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INSTRUCTING THE BEGINNER

The series of articles which is being published in our columns for the benefit of beginners in the art will, we hope, prove of benefit to those for whom they are specially intended. They have been prepared with a great deal of care by our correspondent, and we feel sure that his work will be appreciated. It is not easy to write upon a subject like the theory of change ringing in such a manner that the veriest tyro can understand, but we believe that any young ringer who will take the pains to study 'Minormania's' articles will find his knowledge of the science considerably advanced. These papers are not things merely to be scanned, if their contents are to be understood and put to profit. They require serious attention and steady application, and as they develop the beginner will, we hope, find a new appreciation of the theory opening before him.

We are pleased to print this week a letter from another correspondent, advising ringers to preserve these articles for the use of future recruits to the Exercise. We would like to emphasise his point that it is impossible to reproduce, in a journal which has to cater for the news of the day, elementary instructional matter. We have often been blamed for not catering sufficiently for the interests of learners in the art. In a way, we are all learners, the only difference between us being the degree of knowledge which we have already acquired, and it could be argued with justice that we might as well be perpetually trying to teach ringers how to ring Surprise methods or call Stedman Triples, as continually endeavouring to explain to beginners how to ring Grandsire Doubles or call a touch of Plain Bob. For this kind of thing ringers must, perforce, put their main dependence upon the text books of the day. Actually our task in this matter is to acquaint the Exercise with the various advances made and the new developments which arise. The difficulty of providing instruction for learners in a paper such as 'The Ringing World' is that, to carry it out effectively, we should have to begin a fresh series in every issue, for the reason that somewhere or other new recruits are entering the Exercise every week.

There would be, we feel, more justification for attempting to instruct Grandsire ringers how to ring Stedman, or in endeavouring to carry Bob Major ringers up to the Surprise standard, because there is a large group already in existence in both these categories to whom this might be of advantage, and we hope, perhaps, when 'Minormania' has finished his talks, that we may be able to do something in this direction, if there is any desire for it. In the meantime, the 'Theory for Be-

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ginner's' is a valuable contribution to the educational side of ringing, and we hope that 'old hands' everywhere will encourage their beginners to study the papers. It is not to be supposed that every youngster will be able to assimilate entirely each succeeding article as it appears, but by preserving them, and pursuing their study in the forthcoming winter, the beginner will not only have a valuable collection of material at his hand, but will have acquired at any rate a useful knowledge of some of the 'mysteries' upon which change ringing is founded.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*MRS. LAURA KNOWLES ... Treble	†JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	†WILLIAM PIKE ... 7
SIDNEY DAWE ... 3	WILLIAM HEATH ... 8
GEORGE LARGE ... 4	ERNEST COOMBS ... 9
†CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. † First peal of Caters. Arranged for Mrs. Knowles, of Tiverton, Devon, who was elected a life member before starting.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*GEORGE CLAXTON ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
JOHN C. DICKEN ... 3	*JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
*WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON EAST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*RICHARD WARNETT ... Treble	†JAMES H. LUCAS ... 6
FRANK CORKE ... 2	PERCY E. JONES ... 7
HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 3	†WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 8
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	WILLIAM HONOR ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow and Miss G. Baker, both members of the local band.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
JOHN PERRY ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 9
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5	*BERTRAM L. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First attempt for a peal. He was complimented upon the way in which he rang his bell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HERNE HILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
HARRY BAKER 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
PERCY PAGE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* Proposed a member of the Romney Marsh Guild previous to starting.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
*ARTHUR J. FARR 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* Proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Visser, to the parish of Appledore. Rung on the 24th anniversary of C. W. Player's wedding.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
HARRY BAKER 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the 13th anniversary of C. J. Head's wedding at this church.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS Treble	ALBERT HILL 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM POWELL 4	EDWIN WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

* This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, through the generosity of Mr. E. P. Thomas, Fernhill Heath, Worcestershire.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK J. HOWCHIN 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	GEORGE K. PYE 5
ALFRED PYE 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
*ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

A PITSTOW-HATTERSLEY Composition. Conducted by C. T. COLES

* First peal in the method.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 6).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	*PERCY DUDLEY 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	JAMES PAGETT 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. This is Mr. J. George's 950th peal, also his 200th peal of Stedman Triples.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
*JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. The conductor's 50th peal in the method. Mr. D. C. Williams was elected a member before starting. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Faithfull after the peal.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
HARRY BAKER 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
JOHN WREADON 4	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
First peal rung in the method.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

A. PADDON SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	WILLIAM H. PASSMORE ... 7
FRED PRICE 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of William Henry Godden, sometime a ringer at this church, and for twenty years secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed over on Sunday, August 28th, in the 78th year of his age.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE THOMPSON ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER 3	*FRED COTTON 7
WALTER MALINS 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by J. FRITCHARD. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. The treble ringer was made a life member of the above Guild.

UFFCULME, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY SPARKES ... Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
ALEXANDER EVANS 2	GEORGE S. COLES 6
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on this fine peal of bells, recently installed by Taylor & Co.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... Treble	RICHARD CLARK 5
*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 2	E. GEORGE TREW 6
*ALBERT PARKER 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
HENRY PRING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Percy G. Yeo, hon. secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch of the above association, who was married at St. Aldhelm's, Bristol, on the above date.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN G. NASH ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, who was elected a member of the association prior to commencing the peal.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 2	*GEORGE AMBLER 6
EDGAR WHITELEY 3	*JOHN AMBLER 7
*ROWLAND MYERS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Ringers of treble and 2nd were from Denholme, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th from Pudsey, 3rd and tenor are members of the local company.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GILBERT GUEST ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILLIAM GREEN 7
CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER ... 4	J. GOODMAN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

This was the quarterly peal for the Guild, and the ringers represented the following towers: Dudley, Smethwick, Old Hill, Netherton, Stourbridge, Coseley and Bedwelty, Mon.

COLCHESTER.—On Thursday, August 18th, at St. Leonard's, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: G. Lindoff, jun., 1, H. Pye 2, W. Button 3, F. Humpstead 4, W. Chalk 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method on the bells.—On Tuesday, August 23rd, on hand-bells, a 720 of Plain Bob: P. Grimsey 1, W. Button 2, G. Lindoff, jun., 3, H. Finch 4, G. Lindoff (conductor) 5, L. Wilson 6. This was the first 720 by the ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th.

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WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

JOHN NOLLER Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 5
HARRY HALL 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal of Major on the bells, the two trebles having been dedicated the previous Sunday. It is 31 years since the ringer of the treble rang a peal of Major. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Moyes.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The ringer of the 5th was elected a member previous to starting.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR STURMAN ... Treble	*CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 2	WALTER CHANDLER 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal. The above band reside in six different parishes.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JAMES F. SMITH ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
*WILLIAM J. JONES 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 3	JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by J. COOKE.

* First peal and first 720 of Cambridge. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Minor. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are only 13 years of age.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

*HORACE P. GILES ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET 4
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
HORACE H. SMITH 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal. This was the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to six by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Mr. Fleet was elected a member of the above Guild before starting for the peal.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*THOMAS LOCK ... Treble	TOM W. CREED 4
*ROBERT MILLS 2	*HERBERT G. WESTLAKE ... 5
GERALD LOCK 3	THOMAS JEANS Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers hail from Langport, and wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. S. Tilly for getting everything ready, and Mr. R. Manning and others for entertaining them after the peal.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6,000 CHANGES;

INCLUDING PITMAN'S AND MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. F. A. OSWELL ... Treble	GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
PETER C. HEATH 2	ERNEST COOMBS 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	HARRY STRANGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

First peal of Doubles for all.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM GULLY 4
FREDERICK TALBOT 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 5
RAYMOND J. WEBB 3	*WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. All belong to the local band except the conductor, who comes from Shepton Mallet.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES WRIGHT ... Treble	*COLIN T. RYDER 4
ALBERT NASH 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR PANTHER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Minor and first on the bells since rehanging pre-war. Rung after meeting one short for Major.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, with two Plain Bob.

WILLIAM C. FOX ... Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4
CHARLES J. BALL 2	TOM BARTRAM 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The conductor's first 720 of Single Oxford.

WEDDING BELLS.

In a picturesque setting the marriage took place on Saturday, at Horton Parish Church, of Flight Lieut. Wallis Halford and Miss Mary Edith Wynne-Davies, only child of the Rector, and niece of the late lamented Rector, the Rev. T. Read-Davies, who was connected with church work at Farnham Royal for many years previously. The service was fully choral, and the church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was crowded to overflowing. At the conclusion of the ceremony, after the Wedding March, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by: F. E. Law 1, H. Huit 2, F. Collins 3, E. R. Pope 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, S. Briant 6.

REOPENING OF BRAINTREE BELLS.

REHANGING EFFECTS GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

After a silence of eight months, the bells of Braintree Parish Church were reopened on Saturday last. A service was held at 3 p.m., at which the Rev. G. P. Bassett-Kerr, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, officiated, assisted by Rev. F. Peel-Yates, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Becking, and Rev. R. Williams, assistant curate of Braintree. An inspiring sermon on 'Dignity of Service' was preached by Rev. Canon H. A. Lake, M.A., Rector and Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral. Mr. C. H. Howard read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Masonic Hall, about 120 ringers being present from forty parishes. The Vicar presided, supported by his wardens, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Mr. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A., chairman of the Braintree Urban District Council, and Mr. Frye, organist of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the large company of visiting ringers, many of whom had come from a great distance, on such an auspicious occasion. He expressed the appreciation of the parishioners and himself of the restoration of their bells and again hearing their message floating from the ancient tower (which dates from 1199). He heartily thanked the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their generosity in providing the money to defray the whole cost of the undertaking.

A vote of thanks to the ladies and others who had provided the tea was proposed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips.

The Master of the Essex Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) gave a brief account of the history of the bells, mentioning that originally they were a ring of five (tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.). In 1858 they were recast into a ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.). In 1899 two trebles were added to complete the octave. For some few years the 'go' had been very indifferent, and on New Year's Eve of last year the gudgeon of the 7th broke, and ringing had to be suspended. Early in the present year he approached the trustees of the Barron Trust for assistance to rehang the whole peal, and they very generously offered to provide the whole of the money. Hitherto the treble and 3rd had hung in a frame above the others, and the ropes fell in very irregular order, while the trebles were inaudible in the tower and all the bells struck false. The bells now hang on one level in an iron frame, with self-aligning ball bearings, and steel headstocks. The ropes fall in an excellent circle, although the bells hang only 12ft. above the ringing chamber. Every bell strikes true at hand and back stroke, and all can be very distinctly heard in the tower. The tone is much improved by the tuning, and the 'go' is absolutely perfect. The work reflects great credit on Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has carried out the contract under his personal supervision, with great success. Hitherto it was recognised that, with the bad circle and odd striking, ringing in Braintree tower was not so pleasurable as it might have been. This stigma is now completely removed, and Braintree bells may be classed among the best going in the county.

During the afternoon and evening short touches were rung in all the standard methods from Bob Major to London Surprise, and every visiting ringer had an opportunity of trying the bells.

On Sunday, for matins, 1,024 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: A. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, A. Outmore 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard (cond.) 5, H. C. Reason 6, G. Wiffen 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.—For evensong, 1,280 in the same method: A. Wiffen 1, A. Outmore 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 6, F. Ely 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

THE RECORD PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED AT HEPTONSTALL.

A meeting was held on Saturday, August 27th, at Heptonstall, when a peal tablet recording the 17,324 of Oxford Treble Bob Major was dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham, Vicar of Halifax and Rural Dean. A service was held in the church, and the Bishop delivered a very appropriate address. They had come, he said, to dedicate a tablet in memory of a noble achievement made by ringers on Easter Monday last, when they locked themselves in the tower and did not leave it again until they had rung 17,324 changes, known technically as Treble Bob. All the changes were carefully worked out, and one mistake would have ruined the whole peal. The Lancashire ringers commenced to ring about eight o'clock in the morning, and did not leave until after seven at night. All that time they were swinging masses of metal, weighing from 7 cwt. to over 18 cwt., at the rate of over 27 changes per minute. It was a very remarkable example of bodily strength and mental concentration on the part of all the men, who had to be alert, prompt, and exact. No team of footballers or cricketers had to be so upit in their efforts as a team of bellringers. There was no room for a selfish man in a band. Someone in Halifax, said the Bishop, had asked him, 'What good does the ringing of bells do?' What good does any sport do that demands strength and skill, such, for instance, as boxing, which he had supported all his life? This had to be trained for, the same as bellringing. Concentration was also a training for life. The Bishop went on to refer to some of the different uses of bells, remarking that almost every interest in daily life was associated with their use.

After the service, the ringers assembled in the school, where about 84 sat down to tea. Seven of the record band were introduced to the Bishop, who congratulated them on their ringing.

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM H. GODDEN.

FORMER SECRETARY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Godden, which took place on Sunday, August 28th. For many years he was a leading figure in Birmingham and Midland ringing circles, having been hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for twenty years, retiring from that office in 1909. He also represented the Guild at one time on the Central Council.

Born in Southampton in 1849, he came to Birmingham as a boy in his 'teens, determined to seek his fortune in a distant place, owing to differences with his stepmother. He soon found employment in a merchant's office, and after one or two changes he obtained a situation with James Barwell, Ltd., with which firm he remained to the end—the long period of fifty-four years. Such lengthy service speaks for itself, and it is almost unnecessary to add that his employers placed implicit confidence in him. His judgment in business matters was invariably sound, and he was eventually appointed to the responsible position of secretary to the company.

It was Mr. Godden's connection with Barwells, who ran a church-bell foundry as part of their business in those days, that brought him into touch with bellringing, and he soon realised that a practical knowledge of the art would be of immense value to him in the business. At the age of twenty-six, or thereabouts, he learnt to handle a bell, but did not ring his first peal until he was thirty.

He became a good, steady ringer on eight bells, fairly safe on ten, but was never really happy on twelve. Although he joined the St. Martin's Sunday band, he never lost his nervousness in this direction, and was always glad when a spare man turned up, which enabled him to stand out. Mr. Godden rang a large number of eight-bell peals, mostly Stedman, about twenty peals on ten bells, and two peals of Stedman Cinques.

He was a jovial soul, and the social side of the Exercise always appealed to him more than the actual ringing itself. In this connection it may be recorded that his death removes the last of a little coterie of men who, for many years, were to be found on Tuesday evenings occupying a certain corner of the smoking room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, then the meeting house of the Guild. These men, whose names were household words among ringers, came to the Bull Ring on practice nights, but instead of going up the tower went into 'the annexe.' The party comprised Samuel Reeves, William Rock Small, John Carter, William Painter and W. H. Godden. By the younger men who rang first and adjourned later they were known as the 'Ministerialists,' or, alternatively, as the 'the whisky corner.' Often they were joined by that frequent visitor to Birmingham, Charles Henry Hattersley, and on those occasions the waiter would be busier than usual, and the laughter more boisterous.

Happy days! Alas, all the 'old boys' have now gone to their long rest, and the youngsters of that day, who used to refer, perhaps, somewhat irreverently to the 'old 'uns,' and beseech them to keep quiet while they rang Stedman Cinques double-handed, are fast becoming the 'old 'uns' to the next generation.

Apart from a little bronchial trouble in his latter years, Mr. Godden enjoyed good health, and the end came quite suddenly. He had arranged to take his usual summer holiday, and had cleared up at the works to get away when he was taken ill. He was removed to hospital, but nothing could be done to prolong life. He was conscious up to the last, and was visited, among others, by Mr. James E. Groves and Mr. James George, the latter seeing him only twenty-four hours before the end.

The funeral took place at Handsworth Cemetery on Wednesday, August 31st, and was attended by Mr. Arthur Barwell and Mr. Cecil Barwell (employers), and a large number of employees of James Barwell, Ltd. The Guild was represented by Messrs. J. E. Groves, G. F. Swann, A. Walker and A. Paddon Smith, who also rang a course of Grandshire Triples round the grave at the conclusion of the ceremony. The bells of St. Martin's were rung muffled on Tuesday evening, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, as a last mark of respect to the memory of a man who, by his urbanity, never-failing good humour, and uprightness of character had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

'Though I be all-forgetting, yet shall I not be forgotten, but continue life in the thoughts and deeds of those I loved.'—Samuel Butler.

A. P. S.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Cutsforth, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had assisted the band to success, and also to the Bishop for his services that afternoon, said although this record peal was credited to the Lancashire Association, they borrowed the bells of a Yorkshire church, the ropes were borrowed from the Ashton Church, and now they had borrowed a Yorkshire Bishop to dedicate the tablet. Surely a victory with borrowed plumes?

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin) seconded the vote of thanks, and endorsed all the proposer had said.

The Bishop, replying, said how pleased he was to be associated with the Lancashire ringers in their grand performance. It should, he said, create a great revival amongst the ringers of these two counties, especially with the younger section.

The tower bells were open for ringing during the day, and were fully utilised. The gathering was a most successful and pleasant one.

E. C.

LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

The first peal in this method was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Friday, September 2nd, conducted by Mr. William Pye. The composition was Middleton's peal of Cambridge, which appears to be the only peal which will run true to the method.

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A GIGANTIC CLOCK.**WHITCHURCH MECHANISM AND LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS FOR SHANGHAI.**

The enormous clock which Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., of Whitchurch, have made for the new Customs House at Shanghai is now on its way to the Far East, where it will be erected under the personal supervision of Mr. Norman Joyce, one of the directors, who sails next week, and expects to be away from this country for six months.

The clock is a magnificent piece of work, and does great credit to the firm. It has four faces, each of which is 18 feet in diameter, and it will strike the hours and Westminster chimes on five bells, whose total weight is ten tons, the largest, or hour bell, weighing 6½ tons. Each of the faces weighs 1½ tons, and the huge hands, made of gun metal and copper, weigh about two cwt. per pair.

The dials are beautifully designed. The spaces between the hour figures are glazed in flashed white glass, and the centres in flashed amber glass. The dials and most of the iron castings have been made by Messrs. W. H. Smith and Co. at their Whitchurch foundry. The frame is divided into three parts, in each of which have been set the three separate 'trains'—the hour train, the train operating the quarter-hour Westminster chimes, and the general driving train. The escapement is after the Lord Grimthorpe pattern; the double three-legged gravity, and the wearing parts are jewelled as in a watch. The pendulum is fifteen feet long, weighs four cwt., and beats with a swing of two seconds' duration each way. The hour bell weighs six and a quarter tons, and the four quarter-hour chimes weigh four tons. The striking hammer for the hour bell weighs two and a quarter cwt. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Some idea of the fine craftsmanship that has been put into the construction of this great timepiece can be gathered from the fact that it is guaranteed not to lose more than 15 seconds per month. It is the largest clock that has been turned out of the famous works of Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., and it is for the new building erected by the Chinese Maritime Customs, at Shanghai, at a cost of about a million and a quarter sterling. This building is of sky-scraper design, consisting of twenty or thirty stories, and the clock will stand in a tower several hundred feet from the ground.

Packing the clock for shipment presented no light task. The glass for the dials alone is in some 2,000 pieces—to replace breakages in transit five complete dials have been despatched—and, together with crates, etc., something like 14 tons were sent from Whitchurch. The bells were despatched direct from foundry to ship, and weigh another 16 tons when packed, so that altogether, clock, bells and packing weigh somewhere in the neighbourhood of 30 tons.

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BELFERY GOSSIP.

The autumn ringing holiday with Mr. G. Williams' party starts at St. Woolos' pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Saturday, September 17th. Eight days will be spent covering four counties, viz., Monmouth, Glamorgan, Carmarthen and Pembrokeshire.

The youngest member of the ringing family of Bibby, at Frodsham, has now passed the 'teething' stage. Last week he won £500, first prize, in a 'cross-word' puzzle competition.

We wonder what the result would be if a similar prize was offered for the best 'diagram' for extending Surprise Major to the higher number of bells, the decision to be made by a committee of peal ringers?

The Lord Mayor of London does not believe in the 'Dick Whittington' legend, and suggests that there were no cats in England at that period. There has now been discovered in Sussex, near his lordship's home, an ancient paving tile with an impression of a cat's feet.

The owner of the scooter, mentioned last week, writes to say that he was not the cause of the collapse in Cornhill. This catastrophe was undoubtedly caused by the 'lungwidge' of the 'langwyns,' excluding, of course, the immaculate 'erb. The same writer recommends for Uncle Joe's aukle the 'lie' purveyed by all good honest lawyers. If outward application fails, try drinking it.

'Uncle Joe' writes, in reply to last week's inquiry: 'Yes, my 42563 course-end has come up, and I shall this week call "the 9th in and out at 2," and rounds will come up at Valby Gasworks, Copenhagen, Denmark, where I expect to receive my "Ringing World" dated September 9th, 1927.'

The meeting which was arranged for ringers to hear and try Ickleton's new peal of eight has been postponed to September 24th.

The Bishop of York will preside at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York on Saturday week.

That active Birmingham youth, Mr. James George, is on the last lap for his thousand peals. He started on Saturday to polish off the last 50. On the previous Wednesday he rang his 200th peal of Stedman Triples. This is pretty good going for a lad of nearly 74.

Charles Middleton little knew, when he produced his famous composition, how really wonderful its structure was. He put together not only the maximum length, but the only possible peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with the tenors together. Now, it appears that it is the only composition that will go to Londonderry Surprise. We believe the composition was actually got out by Middleton for London Surprise, and it was not until later that its unique application to Cambridge was discovered. Middleton died on September 14th, 1886.

Twenty years ago next Thursday, at Llangollen, Bertram Prewett called the first peal of Superlative in Wales.

William Shipway composed and conducted the first (and, for all we know, the last) peal of Imperial Place Major. This was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802.

The Crowfield Society rang a peal of 'Gathrine' Triples at Coddham, Suffolk, on September 10th, 1741. This is now supposed to have been Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, which was first rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. A. H. PULLING. MOTOR SPILL NEAR HATFIELD.

On Friday last Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, met with a serious accident while motoring on the Great North Road, and is now lying in the County Hospital at Hertford in a critical condition, suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull.

Mr. Pulling was on his way from Guildford to Peterborough to fetch his wife, who had been staying there on a holiday. He was driving his 'trusty Triumph' with a sidecar attached, and the spill occurred between Potter's Bar and Hatfield. At the moment it is not known exactly what happened, but after the accident it was seen that he was badly hurt, and he was hurried off the hospital, and his wife hastily summoned.

Examination showed that his most serious injury was a fracture at the base of the skull, and his condition still gives rise to the deepest concern.

The news of this misfortune will be received with the greatest regret by his numerous ringing friends in many parts of the country, who will also deeply sympathise with Mrs. Pulling in her great anxiety.

Only last year, Mrs. Pulling herself spent some weeks in Sherborne Hospital as the result of a spill, on the opening day of the Somerset tour, and now Mr. Pulling is the victim of a serious accident. The motor-cycle and sidecar had done many hundred miles during this summer vacation, and, after the tour in the West, Mr. Pulling took his wife to Peterborough, while he returned to the Royal Grammar School at Guildford, where he is caretaker. On Wednesday of last week he visited Southampton, where he conducted his fiftieth peal of London Surprise Major.

On inquiry at the Hertford County Hospital on Wednesday morning we were informed that Mr. Pulling's condition was unchanged, and that he was still in a critical state.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, August 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Bennett 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 4, A. Wright (first quarter-peal inside) 5, T. J. Salter 6, J. Smith 7, J. Woodberry 8.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the sixth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

INTERNAL TRANSPOSITION.

By the same form of transposition that we use to determine the lead-ends (from the first lead-head and lead-end), we are able to discover what any internal row will be. By 'internal row' is meant any row between the lead-head and the lead-end rows.

We have found that the paths through each and every lead, from head to end, are moulded upon the paths through the first lead. All leads being the same, it follows that any corresponding distance travelled in two given leads will likewise be symmetrical.

In another way, call the lead-head 'Station A' and the lead-end 'Station B,' as we have done before. Any row in between these two call 'Station C.'

The trains travel by set rails from A to B in every lead, and whatever the number of the train may be the route from the platform at A to the one at B remains unaltered, as we have discovered. Then, if our trains pass through a station in between A and B, which we have called 'Station C,' it follows that the platforms at C (through which they pass in the first lead) will be the same platforms as those at Station C in any lead, because the rails (or paths) are identical in every lead.

Therefore, by transposition from the first lead-head to any row within the first lead we can find a corresponding row from any other lead-head. It is merely the black and red cards transposition; there we have called the black row (underneath) the 'lead-end,' instead of row No. 9 (or whatever it may be) that we require here.

For example, we have a lead-head in the first part of our 720 of Bob Minor, 145362. We have got to find out exactly what the row will be in that lead when the treble bell makes her first blow behind (that is, in sixth's place in the row). The corresponding row to this, in the first lead, is row No. 6 (counting rounds as the first row), that is, 645231. Our example for transposition, then, is thus: We place in black cards, 123456, with 645231 under, in the usual way. We then cover 123456 with a red row of the lead-head under consideration (145362), and proceed to transfer exactly as before, but in the order of 6-4-5-2-3-1. The only difference is that 645231 has taken the place of our usual lead-end. The result will be 236451 in red underneath, which is the row we are looking for.

This transposition is exactly similar to that of the lead-ends. It may not appear to be so, but, nevertheless, it is so. The lead-ends are just as much one of the rows in the lead, as is 645231, but they have to be transferred bodily to the row above, because they are ALSO the lead-heads (like 145362 above).

BACKWARD TRANSPOSITION.

We have been studying the forward transposition, from lead-heads to the rows following, and before we leave the subject we must touch upon the transposition from rows BACK TO lead-heads. It is necessary, upon occasion, to determine the lead-head of a particular lead in which a certain row will appear.

We wish to find the lead-head of the lead in which 236451 will appear as the sixth row. The corresponding row in the first lead (row No. 6) we find to be 645231. For example, we are just reversing what has gone before.

Place the known row and head side by side, the figures spaced fairly apart, 6-4-5-2-3-1; 1-2-3-4-5-6. Under the known row place the unknown row 2-3-6-4-5-1, and draw vertical lines between all of the figures. You will now have:—

Rows.	Heads.
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 6 4 5 1	

Now fill in the spaces under 123456 with figures which will make the SAME PAIRS READ DOWNWARDS, as those pairs read downwards in the two rows, and your finished result will be:—

Rows (Station B).	Heads (Station A).
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 6 4 5 1	1 4 5 3 6 2

and we may know that, because 645231 is the sixth row from 123456, then 236451 is the corresponding row from 145362.

The reason for this is fairly simple, in view of what has been said of stations and platforms. The row 645231 is Station B, platform 1 being occupied by No. 6 train; opposite is Station A (123456), where No. 6 train occupies platform 6, its proper place in the row. In Station B underneath (236451), platform 1 is occupied by No. 2 train; therefore, at Station A the No. 2 train goes back to the same platform as did the No. 6 above it. That is to say, No. 6 and No. 2, occupying B1 (the 6 above and the 2 below), they both go back to where the 6 above goes—to A6.

In effect, we pick up the downward columns bodily (one column at a time), and put them down again in 'rounds order': first the column headed by '1,' then that which has '2' at the top, followed by '3,' then '4,' etc., etc.

We can see the 'column effect,' if we take the sixth row in the three first leads of the method:—

Sixth Row:—

6 4 5 2 3 1
4 2 6 3 5 1
2 3 4 5 6 1

Comes from lead-head:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
1 3 5 2 6 4
1 5 6 3 4 2

We should notice that the treble must be in the same place, in the two rows under consideration. If she is not in the same place in both of the rows, then the result will not be a lead-head. Suppose we tried to find the lead-heads, taking rows 645231 and 234156, the result would be:—

Rows.	Heads.
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 4 1 5 6	6 1 5 3 4 2

and, of course, 615342 is not a lead-head at all.

We now have the groundwork for applying transposition to any method, upon any number of bells, as the foregoing general principles may be used in most cases. Any exceptions there may be will appear as we progress.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I trust sincerely that the recruits, or better still, those who are beginning to take an intelligent interest in change ringing and its groundwork, are reading with attention 'Minormania's' excellent lectures.

These articles are the chance of a lifetime, because they are not likely to appear again. I stress this point for the reason that a technical journal cannot afford the time or space for elementary text-book work. Thus we owe a debt of gratitude to the Editor, and heartfelt thanks to the author, in placing before us in simple language the theory of our art. By close attention to his explanations we can now discard the laborious thumbing of our 'glossaries,' though it will be by no means a bad plan to study this volume in conjunction with these articles; much will be made plain in the former if we do.

I do most sincerely trust that these articles will be preserved by readers, and that they may appear finally in pamphlet form. However, the practical thing now is to cut them out as they appear, varnish and mount them on cardboard, and hang them in the ringing chamber—they may not appear again.—Yours faithfully,

'CASCABLE.'

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Cadoston on Saturday last, when about 20 members attended from Gorseinon, Morriston, Neath, Baglan, Aberavon, and the local band. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Chancellor J. D. James), and Mrs. James presided at the organ. The members then adjourned to the Church Hall, where a splendid tea was provided by the Vicar and Mrs. James, and full justice was done to all the nice things.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Gorseinon was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held the first Saturday in December.

One hon. member was elected, and a discussion took place over the price of the Guild's certificate. It was agreed that a charge of 9d. should be made.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. James for providing such a bountiful tea, to the ladies for looking after the visitors, and to the Vicar for his address and welcome and for use of the bells, which were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild, and hoped it would not be long before they came again.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, from Loughborough, was present, and later in the evening he was able to have a pull at Baglan.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. H. CROSS.

RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK IN NORFOLK.

A pleasing function took place in the belfry of St. Peter's Mancroft at Norwich on August 30th, when Mr. G. H. Cross, who is now resident in London, was presented with a gold albert and medallion suitably inscribed.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary of the Norfolk Guild, who made the presentation, said the gift was a spontaneous one from some 60 subscribers in grateful appreciation of Mr. Cross' work for ringing in the Guild's area. He also voiced the hearty congratulations of Mr. Cross' many friends on his having obtained a permanent position in the Civil Service, and wished him every success in his new sphere of work.

Mr. Coleman also gave particulars of Mr. Cross' ringing career from the time he was elected a member of the Norfolk Guild, April 12th, 1909, up to leaving Norwich in March last, bringing out the fact that he had been instrumental in helping many young ringers through their first touches and peals. He had, he said, done great service for young ringers in Norfolk.

The meeting heartily endorsed all that Mr. Coleman had said, and Mr. Cross made a brief reply, saying that he deeply appreciated the gift, and thought too much had been made of what he had done, which was entirely a labour of love.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. Coleman, the proceedings closed.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On August 12th you were good enough to publish a letter from me on the subject of Superlative Surprise Maximus, in which I asked the Rev. H. Law James to give the Exercise an explanation as to why, in his opinion, the method rung at Ipswich is not as good an extension of the Major as Mr. James' extension to Maximus of Shipway's Royal, and also why in his variation he makes 4th's place at the first cross-section in the Maximus (as in the Major), when he has been compelled to make 6th's in the Royal.

Up to the present Mr. James has not replied. It may be he is taking a well-earned holiday; it cannot be that he has no answer to the questions. Perhaps he will be able to reply in an early issue of 'The Ringing World,' for I know of many others beside myself who are interested in this subject.

What I really want to learn is why the Ipswich method is not Superlative, when, as far as my limited knowledge goes, it is (judged by Mr. James' own standard of place making, i.e., calculating the places from the front or back), exactly the same in its place making as Superlative Major, exactly the same in the order of its work, and exactly the same in its diagram, allowing, of course, for the fact that there are twelve bells instead of eight?

Mr. James, in his article in your issue of December 24th, stressed the point that a method which is an extension should have the same coursing order as the original, and, according to his working, the 2685 coursing order of the Major should become 26801e95 in the Maximus. But why need it do so? The coursing order of the Ipswich method, surely, is at least equally correct. It is 260195, and, examined with the Major, it follows the same sequence.

In the Major, the only place where course bells come together is at the long dodge. The other bells, instead of being in Bob Major order, are in alternate order, as, for instance, after the first long dodge in front, in which 6-8 are together, the order is 8 (miss 7) 5 (miss 3) 2, 4 (for the long dodge) (miss 6) 8 (miss 7) 5, etc. The Ipswich Maximus follows exactly the same rule. After the first long dodge by 0-1, we have 1 (miss 6) 9 (miss 7) 5, (miss 3) 2 (miss 4) 6, 8 (for the long dodge) (miss 0) 1 (miss 6) 9, etc. It therefore seems to me that the argument in favour of the Ipswich coursing order is, at least, as strong as the other. But I may be mistaken; and when Mr. James answers the inquiries in my first letter perhaps he will kindly reply to this point as well, and say why the Shipway Maximus coursing order is right and the Ipswich Maximus coursing order is wrong.

I hope Mr. George Baker will not consider me discourteous in not having yet written to him privately for the figures he kindly offered, but for the moment I prefer to remain to everyone, Yours faithfully,
A PLAIN RINGER.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT URCHFONT.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Urchfont, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and, later, the Guild office was said by the Rev. S. M. D. Davys, M.A., R.D. Tea followed at the residence of Mr. J. Harding, captain of the Urchfont ringers, and, afterwards, a touch on the handbells by Messrs. J. Bilby, R. Beck, S. Hellier and S. J. Hector was rung on the lawn.

The short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

The chairman read a letter from the Archdeacon of Wilts, acknowledging the receipt of the donation from the branch towards the restoration of Calne bells, and expressing his thanks for the gift. A letter was received from Mrs. Awdry, of Seend, regretting being unable to entertain the branch at Seend on account of the illness of Mr. Awdry.

The election of Mr. S. B. Dobbie and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith as life ringing members was confirmed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 1st.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding for providing the tea.

The visitors included Miss N. Williams (Bath), Mr. E. J. Rowe (Stourton), Mr. Ronald Beck (Midsomer Norton), and Mr. F. Preedy (Upton Lovell). Ringers were present from Urchfont, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Melksham, Warminster, All Cannings, Bratton and Holt.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, also a touch of Oxford Minor on the back six, were rung.

The best thanks of those present are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding and to those who assisted them in providing and arranging the tea, as a larger number was present than had informed the secretary, which entailed greater work.

Now that postcards are provided, tower correspondents are requested to inform the secretary of any members who intend to be present at the meetings, and who require tea, as it would greatly assist those responsible for the arrangements.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

HISTORIC PEAL COMMEMORATED.

On Saturday, September 3rd, a jovial party of Sherwood Youths, together with their 'lassies' and 'offspring,' had an enjoyable outing to that out-of-the-way, but historic, place called King's Norton (or Norton-by-Gaulby), Leicestershire. Beautiful weather attended them, and on going through Leicester they picked up certain 'Leicester Scholars' who were deputed to show the driver the best way to this 'off-the-beaten-track' village. Although he who took off his boots in the historic peal said he knew it, somehow or other he mislaid it, and irrelevantly blamed 'Joe's' cigar. After having stopped a stray cyclist and the hon. secretary, S.Y., had got off to scan certain signposts, eventually the party arrived quite safely, even if a little 'shook up.' They were welcomed by the Rector and ringers from Billesdon, Syston, Sileby, Leicester. The 'Master' first wished the serious part of the business over, and this included photos of the peal band, then another 'all on,' and, by special request, one of the tomb of Wm. Foretry, Esquire, the munificent squire who rebuilt the two churches and gave the bells. The latter having been pulled up, a special touch of Stedman Triples by the peal band in the same order was rung, viz.: F. Blood 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, E. Morris 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, W. H. Clarke 5, F. A. Salter 6, F. W. Bailey 7, P. Price 8.

The Master then called upon the Rector to dedicate the peal tablet, which he did, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the visitors and expressed his appreciation of the visit to his church, as such an event was one to be remembered by all. He referred to the Sherwood Youths' peal—the first ever rung on these peals as long ago as May 28th, 1776—and said how fitting it was that the modern Sherwood Youths should thus commemorate their ancestors' doings by a similar performance, such as this tablet recorded 150 years afterwards, viz., December 4th, 1926.

The Master, in reply, explained the objects in reviving the ancient society, and said that whatever else had been done, the outstanding feature was that the records of these early performances, which were in danger of being lost, were now recovered and safely stored. He was proud and happy to have with them that day the only actual living link with the ancient society, in the person of Mr. A. Archer, who had presented the society with his handbells, which they also had with them. He further thanked the general hon. secretary of the M.C.A. for his painstaking work in writing the tablet so beautifully.

After further ringing, an adjournment was made to the old house formerly occupied by Squire Foretry, where an excellent meat tea was done full justice to. Then a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, followed by a 'little' Surprise, when Joe's midget handbells suddenly appeared from nowhere in particular. On these, 'the lightest bells ever rung to a peal' (tenor 3oz.), an excellent course of Stedman Triples was rung. The church was again visited, and a few venturesome spirits also walked to Gaulby to try the peal of six there, and for the M.C.A. secretary to verify his transcriptions of the bell inscriptions. Finding the 4th rope missing, the rest were pulled up, and a weird six-score or so rung. Like all other good things, this afternoon's proceedings came to an end, the Sherwood Youths' hon. secretary afterwards mysteriously checking up certain documents and marshalling his party. The return journey was made quite happily and uneventfully, but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

DEATH OF A LEATHERHEAD RINGER.

The death has occurred at Leatherhead, Surrey, of Mr. Edward Hull, who had been a ringer for 53 years at the Parish Church. He was 71 years of age, and had been in failing health for the past three years. He was a native of the town, and with the exception of about four years, when he went to live at Andover just previous to his marriage, had lived there all his life. Owing to the state of his health he retired from his employment as a coachsmith four years ago. He was well known in Surrey ringing circles, and when he celebrated his jubilee as a ringer at the Parish Church in 1924 a peal was rung in his honour. He leaves two daughters, his wife predeceasing him.

The funeral took place at the Leatherhead Parish Churchyard on Tuesday of last week, the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) officiating. The Leatherhead bellringers rang a muffled peal, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Dean, and rang the handbells at the graveside.

The large number of wreaths included tokens from Messrs. Ventham and Sons, with whom deceased worked for 54 years; his old workmates; and the bellringers.

A NEW BURTON VICAR.

On Thursday, September 1st, the Rev. John Goodacre, of Cold Ashton Rectory, Clippenham, was inducted by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield to the living of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in succession to the Rev. the Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, who is now Rector of Ingestre, near Stafford.

Before the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 54 mins.: A. J. Baxter (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Swinfield (conductor) 2, R. H. Dove 3, J. H. Swinfield 4, J. Ashmole 5, J. Slade 6, A. P. G. Stone 7, N. R. Wright (first quarter-peal) 8.

All the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 5th, are present members of the St. Paul's Society.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY GEORGE E. SYMONDS, IPSWICH.

The five following peals of 5,040 changes, with only 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place, have been produced by Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich. These are believed to be the only five peals obtainable, and the first to be published, with these qualities. The author began about 3,000 compositions to get these five.

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43526	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—	63324	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	36524	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—	53624	—	—	—
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DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT KINVER.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, Staffs, on Saturday, August 27th. The weather was all that could be desired, and a good number of members availed themselves of the opportunity of being present and visiting this noted country village. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods.

The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Vicar of Kinver (the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper), who also gave a very eloquent address, in which he gave a hearty welcome to the Guild.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, the Secretary announced apologies from Mr. B. Fullwood, Mr. B. Gough, Mr. H. Mason and others.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. Martin's, Tipton, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

The quarterly peal is proposed to be attempted at Kinver, and the date, time and other arrangements are left in the hands of Mr. Abraham Greenfield, of Netherton.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his ready permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service and his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and the vestry in which to hold the meeting, and for his courteous conduct in the chair at the business meeting. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service. Thanks are also due to Mr. H. Lee and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for the comfort of the visitors.

The Vicar, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Guild there that day, and hoped that at some future time he might have the pleasure of welcoming them again. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards, several members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, whilst others spent the time in rambling along the beautiful 'Edge' and lanes of this beautiful country village.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, August 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, W. Perry 2, A. Reeve 3, E. Bacon (conductor) 4, J. Rann 5, S. Carter 6, J. Carter 7, W. Clark 8. First quarter-peal inside for ringer of the 3rd, who was nearly 50 when he first took up ringing.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Wednesday evening, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, E. A. Hull 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, C. A. Button 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. Ellis 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING TOUR.

A decided change from the usual outing was undertaken by the Dunstable Priory band this year. Owing to the employment of several members, it was found that Sunday was the only day upon which all could get away, so, with the permission and sanction of their own church authorities, Sunday, August 28th, was chosen for a service ringing tour in Essex. The good offices of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, were enlisted, and an ambitious programme drawn up. Dunmow, to ring from 10 to 11, was the first on the list. As this tower meant a 45 miles' run, it was necessary to be away early, and let it be said that everybody was punctual and ready for a 7.30 a.m. start. General regret was expressed that one of the ringers had decided to be on the sick list, and so could not join in the excursion. However, 13 answered the roll, and a fine run made, Dunmow being reached at 9.50. The church lies wide of the town, and took a little finding. An elderly gentleman on being asked if the church was in the vicinity, caused lots of laughter by saying: 'Eh, guv'nor, it's a big 'un, too. It'll hold all on yer.' A sharp walk brought the visitors eventually to the church, where they received a cordial welcome from the Vicar and several local men. The bells (tenor 21 cwt.) are a lovely peal, and the ringing was much enjoyed, the touches being 336 Double Norwich, 168 Grandsire, 112 Bob Major, and 252 Stedman Triples. Everybody having had a pull, and service time having arrived, tracks were made for Felsted, where permission had been obtained for ringing after service. Noon had been the hour fixed, but owing to the service lasting longer than was expected, it was not possible to begin until 12.20, which curtailed the ringing, and only two touches were possible, 288 Kent Major and 231 Grandsire. The bells here go well, but are rather inferior in tone—a striking contrast to Dunmow. Dinner at Braintree was next on the list. Here the party were met by Mr. C. H. Howard. Booking was next on the programme, and the bells there were available from 3 to 4 p.m. The visitors were joined by Mr. L. W. Wiffen and several of the Braintree band. The bells are a good peal, but owing partly to disuse didn't go too well, and distinctly wanted pulling. Stedman was attempted, but lost, the only touch throughout the day to 'go West.' A good 432 was, however, rung, followed by a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major, Messrs. Wiffen and Howard standing in this, and then a course of Double Norwich. A run back to Braintree for tea was followed by a 12 miles' trip to Finchingfield to ring for evensong, Mr. Howard, in his car, being the pilot.

Finchingfield has a very fine church with a good peal of bells, and several touches were rung. The service touch was to have been Stedman, but only a few sixes had been tapped off when the second rope broke, and put 'paid' to it. However, 360 Cambridge Minor was brought round, time not permitting another rope to be put on. A hasty glance at this pretty and ancient village was all that could be allowed, as ringing at Ware after evensong was the next objective, and Ware was nearly 30 miles away. A pretty run was enjoyed via Thaxted and Dunmow, where 'Good-bye' was said to Mr. Howard. A nasty spill which had occurred on the road outside Bishop's Stortford delayed the party a little. After seeing what help could be rendered, and several of the stalwarts had lifted a combination out of the hedge, the journey was resumed, and Ware reached 30 minutes late. Here they were met by Mr. C. H. Barker and the local foreman (Mr. Greenway). The bells are a very fine peal (tenor 22 cwt.), but opinion seemed to be divided as to whether these or the bells at Dunmow were the best ring met with during the day. Owing to the late hour, only two touches were rung, viz., 224 Double Norwich and 231 Stedman Triples, Mr. Greenway standing in the latter. To be ready for home at nine had been the order, but for the first time during the day orders were disregarded. When the band that had rung the last touch descended from the tower, the rest were lost; when the rest turned up the others were lost; but eventually all stragglers put in an appearance, and the 24 miles' run home began, Dunstable being reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day, which opinion voted 'the best ever.' Everywhere the party met with the warmest of welcomes, which, with the happy spirit of comradeship right through the band, helped to make everything successful. The band desire to thank all who helped to this end, especially Mr. Howard, who made all the arrangements for the ringing in Essex.

HARWICH RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 5th, the St. Nicholas's Guild, Harwich, had their annual outing to Long Melford and Clare, Suffolk, and Sible Hedingham, Essex, in splendid weather. The party, numbering 12, left Harwich by charabanc at 9.15 a.m. At Long Melford they were met by Mr. C. Bixby, and after some light refreshment the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. After a stay of two hours they proceeded to Clare, where an excellent spread was awaiting them. Dinner over, the handbells were brought out, and a few tunes and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. At the church, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round on this fine ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), and the company afterwards inspected the fine church, which is noted for its stone carvings inside. In a glass case by the door stands a large earthenware beer jar made for the 'Clare ringers' in 1729. There were many other items of antiquarian interest. Afterwards, a start was made to Sible Hedingham, where, after tea at the White Horse,

the visitors were met at the church by Mr. L. Wiseman. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were duly tapped off, with some of the local ringers taking part, after which the homeward journey was begun, via Sudbury and West Bergholt, Harwich being reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also Messrs. Bixby, Martin, Gridley and Wiseman for making the necessary arrangements, which made the outing so successful.

ESSEX MEN ACROSS THE THAMES.

The members of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, accompanied by their wives and a few finging friends, had their annual outing on Saturday week. Leaving Braintree at 8.15 a.m. by charabanc, they journeyed to Tilbury and crossed by ferry to Gravesend, to spend the day with their Kentish friends, and a very enjoyable day it was. St. George's, Gravesend, was the first tower visited, and the ringing opened with a well-struck touch of Double Norwich, succeeded by Grandsire and Treble Bob. Lunch was provided at the Prince of Orange, and Rochester Cathedral was reached at 2.30 p.m. A touch of Stedman Caters was brought round with the assistance of two local men, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters for the novices. The party then proceeded to Gillingham, where an excellent course of Cambridge Surprise was brought round on this handy ring, the lady member, Miss Pottit, ringing the second. A touch of Treble Bob followed. Hurrying on to Chatham, touches of Grandsire and Double Norwich were brought round, and then the party made for their last tower, Frindsbury, and found bells ready for their use. Only Bob Major and Stedman Triples could be attempted here before a hurried good-bye had to be said to keep the tea appointment at Gravesend. The Guild wish to thank Messrs. E. Hadlow, W. Haigh, E. Allen, G. Gilbert, and the towerkeeper of Chatham for their kind assistance and the excellent arrangements made at the various places, which tended to make one of the most enjoyable outings in the annals of the Guild.

HOGHTON RINGERS IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 27th, Houghton ringers had their annual outing, on which they were joined by Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and their wives and friends. The party, which numbered 25, journeyed through Brindle, Leyland and Rufford to Ormskirk, where a halt was made for a pull. Those who wanted to ring had a touch of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The party then proceeded to Liverpool, and crossed by ferry to Birkenhead, where they were again picked up by the charabanc, and reached Port Sunlight by 11.30. Here they visited the Art Gallery and the War Memorial. After dinner at the Bridge Inn, the ringers went to Christ Church tower, where they found a grand peal of eight bells, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, this being the first touch of Treble Bob Major for E. Jennings. After being photographed by Mr. Jennings, the excursionists journeyed to Chester, and while some looked round the ancient city, others visited St. Mary's Within-the-Walls for a pull, and rang touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Major. After tea, they went on to Frodsham, where they were met by Mr. Wm. Bibby, and enjoyed further ringing on what, in the opinion of all, were the best bells of the day. Touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung, and, afterwards, assisted by Mr. Bibby, his son and daughter, an attempt was made for a touch of Stedman, the band including two lady ringers, Miss Clayton and Miss Bibby. The return journey was made through Runcorn, Warrington, Wigan and Chorley, Houghton being reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the clergy and local ringers at the respective towers for the use of their bells and having all in readiness, especially Mr. Scholicher at Ormskirk, Mr. W. J. Battle, of Birkenhead, Mr. R. Sperring, of Chester, and Mr. Wm. Bibby, of Frodsham, for their assistance.

On Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service as a farewell to Mr. Jennings: H. Margerison 1, Miss May Clayton 2, W. Hilsley 3, E. Jennings (conductor) 4, J. Brown 5, G. Hooper 6, J. Moulding 7, J. Harrison 8.

RAINHAM RINGERS IN THE RAIN.

On Saturday, August 20th, in a 'slight' shower that lasted all day, St. Margaret's Society, Rainham, Kent, had their annual 'run round' for a 'busman's holiday.' At 7.30 a.m. a 28 and an 18-seater moved off loaded, the Vicar, Rev. W. A. R. Ball (biting his tongue because he could not join the party) giving them a hearty send-off. The first stop was at Leeds, where many had their first ring on ten bells, Grandsire Caters being the limit. Then on again to Wye, where good touches of Kent Major, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round on a beautiful eight. The next move was to Ramsgate for lunch, afternoon enjoyment, and an early tea at the Commercial Hotel. Picture palaces, Pavilion and Pleasure Land were visited, it being too wet for anything else. A party had arranged to go to St. Lawrence for a pull on the ten bells, but St. Lawrence had the misfortune to lose their Vicar, who died on the day previous after a very short illness. In the evening the party proceeded via Sandwich to Wingham, and another beautiful eight (all old bells) were rung in various methods. On again to Ospringe, where, after about an hour's ringing, the party continued (Continued in next column.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Park 1, P. H. Johnson 2, G. Smith 3, R. Brett Smith 4, T. Slater 5, A. J. Clark (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Park 1, A. J. Clark 2, G. Smith 3, P. H. Johnson 4, T. Slater 5, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 6.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: P. Green 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, H. Allen 5, A. Rickell 6, G. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Belcher 1, J. E. Davis 2, J. Bennett 3, R. Bullen 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, R. F. Deal 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: F. Kemp 1, H. Prior 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hall 1, A. J. Berry 2, T. Walker (London) 3, A. H. Watson 4, H. Hall 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. J. G. Brown 7, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 8.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, September 4th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, L. Attwater 3, H. Cook 4, R. Macrill 5, W. Langdon 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Gray 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: H. Harris 1, C. E. Rayson 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, J. Draycott 6, J. E. Moreton 7, J. Gibbons (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. V. Godderidge, a much-esteemed member of the band, who left the district later in the day for Folkestone.

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their homeward journey, arriving about 10 p.m. The only compensation the party had was that the towers visited contained some of the finest and most musical rings in Kent. The younger element kept things alive with their choruses. Anyway, all hope for a better day next year. The party would like to take this opportunity of thanking all incumbents and ringers at the various towers for having everything in readiness, which allowed the programme to be worked to the clock.

BATH RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

On Thursday, August 11th, the All Saints' (Weston, Bath) ringers held their annual outing, when they were accompanied by the Rev. R. L. Watson, Mr. R. D. Pointing (churchwarden), Miss N. G. Williams, Miss Roe, and Mrs. Broome. Travelling by charabanc through Wiltshire, Holt was the first stop. Various methods were brought round, and then, after a splendid drive through lovely scenery, Market Lavington was reached. After tea, steps were made for the tower, where Mr. Merritt met the party, and the lovely ring of six were set going to various methods. Send was the next stop, and here the party were met by Mr. Barns, Mr. Heginbotham and other ringers. After various touches having been rung, they proceeded to Melksham, where Mr. W. West was awaiting them, and after choir practice the bells were set going to Doubles and Triples. The methods rung during the outing were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Home was reached at 10.35, after a very successful outing, in the course of which the party were fortunate to dodge the rain, which seemed to have preceded them.

The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents and tower masters for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and having everything in readiness. Every tower visited was found in splendid condition and 'go' of bells excellent.

BECCLES RINGERS' FIRST 12-BELL EXPERIENCE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the Beccles ringers, with friends from the adjoining towers, held their annual outing. Journeying by charabanc, the first stop was at Ufford, where the Rev. H. Drake welcomed them, and short touches were rung. The next call was at Woodbridge, where Mr. Cutting had everything in readiness, and the fine peal of eight were soon going to Stedman and Treble Bob, after which lunch was partaken of at the Crown Hotel. Henley was then visited, the party being welcomed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and short touches rung on the light peal of eight, much time, unfortunately, being lost owing to a broken rope. The next stop was at Ipswich, where Mr. Gillingham met them at St. Margaret's before tea, and after tea came the grand finale at St. Mary-le-Tower, where, with the kind help of members of the tower band, two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, this being the first ring on twelve by most of the company. Although the weather was not as kind as it might have been, a most enjoyable day was spent by all, and they reached home, tired and happy, about 11 p.m. The best thanks of the company are due to the various rectors for the use of the bells, and the many ringing friends who helped to make the day a success.

NOTICES.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — An informal meeting will be held at Capel to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 10th. Capel bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at Crown Hotel, Capel (1s. each), 5 p.m. Meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ockley bells (6) open in the evening. All ringers will be welcome. It is hoped to hold preliminary meetings at Guildford, Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham respectively on the first four Saturdays in October.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 15th and 29th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will take place at Churchill on Sept. 10th (Saturday). Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—L. Tanner, Hon. Sec., Wonderstone, Bleadon, near Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. — E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). —R. E. P. Gorringer (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., Vicar of Childwall. Meeting afterwards. Business: Election of branch ringing master. Everyone welcome. Tea is arranged for 6 p.m., 9d. each.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—By kind invitation of the Vicar and local band, a bye-meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5. Frequent motor bus service from tramway terminus. Will those requiring tea kindly from tramway terminus.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harmston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. per head. Bells (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The re-opening of the St. Mary's bells, Gateshead (after rehanging) will take place on Saturday, September 10th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Anchorage (adjoining the church) at 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. All welcome. — J. A. Hales, 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 10th (Stoney Stanton bells not being available). Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The shield contest will take place at South Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. in Church Hall. The draw 2.30 p.m. prompt. The first company to commence ringing 2.45. Tea will be provided in Church Hall. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davanty Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfeld Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop of Whithy (Rt. Rev. H. St. John Woolcombe, D.D.). All applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. per head) and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Sept. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please inform Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, the 14th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting Apsley End (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those for tea notify me by previous Wednesday. Subscriptions now due. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Tea (8d. per head) to all who advise me before Sept. 15th. All ringers welcome.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Christ Church bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea after service for those who notify me by Thursday, Sept. 15th. St. Mark's tower (8) will be available at 7.20 p.m.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m., if possible. If any member objects to the business meeting being held at 3.30 p.m. it can be postponed until the evening if such objection is sent to the Secretary by Thursday, Sept. 15th. The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, October 8th. Further particulars per circular.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, the 20th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Old Basford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). Tea will be provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service will be held at the Parish Church of St. Nicolas at 4.30 p.m., and the usual tea and meeting will be at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). All intending to be present will they please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 20th? — R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Owing to local meetings and district arrangements, the next quarterly meeting at North Wingfield will be postponed until Oct. 15th. Full details later. Will all members and local secretaries please note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at the 'Old Eight Bells,' by kind invitation, at 4.30. Half rail fare, maximum 1/-.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place on August 27th at Ecclesfield, when about 60 members were present from the various districts, representing towers at Sheffield, Chesterfield, Dore, Doncaster, Pontefract, Arksey, Leeds, Bradford, Shipley, Guiseley, Halifax and Rotherham.

In the absence of the president, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis. The place for the annual meeting, to be held in the Eastern Division, in the absence of an invitation was left to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and hall, and to the local company and the ladies for the splendid entertainment given were carried with acclamation. The bells were kept going in various methods, and a very enjoyable half-day was profitably spent.

SHARNBROOK.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday, August 17th, arranged for Joseph Sharp, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Sharp 1, J. Sharp 2, W. Surridge 3, W. Stock 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by Joseph Sharp, who is only 13 years of age, and comes from Harrold. Also first 720 by ringer of 3rd away from treble.

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