offends Mr. Sykes I can only plead that it was my godfathers and godmothers who 'did for me.' I cannot see that my unfortunate name makes any difference to my ineptitude as a ringer or to my capacity as a critic, and my arguments cannot possibly be affected thereby.

As some of your correspondents are fighting bogeys of their own raising, will you allow me to put the plain issues before them? I contended that there was urgent need for improvement and standardisation in the instruction of beginners. I suggested that some authoritative body should issue such a course of instruction for the guidance both of instructors and beginners, that the Guilds should give courses of teaching to the instructors in their areas, and, lastly, that 'The Ringing World' should do something in the same direction. I have never attempted to pose as the first to preach this gospel, nor have I set myself up as an authority on ringing matters. I have no ambition to ring a peal—but I have a really useful member of my own band will quite satisfy me—but I have come across dozens of beginners who cannot make headway, and it was in the hope that some helping hand might be held out to them that I opened the subject in your columns.

Your correspondents are so loyal to 'The Ringing World' that they go much further than their Editor. Your own arguments are pretty sound and your position seems reasonable enough. I realise that you cannot be continually starting courses of elementary instruction, and it is certain that such articles, if inserted in 'The Ringing World,' would not reach the beginner. But I see no reason why you should not publish, week by week, instalments of what might easily become the standard course of instruction, which instructors could collect as they appeared and carefully preserve for their own guidance in the practical work in the belfry.

As I do not wish to occupy your space with matters which have no bearing on ringing, there is much in your correspondents' letters which must go unanswered, but if they care to write direct to me (I cannot do so to them in the absence of their addresses), I can assure them that they will receive a courteous answer. Bill Sykes can then sling me to his heart's content without robbing his fellow ringers of so much space in your columns, which could easily be devoted to better uses.—Yours faithfully,

School House, Brockenhurst, Hants.

JOHN P. ARMSTRONG.

# BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Wendover, after an unsuccessful attempt of a peal of Grandsire Doubles, a quarter-peal was rung, consisting of ten and a half different callings, by: H. E. Jones 1, J. Puppitt (conductor) 2, E. Stevens 3, F. J. Reeves 4, H. Bull 5, G. Simmons 6. This is the longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor.

At the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, on Saturday, April 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Attiwell, leader of St. Woolos' company, by representatives of four towers, but it came to grief after 1 hr. 20 mins.' good ringing: W. Williams 1, A. Slater 2, J. Hurford 3, P. Jones 4, A. Haggerton 5, W. Pike 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8, W. Phillips 9, A. Thomas 10. First attempt by all except the conductor. J. Hurford is a beginner who had only rung one course of Stedman previous to starting for this peal.

At Holy Trinity Church, Cirencester, 120 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Lewis, jun. (aged 13, first six score on tower bells) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, H. Cook 3, H. C. Bond 4, S. Philpotts 5, A. Parsons 6.—Also 252 Stedman Triples: H. Cook (longest length) 1, F. W. Bond 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung by: W. Sharp 1, P. Blissett 2, T. Green 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, T. Lane 5, A. Morgan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and also the longest by the ringer of the tenor.

# SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Stoner 1, E. Exeter 2, C. Holman 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 5, C. Holman 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, H. Ellis 3, D. Stevens 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Norris 6, J. W. Driver (conductor) 7, G. Block 8. The above-mentioned are all residents of Fulham.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cherritt 1, F. Tubb 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss R. Hawksworth 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker 6.—Also courses of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court.

PLYMOUTH.—For evening service, on April 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. (last quarter of Holt's Original): C. Holmes 1, G. H. Myers (conductor) 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, T. G. Myers 5, W. Hamlyn 6, A. W. Myers 7, G. Marshall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Geo. Marshall, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Minor in 48 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. Fenson 3, C. T. Coles 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

WEST OLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: H. Harding, jun. (first extent) 1, H. Harding, sen. (first extent inside) 2, G. Grover 3, N. Harding 4, J. Goacher 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

BURSLEM.—On Sunday, April 10th, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise, and for evensong 720 York Surprise, these methods being entirely new to three of the ringers: A. Brammer 1, E. Gater 2, \*E. Cartledge 3, T. Hurd 4, \*H. Box 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. \* First in the method.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, H. Cook (first quarter-peal inside) 2, F. Edwards 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5, F. J. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. H. Hayward 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—For evensong, on Passion Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 52 mins.: W. Thorley 1, E. Cartwright 2, D. Collins (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Grundy 4, J. Fidler 5, J. Saddington 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Hutchby 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 1,334 Bob Major: W. P. Roe (first in the method) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. Strickland 3, W. J. Ellis 4, J. G. Nash 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, C. A. Button (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. Roe (first quarter of Stedman) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. Strickland 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. Roe 3, J. G. Nash 4, S. W. Crabb 5, E. A. Hull (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

SEIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Seager 1, H. Haigh 2, T. Wilcock (first in the method) 3, T. B. Kendall 4, Mrs. Seager 5, E. H. Simpson (first as conductor) 6, H. Stott 7, A. Trotter 8.—For evening service, touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, Mr. Firth Hopwood, of Laisterdyke, taking part.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Peck 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodward 3, A. Bale 4, E. Pilgrim 5, N. Bailey (conductor) 6.—On April 1st, 720 London Surprise: R. Peck (first in the method) 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodward 3, A. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim (conductor) 5, N. Bailey 6. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise by the same band.

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## EASTER RINGING.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evensong, on Easter Day, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: C. F. Winney 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, A. Cutmore 3, J. A. Dart 4, H. Langdon 5, R. E. Sadler 6, R. C. Rice 7, H. G. Miles (conductor) 8, G. C. Rice 9, G. C. Garrard 10.

**SOUTH HACKNEY.**—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Riley 1, F. Smith 2, J. Martin 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, S. Wapshere 5, F. Alleway 6, W. Glover 7. Rung without the covering bell owing to meeting one short.

**GROSETHWAITE.**—On Easter Day, for evening service at the Parish Church, Crosthwaite, Keswick, Cumberland, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Just 1, W. L. Gifton 2, F. Barnes 3, T. T. Gifton (conductor) 4, F. Hogarth 5, W. Hogg 6, T. Hogarth 7, F. Grisdale 8. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Whitley Bay, the rest are of the local band.

**WINDSOR.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. Henley 1, T. Smith 2, W. Welling (conductor) 3, T. Farr 4, A. Bateman 5, C. W. Pipe 6, E. Hooper 7, L. Stilwell 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th, and on the bells for a number of years.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. W. Foreman (first quarter) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Welling 3, F. Knight 4, J. T. Newington (Bedford) 5, C. W. Pipe 6, T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. H. Copley 8.

**COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.**—On Easter Day, at the Church of Emmanuel, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Symons 1, B. Baldry 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. Richards 5, T. G. Myers 6, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 7, S. P. Symons 8. Rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Triples. Also 168 Grandsire Triples.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Symonds 1, J. Hare 2, T. Scott 3, R. E. Croft 4, F. W. Croft 5, H. W. Else 6, C. V. Hare 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

**QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.**—On Easter Day for evensong, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: C. Drake 1, E. Whiteley 2, C. Ellison 3, F. Hulton 4, A. Pickles 5, H. Pearce 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, W. Hamer 8.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (by J. George): A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, J. Marks 4, S. Foskett 5, W. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. V. Sear 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 5th and tenor.

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Saban 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. Levey 3, H. Bull 4, M. Morris 5, P. C. Springham 6, W. Turling 7, H. Wacey 8. First quarter of Grandsire by the ringers of 4th and 8th.

**BRENTWOOD.**—At St. Thomas' Church on Easter Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. Rainbird (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Turner (conductor) 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Ong 5, F. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, S. Carrall 8.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—For evening service on Easter Day, 720 of Oxford Single Bob: A. Stoner 1, A. Steele 2, A. Laker 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

**WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, H. Belcher (conductor) 2, M. Stacey 3, R. Thompson 4, A. Fulwell 5, H. Folkard 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

**GRAVESEND.**—On Easter Day, for morning service at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. Constant 1, E. J. Watson 2, S. Sandford 3, P. Morrad 4, P. E. Clark 5, P. Graves 6, E. J. Beer (conductor) 7, E. Badlow 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of 2nd and 5th, who hail from Ealing.

## NOTICES.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 30th.—W. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Thorne, Saturday, April 30th. Tea provided for those who notify me before 27th. This month's method for special practice is Double Norwich. A good attendance desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Yoxford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at Parish Church, available 3 p.m. to 8.30, all ringers invited.—Geo. Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41 Valley Road, Leiston.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Magnus' on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Poplar, E., on Saturday, April 23rd. Divine service will be held at 5.15 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne). Tea, at 5.45 p.m., will be followed by the usual business meeting, at which the report and balance sheet will be presented. The officers for the ensuing year and four representatives to the Central Council will be elected. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—At All Saints', Poplar (10 bells): From 3.15 to 5.10 p.m., and after the meeting. At Christ Church, Cubitt Town (8 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. At Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. All Saints' Church can be reached by train from Fenchurch Street (L. and N.E.) to Millwall Junction; or from Broad Street, Willesden, Acton, etc., to Poplar (L.M. & S.). Buses and trams from Aldgate and the City pass the church.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 4.0. Meeting 7.0.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—General meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church, on Saturday, April 23rd, 1927. Bells available from 5 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**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.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon, St. Andrews, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing afternoon and evening. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting, 5 p.m. It is most important that intending visitors should notify Mr. T. E. Francis, Southbourne House, Clevedon.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

**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.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, 23rd April. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Schools at 1s. per head.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) open from noon. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Dis. Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Token on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at East Garston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. All ringers invited, to discuss the question of district meetings in West Suffolk. Five and six bell towers please note.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec., Lavenham.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea about 5 p.m. Please notify.—G. A. Taylor, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. For tea please inform C. Smith, High Hill Road, Birch Vale, near Stockport.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk (Mon.), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (3) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 'Cartref,' Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C., Lytham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Lockyer.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Henry T. Adams, Hon. Sec., Silchester Rectory, Silchester, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton on Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 19th.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sapcote on April 23rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea at 5.15.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE, NORTHAMPTON.**—The recast bells, together with the new frame and fittings, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Monday, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped to arrange for the tower to be open for visitors and friends in the evening at 7.30 p.m.—Fred Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Dystan's, Repton, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, and short business meeting to follow. Buses leave Bargates, Burton, every quarter hour. A good attendance hoped for.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Martin April 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members will send in their names to G. H. Paulson, 6, Park Terrace, Darley Dale, before April 28th. All ringers are welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Canon on Saturday, April 30th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than the 25th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting at 6 p.m. Names for tea must be sent in not later than Monday, April 25th. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2 p.m. Will those requiring seats kindly notify not later than the 27th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head. It is important that all members requiring tea should send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Cray, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar and ringers, will be served to all who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, April 26th. A good attendance is desired.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwick on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3.0. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and meeting to follow. This is to replace the meeting that was to have been held at Maldon on Easter Monday. Buses leave Chelmsford 2.30 p.m. and 3.20 p.m., and return from Boreham 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Will all members intending to be present to tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, April 27th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after service. Please notify me before Thursday, April 28th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Short service in Church 4.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Cafe (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Kindly send number requiring tea to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Association service in Church at 5, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, B.A. Invitation tea, followed by business meeting. It must be distinctly understood that tea will only be provided for those who notify me by first post on Tuesday, April 26th. East-church bells (6), will also be available if sufficient notify me. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting. It is hoped to make this visit to the 'island' a success, so all ringers are invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Hornsey, Monday, May 2nd. Bells from 7 to 9.30 p.m. Meeting at Pinner, May 14th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible. Chigwell Row bells will be available after tea.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, May 14th. Full particulars will be advertised later.—F. Jewelllyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

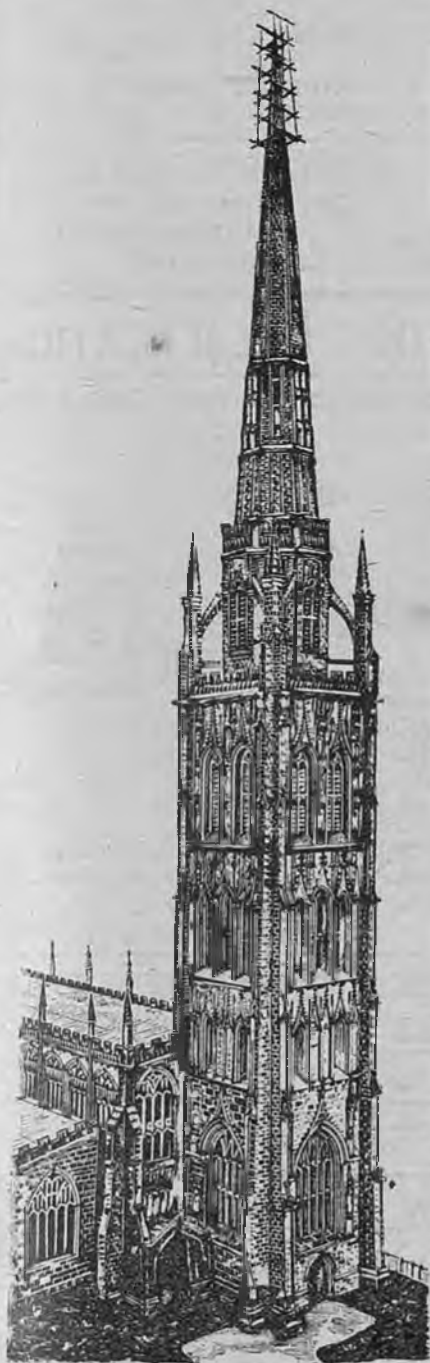
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