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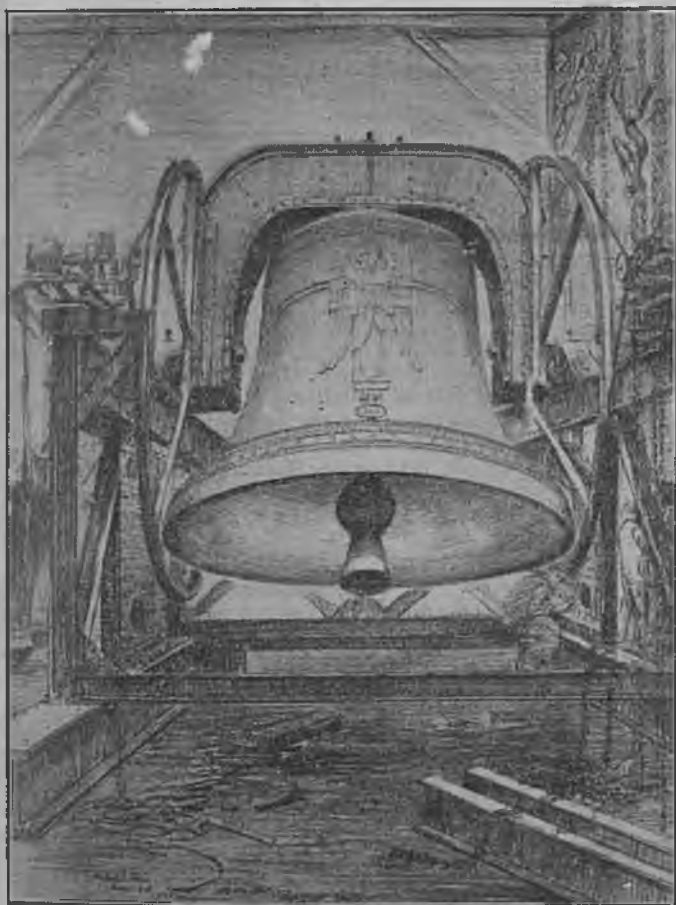
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BELLS WITHOUT RINGERS.

In the annual report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild attention is called to the fact that, out of 98 towers in union with the organisation, over 40 have not sufficient ringers to ring all their bells for services. This is a state of affairs which, we are afraid, is common to nearly all our associations, and the actual position is really worse than this, for there are still many towers unaffiliated because they are without ringers, or possessed of only a few indifferent ones. It is only another version of the story so often told, of the difficulty of finding new ringers—a difficulty which, so far as can be seen, is likely to be ever present. At any rate, no solution of the problem has yet been found, but that is no reason why we should not go on trying.

It is really lamentable that valuable instruments should hang in church towers and be allowed to fall practically into disuse and often become derelict, because sufficient interest cannot be aroused to produce ringers to utilise them. A good deal of the fault, and we say it advisedly, lies with the church authorities. There are hundreds of churches where large sums are spent on the organ, substantial payment is made to an organist, and every effort made to maintain an efficient choir; yet not a finger is lifted to ensure the proper ringing of the bells as a preliminary to the services. In hundreds of other churches the same conditions would prevail but for the ringers themselves, who are for ever seeking to improve their skill, and to keep their ranks filled. If the organ failed or half the choir was absent from one service, clergy, churchwardens and congregation would want to know the reason why; yet almost equally costly instruments, such as bells are, may fall into disrepair, or there may be only half a company of ringers to handle them, but who cares?

This barrier of indifference on the part of church authorities in so many places has got to be broken down and it is the ringers and the associations who will have to do it. A little plain speaking may not always be relished, but it would often do good. Church authorities should realise that it is as much their obligation to see that the bells are properly rung as it is to ensure that the Psalms are properly sung. The efficiency of the ringers is as important as the efficiency of the choir, and it is the duty of the church authorities to find recruits for the one as much as for the other. The clergy are in touch with the young life of their parishes and their influence ought to be used to find ringers as well as choristers. They could succeed, where no one else could, but it is for the ringers or the associations to bring home a realisation of this duty to the parsons. In some cases, it may be, the clergy only need tactful prompting, but where

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there is sheer indifference an approach to the subject through the Parochial Church Council might help matters. In any case it could do no harm.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	GEORGE COOK 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 8
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	JOHN HOYLE 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of Royal on the bells. * First peal of Royal. J. H. B. Hesse has now rung each of the bells in this tower to a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

A. J. HURFORD Treble	G. H. MARTIN 5
W. HURFORD 2	G. COOKE 6
PERCY JONES 3	A. E. SLATTER 7
A. MARTIN 4	*F. J. HURFORD Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal. Arranged for ringer of 4th, who was home on holiday from London, also for ringer of 8th.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*W. LAMBELL Treble	G. F. JAMES 5
R. G. RICE 2	A. H. WEBB 6
J. NOBES 3	W. V. WEBB 7
J. BUTLER 4	*H. BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAGUE Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD 6
ALFRED BLOGG 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	HARRY C. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	F. DONALD BOREHAM 5
*JOHN KIMBER 2	FRANK BOREHAM 6
FRED BIGGS 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	*FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. DUNCAN ... ..	... Treble	JOHN GODFREY	5
BEN HAMMOND	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
CHARLES LOVETT	3	GEORGE BAILEY	7
WM. WASBY	4	JAS. F. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by E. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM GIBBS	2	HAROLD V. COOPER	6
THOMAS HEMMING	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	7
WALTER FARLEY	4	ALFRED HACKETT	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT, REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*GEORGE STEMP ... ..	... Treble	WALTER CLAYDON	5
ARTHUR BASFORD	2	HENRY A. HOAD	6
JOHN FOSTER	3	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
†MAURICE NORTHOVER	4	ALEC CHEASLEY	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	... Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD	5
RICHARD C. BELTON	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
MAURICE SWINFELD	4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON	5
SAMUEL WARD	2	*GEORGE AMBLER	6
J. CECIL BOOTH	3	J. ERNEST PROCTOR	7
*ROWLAND MYERS	4	JOHN AMBLER	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Pudsey.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

In six methods, viz., Little Canterbury, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

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

ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ALBAN DISNEY	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the first time six methods have been rung in a Spliced Major peal. It was J. S. Hutchby's 100th peal.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

JOHN W. JONES ... ..	... Treble	PERCY JONES	5
HARRY BROUGHTON	2	GEORGE COOKE	6
*JOHN PHILLIPS	3	ALBERT ADDICOTT	7
WILLIAM PIKE	4	THOMAS LOVE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*CHARLES RICHARDSON ... ..	... Treble	JOHN KING	5
THOMAS ABBOTT	2	THOMAS R. HENSHER	6
GEORGE EITE	3	JOHN R. MAIN	7
GEORGE BASFORD	4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

WEST MALLING.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER	5
*MRS. H. BAKER	2	*BERTRAM LUCK	6
HARRY BAKER	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	4	THOMAS E. SONE	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloman, of West Malling, for their hospitality in entertaining them to tea after the peal.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARD ... ..	... Treble	JOHN BRESE	5
*WILLIAM J. JONES	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
†ALFRED K. LEATHAM	3	JOHN COOK	7
JAMES F. SMITH	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major, and first peal away from treble. This is believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time. All the above band except the ringer of the 7th are under 21 years of age, the ringers of 2nd and 6th being only 14, and the ringer of the 3rd 15 years old.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	CHARLES F. FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD... .. 5
FRANK M. GURR... .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
JOHN MEDBURST 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	JOSEPH WREN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS

* First peal of Triples. Messrs. F. M. Gurr and E. J. Ladd were elected members before starting.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	JOSEPH H. COX 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	REUBEN INGRAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ingram, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Amelia Greenfield, second daughter of the third ringer.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED G. WILSON ... Treble	ARTHUR COTMORE 5
REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
ROBERT THOMPSON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK CORKE 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. C. H. Sangster, who is leaving Chiswick for Hampshire.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARNER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ALBERT HAYLAND 2	FREDERICK HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FRANK BOREHAM 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN W. CHANDLER 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	WALTER MALINS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Balcombe.

GLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ALFRED HACKETT... .. 6
JOHN BASS 3	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	BERNARD ASHFORD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT S. STOW ... Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS... .. 5
LEWIS G. PALMER 2	ALFRED E. PARSONS 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
CHARLES MASON 4	L. WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANCIS C. PADWICK ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
HAROLD F. TRAVERS... .. 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS... .. 6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	JOHN E. BAKER 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BAKER.

* First attempt for a peal, and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

J. WILFRED SHARP Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER... .. 4
JAMES W. HAYNES 2	GEORGE G. MANSFIELD 5
JOHN B. HOWES 3	JOHN M. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. GRAY.

Specially arranged for the ringing of the 3rd, son of the Rev. B. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham, this being his first peal of Minor and first attempt.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
JOSEPH NORTON 2	A. NORMAN GRAY 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	*CLARENCE F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, rung at second attempt.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FINCH Treble	CHARLES FISHER... .. 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ARTHUR E. SMITH 5
FRANK FISHER 3	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, fifteen different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BEN JARMAN Treble	GEORGE DANIELLS 4
JOSEPH HOBBS 2	HORACE ANSTEE 5
*WILLIAM HAYES 3	*FRANK SMITH Tenor

Conducted by B. JARMAN.

*First peal. Ringers of 3rd and tenor were proposed members of association before starting. First peal on the bells since being overhauled and rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Great credit is due to the firm for the splendid way the work has been done.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	†JOHN W. WARD 4
WALTER MANSFIELD... .. 2	†FRANK HARPER 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

PROGRESS AT WARFIELD.

On Easter Sunday, for 6.30 a.m. service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, G. Higgs 3, W. Boggis 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Collyer 6, J. Brant, sen., 7, J. Collyer 8; 4, 6, 8 covering.—For 10.30 a.m. service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: F. Buxton 2, G. Higgs 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, J. Brant, sen., 6, C. Collyer 7, J. Collyer 8; 7, 8 covering.—6 p.m., 480 Grandsire Doubles: G. Higgs 1, F. Buxton 2, F. Webb 3, W. Dyer 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, G. Simmons 6, J. Brant, sen., 7, C. Collyer 8; 4, 6, 8 covering. All service ringers, and the longest touches by the local band. Conducted by J. Brant, sen.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
AMOS SMART... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
WILLIAM SHARPE 3	LEONARD TURNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TURNER.

Rung on the anniversary of the induction of the Rev. F. O. Houseman to the living of Kempston.

WILLOUGHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	*FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 4
*GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	ROLAND ADAMS 5
ARTHUR MARLOW 3	*THOMAS G. CLARE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In the Tower of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

*CECIL G. SILVER... .. 1	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	†CYRIL POOLEY 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal; elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal. † 25th peal. Messrs. Pooley and Golden's 20th peal together.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

RESTORATION OF CALNE BELLS.

TWENTY TOWERS REPRESENTED AT GUILD MEETING

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Calne, Wilts, have been rehung in ball bearings, and a new third bell, the gift of the Marquis of Lansdowne, has been provided. The old third bell has been placed in an oak frame on the floor of the church, with its history inscribed on a plate attached to the frame. This action provides a good example to other church authorities when dealing with historic bells.

On Saturday, at the invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, a ringers' gathering was held at Calne. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, as well as 'Churchyard Bob' for the local men. Ringers to the number of 50 were present from 20 different towers, Bridport, Bishop's Hull and Ilminster being the farthest points from which they came. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had carried out the work quite well, considering the difficulties under which they laboured, owing to the movement of the tower when the bells are ringing, and the ungainly size and construction of the existing oak frame, which was retained. Although the bells go well, it was the general opinion that it would have been much better had the bells been brought down below the louvres. This, however, would have meant, perhaps, a new frame.

A meeting of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held after tea at Maslen's Restaurant, presided over by the Rev. N. V. White, chairman of the branch. Bremhill was selected for the next meeting on May 26th.

The ringers desire to thank the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, also the agent for presiding at the organ. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Calne has a peal of eight bells with a tenor of 26 cwt. in D flat.

THE SILVER BELL FOR H.M.S. 'NELSON.' A MELLOW AND SWEET NOTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following on my letter of some months ago, I am enclosing a letter from the head of the firm of Messrs. Reid and Sons, Newcastle-on-Tyne, silversmiths and jewellers, who have carried through the contract for the presentation of a silver bell to H.M.S. 'Nelson' from the citizens of Newcastle, where the vessel was built. I have had full permission from Mr. C. Leo Reid to send it to you for publication, and it gives some very interesting details.

At his request I compared the two small experimental castings at their shop, and the tone of the silver bell, though not so strong as that of bell metal, was very much mellow and sweeter, but about three or four notes down in the scale.

I have been down to-day to see the finished article, and it is a very beautiful casting, highly polished and burnished, except on the crown, below the cannons, where it is left in a 'matt' condition. It is of a good, modern, elegant shape and thickness, and evidently has been cast by an expert in molten silver.

It is 20in. in height from lip to crown, with a base width of 19in., and weighs 2,749 ozs., Troy, that is, 1 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. avoirdupois. Even the tongue is of solid silver, the rod being 3in. in diameter and the ball 3in. across. It ends in a 'holed' flight with a tassel of silk rope for striking purposes. The inscription is to be engraved on it later, but will be of the simplest description. It gives out the note of B flat, but my untutored ear could not grasp whether the graduations of tone were true as I struck the bell from sound-bow to waist and crown.

It would be interesting to know from one of our expert founders what note a bell of equal size and weight would give out if cast in bell metal.

I may repeat here (from my last letter on the subject) that 'solid silver,' as the silversmith knows it, is really 925 parts of pure silver to 75 parts of a copper alloy.

The 'Nelson' is putting into port here in September formally to receive the gift, and meanwhile Messrs. Reid, Blackett Street, are willing to show anyone the bell, which is now hanging by rope in a temporary frame.

I may add that the tone, contrary to my original expectations, is both mellow and sweet, and fairly strong. At the same time I think it a wise provision to have the bell 'wireless' to every wardroom on the ship, otherwise it would not be heard over so enormous a vessel.—Yours faithfully,

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

The letter from Mr. C. Leo Reid, of Messrs. Reid and Sons, to Mr. Routledge, is as follows:—

"Thanks for your letter and enclosure of cutting with regard to the silver bell from the paper, 'The Ringing World.' I quite agree with yourself and the authorities with regard to the mixture of silver in bells of ordinary bell metal. I have Lord Grimthorpe's book on 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' but a mixture of bell metal and silver has nothing whatever to do with this case.

We have made the experiments of casting two bells—one of ordinary bell metal, and the other of ordinary standard silver, and the tone of the ordinary standard silver bell is good and clear. I am quite aware that there is a good deal of superstition about the use of silver in peals of bells, and also that there is a considerable difficulty in getting the tones in peals—Westminster, Cambridge, or other chimes—but this is a single bell, and a particular note is of no great importance.

If you like to call in we have the two castings, and you can hear the notes of the two for yourself. I think you would be interested. The mixture of metals such as bronze, copper, and silver in an ordinary peal of church bells, for instance, may be a somewhat dubious experiment, but there is no doubt that a bell of standard silver will give out a good, clear, ringing note, and on the "Lord Nelson," being a huge battleship, the note of the bell is transmitted by a microphone through wireless to every mess, wardroom, magazine, and other parts of the vessel."

SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14th, the Sudbury-Clare District of the Suffolk Guild held a very successful meeting at Sudbury. For bells, Sudbury is, perhaps, better endowed than any town of its size in the country. There are three peals of eight, with tenors 16 cwt., 23 cwt., and 28 cwt. respectively, that of All Saints' (28 cwt.) being a splendid peal.

A representative gathering of ringers was present, and the members had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and ringers from Cambridge, Colchester, Lavenham, Long Melford, Lawshall, Fulbourne, Manningtree, Sible Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul's, as well as Sudbury.

At tea, the party were joined by the Rector of Sudbury (the Rev. Garrett-Johnson) and the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. W. Stote).

The Rector and the Vicar both gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Sudbury, to which Mr. Nevard responded on behalf of the ringers.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Clare, another eight-bell peal with a 28 cwt. tenor, the date being left to the district secretary.

After tea other visitors arrived, and the bells were rung to some excellent touches.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION NOW OVER 200 STRONG.

In beautiful summer-like weather over 50 members from Leytonstone, Romford, Loughton, Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Stapleford, Springfield, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's), with the local band, attended the meeting of the South-Western Division at Woodford on Saturday last. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and ringing in various methods was kept up till 5 p.m., when those present attended service, conducted by the Vicar, after which an adjournment was made to the Memorial Hall for tea and business meeting presided over by the Vicar, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior).

Seven new ringers were elected members, thus bringing the number in the South-Western Division to over 200.—Both North Ockenden and Loughton were proposed as the place for the next meeting, and it was decided by a large majority to pay a visit to North Ockenden, if possible, on Saturday, June 23rd next.

A motion congratulating the Leytonstone band on their accomplishment of a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 22 methods, and also one congratulating the members of the Woodford band on the progress they are making with their young ringers, was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Woodford (the Rev. F. J. Albery) for allowing use of his tower and bells, and presiding at tea and meeting, to Mr. Todd for accompanying the hymns on the organ, to Mr. C. Moss, of the Woodford band, for having everything in readiness, and to the ladies for kindly giving their services at the tea.—This was responded to by the Vicar, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Woodford, and expressed the hope that in the near future he would be privileged to meet them again.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London and Spliced Surprise Minor were rung, all present expressing the opinion that the meeting was one of the best they had attended.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday last, when members were present from Bourn, Cambridge, Ickleton, Long Stanton, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Willingham, and the local band, including the Rev. R. Copeman (general secretary), the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Mr. T. R. Dennis and Mr. E. G. Hibbins. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Hennessey), the Rev. H. B. Woolley kindly took the service. Tea was served at the Six Bells, 18 sitting down. The Revs. R. Copeman and H. B. Woolley were unable to stop for business meeting, and Mr. T. R. Dennis was elected to the chair.

It was proposed to hold next meeting at Castle Camps.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for use of the bells and Mr. B. D. Buttress for making arrangements. It was regretted Mr. A. E. Austen, Mr. E. H. Finch and Miss Willers were unable to attend.

The methods rung included Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire.

PEAL BOARDS AT DORE.

The peal of Bob Major (composed by J. R. Pritchard and conducted by J. E. Lewis Cockey), rung at Dore on September 24th, 1927, to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, has been recorded in the ringing chamber by a handsome oak tablet, French polished and gilded, executed by Mr. H. W. Westlake, church decorator, of Sheffield. The tablet is a striking one, and is headed by the arms of the new See, followed by the headings, 'The Yorkshire and the Midland Counties Associations of Change Ringers,' 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,' and the following inscription, 'This board, provided by the below-named ringers, members of the above associations, records a peal of 5,056 changes of Bob Major rung on these bells on Saturday, September 24th, 1927, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., in order to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment thereto of Dr. Edmund Conventry Pearce, as first Bishop.' Then follow in the usual manner the names of the ringers, composer, conductor, Vicar and wardens.

The above forms a pair with a similar tablet recently presented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, recording the first peal on the bells, and the first on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association to be conducted by a lady, Miss M. Davenport.

A third tablet, to match the above two, is also proposed, to record the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, and the first by an entirely local company, the peal being Vicars' six-part recently conducted by Mr. Norman Short.

Two other interesting additions, presented by Mr. Cockey, are an oak frame containing a series of eight 'Ringing World' peal cards, each one recording a peal of Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association, each being a learner's peal, and in each of which the donor has taken a different bell. The conductors named are Messrs. A. Craven (2), F. Watkinson (2), J. E. L. Cockey (2), the late Sam Thomas (1), and Miss M. Davenport (1). Also, a fine illuminated record by Mr. T. Lee, of Norlon, amplifying one of the above peals, rung fully muffled in memory of the late Sir Edwyn Hoskyns, Bart., for 21 years Bishop of Southwell, composed and conducted by Mr. A. Craven.

In a recent letter to Mr. Cockey, the Bishop of Derby expresses the hope that it may be possible to dedicate the above on his first visit to Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**A VOTE AGAINST PEAL DIPLOMAS.**

The 21st annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 21st, about 40 members being present. After ringing on the Parish Church bells, the Guild's service was held, the president, the Rev. J. L. White, officiating. His address and welcome were much appreciated by the members, as also were the services of Mr. Baker (organist) and his choir. Tea, held in the schoolroom, was again given by the president, and ably served by Mesdames Chapman, Argyle, Wilkinson and Billington.

At the meeting which followed tea, the whole of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. W. Male, district secretary for Warwick, in whose place Mr. W. Collett was elected.

Six new members (three honorary and three ringing members) were added to the roll.—Lillington was selected for the May meeting, Fillongley for June, and Southam for the quarterly meeting in July. As a report is only issued every two years, the Secretary read a summary of accounts, which showed a small increase in the balance in hand, which stands at £14 17s. 2d.

The Central Council's agenda was considered, and a discussion took place on the question of diplomas for first peals. Mr. James George emphatically condemned the idea, and eventually it was agreed to ask the Guild's representatives to vote against the proposal at the Council's meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to Mr. Baker (organist), and to the ladies brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the towers of the Parish Church and Chilvers Coton for further ringing. Many methods were rung during the day, including Bristol and London Surprise.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT COLCHESTER.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, on Sunday, April 22nd, on the occasion of the annual church parade by the Mayor and members of the Council, supported by the officers of the garrison and public officials, and preceded by the silver drums and band of the Essex Regiment, the bells were rung by members of the local company before service, and on Monday, St. George's Day, throughout the morning and evening, when touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, 1,264 Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Steadman Triples, were successfully brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. R. W. Stannard, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, E. P. Duffield, G. Rashbrook, H. T. Pye, G. Dent, W. J. Schofield (local members), also S. Moss and G. W. Moss, of Mistley, Fisher, of Framlingham, and H. E. Finch, of St. Leonard's, Hythe, the last-named ringing his first touch of Major.

ICKLETON'S FETE.

A big effort is to be made in Ickleton to clear off the debt on the bell restoration fund, for which £120 is required, and a fete is being organised for May 26th.

Dr. Yorke Moore is training lads to play tunes on handbells, and it is proposed to visit the villages round, to play and advertise the event.

There will be a great variety of attractions, including a band, a concert party, dancing and whippet racing.

The bells will be open for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening, and it is hoped that ringers from a wide area will attend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 14th, ringers being present from Biggleswade, Clifton, Southill, Northill, Roston, Everton, Sandy, Letchworth, Offley, Great Shelford and Crawley.

Rev. H. P. Higham, of Eaton Socon, presided at the business meeting, at which two hon. members (the Rector of Old Warden, Rev. F. Stooke, and the Rector of Clifton, Rev. R. M. La Porte Payne) and one non-resident member (Mr. D. C. Mears, School House, Offley, Hitchin, Herts) were elected.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Southill.—Thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Rev. H. P. Higham for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, with Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles for the benefit of the younger ringers.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Sharnbrook, Beds, on April 25th, for the wedding of Miss Sylvia Newell, of Sharnbrook, and Mr. Frank Bosworth, of Liddington, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Plain Bob, and three leads of Kent were rung by the following: W. Surridge, C. H. Surridge, R. C. Allen, E. C. Allen, F. Allen, W. Cooper, and G. Bell, who belong to the local band.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Pendry (a member of the local band), which took place that day, 420 Grandsire Triples was rung at Pinner on April 23rd: W. Crowsley 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, C. Lord 3, T. Collins 4, A. E. Millett 5, J. C. Jackson 6, H. Kilby 7, R. Colyer 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Elsee, who has been for some time past in South Africa, recently visited Durban, where he was able to ring with the local company. A touch of Grandsire Triples was, however, as much as could be managed.

An appeal is being made on the Rand for £14,000 to complete St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg. All the money required for the nave and chancel and the interior furnishing has been forthcoming, and the additional sum is required for the tower and a peal of 13 bells.

'Many happy returns' to George Williams, that veteran with over a thousand peals, who will be 71 next Monday.

The anniversary of one of the long peals for which Painswick is famous occurs to-morrow, for it was on May 5th, 1817, that 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung there in 7 hrs. 44 mins.

The first peal of 'Grandsire Bob Maximus' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

Forty years ago next Monday a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Foxearth, Essex.

Edmonton bells were opened on May 8th, 1788, by a band of Cumberland Youths with a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed and conducted by John Reeves.

On May 10th, 1777, the Cumberlands rang the 10,200 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, which was another stage in the rivalry for the record which they carried on for many years with the College Youths.

Mr. C. H. Howard, the esteemed Master of the Essex Association, has been seriously ill, but, we are pleased to say, is now recovering.

The East Grinstead and District Guild, which exists for promoting change ringing among the towers within a radius of ten miles of this North Sussex town, is doing its best to organise practice meetings. As the area covered by the Guild extends into three counties (Sussex, Surrey and Kent) it has been found difficult sometimes not to clash with the meetings of the county associations. The first report of the committee shows the Guild to be in a satisfactory financial position.

A FACULTY REFUSED.

TILSWORTH MAY NOT HAVE BELLS RECAST.

A correspondent writes from Leighton Buzzard: I should like to bring before your readers the plight of the little village of Tilsworth, Beds. In the year 1908-9 the Rev. T. Green (Vicar) had the tower thoroughly restored at his own expense, in memory of his late wife and only son. The tower contains a peal of five bells, by Emerson, of Wootton, Bedford, which have been in a very bad state of repair for a great number of years. A year or two ago the villagers felt they should like to hear the bells ring again, so they sent out collecting cards, and also held a fete and garden party, with the result that they cleared about £400. The late Vicar, Rev. T. Green, was so pleased at their success that he at once sent them a cheque for £50.

At a meeting of the Church Council they decided to obtain estimates from two well-known firms of bell hangers, both of which advised recasting all the old five bells. At a further meeting of the Council, it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Taylor and Co., to recast the old five bells and add a new treble to make a ring of six, to be hung in a new iron frame, and at once to apply for a faculty to put the work in hand.

On applying to the Chancellor, his advisers refused to grant a faculty for the old bells to be recast on account of their antiquity. They also noticed a small crack at the top of the tower, large enough to put a sixpence in edgewise, so they advise the Council to spend £100 of the money on the tower.

The only bricklayer in the village is a member of the Church Council, and he says he should like the job to fill in the crack for £5, and that it is unnecessary to touch it at all, as he very much doubts whether there is a tower in the country that does not show some sign of settlement, and he will never agree to set any of the money on one side that was collected for the recasting and rehangings of the bells.

We understand that the matter is now being further considered.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting was held at King's Walden on Saturday, April 28th, and was favoured by a beautiful afternoon. The meeting was held especially to help the new band of ringers being formed at this tower. Some 40 ringers turned up, and good work was done. The church is situated in one of the most beautiful spots of Hertfordshire, and the churchyard adjoins the magnificent grounds owned by Major Harrison. Everything possible was done to welcome and for the comfort of the ringers, who were allowed to look over the estate, and were entertained to an excellent tea given by Major Harrison. Five new members were made (four of the local band and one life member, namely, Mr. H. Tysoe, of Clapham, Bedfordshire). The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Major Harrison for their kindness. Ringing was kept up until quite a late hour, the place seeming to be too attractive to leave early.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

In case the earlier publication this year of the Council's agenda has cut out certain motions, those concerned will please note that such motions might be considered under 'other business,' if the Council and time permit.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

P.S.—Guild Secretaries please note that 14 subscriptions are still outstanding.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following rings will, as far as possible, be available for peals on Saturday or Monday, in addition to the usual Sunday service ringing: Cathedral (10), tenor 45 cwt., available for peal on the Saturday only, at 6 p.m., and for touches during the Monday, and after 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

All Saints', Hereford (8), tenor 17½ cwt., available for peal on Monday afternoon.

Leominster (10), tenor 22 cwt.; Hereford 14 miles.

Burghill (8)	"	12	"	"	3½	"
Clifford (8)	"	12½	"	"	19	"
Holm Lacy (8)	"	18	"	"	6	"
Lugwardine (8)	"	13	"	"	3	"
Ledbury (8)	"	24	"	"	14	"
Colwall (8)	"	11	"	"	18	"
Ross (8)	"	24	"	"	12	"
Bridstow (8)	"	9	"	"	11	"

Clifford and Holm Lacy are available for peals on Sunday. The Master of the Guild, Mr. Chas. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford, will make all arrangements, and all who would like to take part in peals are asked to communicate direct with him.

There are also six bells at S. Nicholas', Hereford.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Bed and breakfast at the usual commercial rates at the following: Booth Hall Hotel, Imperial, City Arms, Hop Pole, Davies' Temperance, Commercial Hotel, Dorey's, Thomas' Commercial, Temperance Hotel, Commercial Street. Intending visitors should secure accommodation direct, and make enquiries 'Central Council,' and are advised to apply early. Better accommodation at enhanced prices can be obtained at the Green Dragon and Mitre Hotels.

The large hall at the Booth Hall Hotel is placed at the disposal of visitors by the Hereford Guild as a social centre for the whole of Monday and Tuesday, and cold lunch can be obtained here at 2s. 6d., also teas and other refreshments provided. Those who wish to take advantage of these facilities are invited to advise me during the week previous, to ensure adequate supplies.

Efforts will be made to arrange a charabanc trip through the Wye Valley to Tintern on Monday afternoon at a probable cost of 7s. 6d. each, if sufficient notify me in time to secure a vehicle. Prompt notification is important.

The Hereford Guild invite all members and their friends to a meat tea at the Booth Hall after the afternoon session on Tuesday, to be followed by a social to commence about 7.30 p.m.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.

S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

The Council meeting, which will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, will take place in St. Peter's Church House (next to St. Peter's Church).

The Bishop of Hereford has kindly promised, if possible, to welcome the Council at 11 o'clock.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Green Dragon Hotel.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st, when the following towers were represented: Brightwalton, Shaw, East Ilsley, Newbury, Thatcham, and the local ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Lock and Mr. G. Cauldwell, of Abingdon, Mr. Sharpe, of Launton, Bicester, and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were also present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. G. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Victory Hall, when 27 sat down.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. E. M. Thorp in the chair, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The summer meeting was fixed for June 9th, at Hungerford. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. M. Thorp and the organist, Mrs. G. Davis.

The tower was again visited, and several good touches in the following methods were brought round: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

'SHORT-HANDED' TOWERS.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild, whose annual report has just been issued, has 98 towers in union, but in 40 of these there are not sufficient ringers to ring all the bells for services. The report says the position has not improved since last year, and needs the co-operation of the incumbent and the ringers in each tower to try to increase the numbers.

The Guild's total membership is 71 hon. members (a decrease of three), 622 ringing members (an increase of three, while 17 of this total are free life members), 153 non-resident life members, making a grand total of 846, an aggregate increase of 10 on the year. The report urges the members to try and make the total a round 1,000 during the coming year, which would be quite possible if all would try to add to the number of ringers in their own tower.

During the year 48 branch meetings were held, and, generally speaking, the attendance has been good, but in one or two cases there would be more encouragement for the branch officials if the members would support them better, especially by attendance at the meetings.

There were 52 peals rung during the year, a decrease of seven on 1926. They were as follows: Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Double Norwich Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 1; Minor in 14 methods 1, 7 methods 9, 6 methods 1, 4 methods 4, 3 methods 1, 1 method 5, Doubles 10, Doubles on handbells 1. The peals were rung in 34 different towers, in four counties, and in five cases it was the first peal on the bells. The number of ringers taking part was 130, of whom 13 rang their first peal, and eleven were presented with certificates for ringing their first peal on a working bell.

Financially the Guild has improved its position, there being an increased balance in hand on general account of £14 10s. 7d., while the belfry repairs fund, which has had no calls on it during the year, has been increased from £69 7s. 5d. to £88 5s. 7d.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday last, when the glorious weather helped to attract 55 members and friends from Bramshott, Bishop's Waltham, Catherington, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Swanmore, and visitors from King's Somborne and Blackmoor. The bells were set going at 2.30, and at 4.30 the members attended the Guild service, at which the Vicar of Petersfield (Canon T. H. Masters, C.B.E.) officiated and addressed those present.

An excellent tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar presided. Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member and six full members from Catherington, five from Steep, with the Vicar as an honorary member, and two from Petersfield, and one probationer from Swanmore.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Curdridge on July 21st next, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

On the question of the motion before the Central Council with regard to peal diplomas for young ringers, it was the opinion of the district that the delegates should have a free hand in the matter.

A draft copy of the proposed new rules was placed before the meeting, and a copy distributed to each band for consideration before the annual general meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Petersfield and Steep for the use of the bells, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Some of the members made the journey to the picturesque village of Steep, where a handy ring of five were found, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were brought round. It is to be hoped that they will soon be augmented to six.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Eling, on Saturday, April 14th. The peal of six were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor. Tea was partaken of at the Anchor Inn, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Eling (Rev. T. Thistle), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Netley, Dibden, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Romsey, Alton, King's Somborne, Reading, and the local band.

At the business meeting after tea, six members of the local band were elected members of the Guild, after which a resolution was passed asking Mr. Williams to support the question of diplomas for young ringers at the next meeting of the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Eling for the use of the bells, and to the Master for presiding.

The next meeting will be held at Romsey Abbey on Saturday, July 14th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Rochester District held a very successful meeting at Tunstall on Saturday. The weather was delightful, and under a cloudless sky this beautiful country village, with its mass of cherry trees in full blossom and its quaint old church, presented a truly pleasing picture. A representative gathering of the district put in an appearance, and the tower was open for ringing at three. The bells were kept going until 5 p.m., when the association service was held, conducted by the Rector of Tunstall, the Rev. G. H. Green, who also gave an address.

An excellent tea had been provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and the local band, at which 54 sat down, presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Col. H. Lumley-Webb and Mr. G. H. Wills, churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, at which Col. H. Lumley-Webb was elected an honorary member, and three practising members were also elected.

For the venue of the next meeting five towers were proposed, and on a vote being taken Hoo was chosen for the last Saturday in July.

It was unanimously decided to hold a by-meeting at Eastchurch, on the Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th.

A collection to defray the cost of a wreath to a departed brother realised in all 24s. 6d., which left a balance of 14s., and it was decided to send the balance to 'The Ringing World' for the 'Frenens Pistor' fund.

Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester) said they had met in ideal weather, in an ideal spot, and had been provided with an ideal tea, and he proposed hearty thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for presiding over the meeting, also to the local ringers and the Rector for the tea.—This was heartily carried.

The Rector and Mr. W. Spice, the leader of the ringers, responded, the latter remarking that they had created a fund by fining members for being late for ringing, and that was the way they were spending the money.

The tower was again visited, and Sittingbourne bells were also available for members on their homeward journey, and was taken advantage of by many.

Regrets were expressed at the absence of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the general secretary, who was unfortunately prevented from attending owing to the funeral service of the late Canon Mason, senior Canon at Canterbury.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going to various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. The association form of service was held, the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Bott) and curate (Rev. J. A. Lloyd) officiating, the former giving a very interesting and original address.

Afterwards tea, kindly supplied by friends of the local band, was served in the Church Rooms, about thirty-five members being present.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Three new members were elected, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.—Eynsford was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the business meeting; to the organist for his services; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for serving the same.—The Vicar briefly responded and gave the Blessing.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited till about 8 p.m., when the visitors adjourned to the neighbouring tower of St. John's, Erith, for further ringing.

MISS D. D. STEEL'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND.

The visit of Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, the English lady croquet champion, with a team of English croquet players, to the Antipodes, has resulted in her making the acquaintance of ringers and bellfries in Australia and New Zealand. A press cutting, which has reached us, thus speaks of her visit to the Cathedral Society, Christchurch, New Zealand:—

'One of the most successful meetings of the Cathedral Society of Bellringers for some years held at the Cathedral was that attended by Miss D. D. Steel, the English croquet champion, who is also an expert change ringer, as the guest of the local society. Touches were rung on the Grandsire principle, with the following ringers taking part: Treble, N. Sloan; second, C. Grant; third, C. Wright; fourth, G. H. Claydon (conductor); fifth, Miss D. D. Steel; tenor, A. G. Cusdin. Two touches of 120 changes each were rung on the heavy eight, with Messrs. E. and C. Hollobon on the tenors.

An exhibition lapping course of Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Sloan, Grant, Heald and Wright. The evening concluded with a ring on the full peal of ten bells, which have not been rung for a considerable time.

Mr. Claydon welcomed Miss Steel to the Cathedral. Miss Steel, in reply, stated how pleased she was to have a pull on the Christchurch bells, and that while in the city she had endeavoured to interest the Church authorities in their magnificent ring of bells, of which they appeared to be blissfully ignorant.'

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT AT HEPTONSTALL. THE OPINION OF 'THE MAN AT THE END OF THE ROPE.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must differ from the conductor of the Heptonstall team, whose opinion was quoted in your last issue, as to the condition of the tenor in the long peal attempt. After four hours' ringing the bell went heavily. I told the treble ringer I was hoping that it would go better, but it got worse. I can honestly say that if the bell would have run like she did when I rang her to the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob there would not have been any difficulty in my ringing the bell to the end of the peal, as I was quite fit on the day. The new rope did not make things any better. I am certain that the old ringer mentioned could not have rung the bell when I finished with it. There is no better judge than the one who is on the end of the rope. I have had enough experience in my time to know when a bell is running well, and when it is running badly. I would like to remind the Heptonstall conductor and the old ringer that I am confident that I am able to ring the same weight of bell to the peal when it is well lubricated.—Yours truly,
A. E. PEGLER.
Bangor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. John's, Old Hackney, on Saturday, April 21st. The bells (for the use of which thanks are due to the Rector, the Rev. Lash) were kept going from 3 until 5.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, held in the tower of St. Paul's Church, Glyn Road, one new member (Mr. Ellis) was elected.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Tottenham.

The Master also gave notice of practice meetings, which are to be held in conjunction with local bands.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. W. E. Andrews, of St. Paul's, Glyn Road, and to the respective steeplekeepers, Messrs. Alford and Clark, for having everything in readiness.

The bells at Glyn Road were kept going until 9 p.m., and the meeting was a very successful one. The attendance numbered about 25.

A 1905 PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A peal board has just been unveiled in the belfry of St. Leonard's Church, Clent, which records a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 10 Part), rung on December 11th, 1905, in three hours.

Miss K. C. Thatcher, who rang the fourth bell, was the first lady to take part in a peal for the Worcestershire Association, and also in the Midland Counties.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Miss F. Thatcher, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas, M.A., C.F.).

Six of the members of the band who rang the peal were present, but illness prevented Mr. T. J. Salter from attending, while the remaining member, Mr. Frank Boughton, is now resident in Melbourne, Australia.

In the absence of the conductor, Mr. T. J. Salter, Mr. W. Boughton, jun., tendered hearty thanks to Mr. Harry Mason, the donor of the board, for his generosity.

After the ceremony the bells were kept going for upwards of two hours in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Several local towers were represented by the following: Messrs. C. Boughton, W. Boughton, jun., B. C. Ashford, Wm. Shilcock, Wm. Short, H. Trimm and the Misses K. C. and F. Thatcher, Clent; Mr. Harry Mason, Hagley; Messrs. John Smith, Kidderminster; J. Bass and T. Hughes, Wollaston; W. H. Cooper, Lye; A. J. Skelding, Stourbridge; A. Hackett and Wm. Brown, Halesowen; H. Bird, Old Hill; John Barber, Wednesbury; and E. Calcutt, Belbroughton.

PEAL CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Madgwick is inebriated with delusion. I wrote to 'The Ringing World' a letter which was published on April 6th, asking a question, which was answered by the conductor of the peal in question. That cannot be called criticising a peal. Mr. Madgwick should not be so ready to rush to print with uncertainties. As no good purpose will be served by keeping up correspondence on this subject, I shall not write further upon it.—Yours truly,
JOHN BEAMS.

ONE HUNDRED PEALS IN A TOWER.

The following is the list of Mr. H. Warnett, sen.'s, 100 peals on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham: Grandsire Triples, rung 28 (conducted 11), Oxford Bob Triples 7 (conducted 6), Stedman Triples 11 (conducted 4), Plain Bob Major 16 (conducted 8), Kent Treble Bob Major 12 (conducted 3), Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 12 (conducted 1), Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 5, New Cumberland Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 3; total 100 (conducted 33).

MR. L. BARRY'S 50 PEALS.

Doubles, two methods, 19 (conducted 12); Bob Minor, 3; Grandsire Triples, 11 (conducted 4); Grandsire Caters, 14; Grandsire Cinques, 3; total 50 (conducted 16).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF FARNHAM DISTRICT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting at Ash on April 28th, when 39 members and visitors from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Yorktown, Banstead, Guildford, and Worplesdon attended. The peal of six bells was placed at the members' disposal from 2.30 p.m. by the Rector (Rev. G. L. Cole), who conducted the service.

After tea in the Church Room, the Rector was voted to the chair, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) and the District Secretary (Mr. Bernard H. Clark).

Nine new members from Crondall and Farnham were elected.

The hon. secretary was asked to write to all towers for nominations from each band to form a district committee for the purpose of arranging combined practices.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir, on the motion of the Ringing Master, seconded by Mr. Nye. The ladies who supplied the tea were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services, on the motion of Miss Fisher.

This finished the business, and another move was made to the belfry, when the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor until nine o'clock.

Two features of this meeting were the number of young ringers present and the number of first touches in the various methods by the beginners.

The next Farnham District meeting is at Frensham on June 16th, and members and visitors are reminded that the church is quite close to the famous Frensham Ponds, one of Surrey's beauty spots, and a visit to these would be a nice excursion for wives, families and friends, while the ringers are at the church.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S RELATION TO CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am pleased to note that the Rev. H. Law James has accepted my explanation of the construction of Cambridge Surprise, and recognises that the Treble Bob Hunting Course is secondary in importance. He rather overshoots the mark when he says that it is 'imaginary.' In his notes he writes: 'Double Oxford Minor 6 in the hunt.' Let me correct him. Six is not 'in the hunt'; it is more than that: 6 is 'the hunt.'

One little point he seems to have overlooked is the fact that the place-making bells (2 and 4) of the first half-lead are the 'plain hunts' of the second half-lead; also the 'plain hunts' (6 and 5) of the first half-lead are the place-making bells of the second half-lead.

I really cannot understand his argument that 'although Lincolnshire Surprise is another and better extension of Cambridge Minor, yet it cannot be called Cambridge simply because it has appeared too late in the day.' It is making a statement similar to 'Truth cannot be accepted because it has arrived too late in the day.' I fancy much the same argument was used to Galileo: 'The earth cannot possibly go round the sun because we have always assumed that the sun goes round the earth.'

If Mr. James will read my article carefully he will see that I acknowledge there is a difficulty, and also give a temporary way of surmounting the difficulty. My whole point is that the Major, Royal and Maximus, which he has called Lincolnshire, should have embodied in its name the fact that it springs from Cambridge Surprise Minor. Mr. James is in effect calling one of the sons of John Smith by the name Henry Brown. It also appears that Mr. James is at last coming to the view that Double Norwich Court Bob Major is the natural extension of Double Court Minor. It should be easy now to decide that old Double Norwich Royal is on another branch of the extension tree.

—Yours truly,

W. TAYLOR.

ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

An experiment was carried out at St. Mary's Halls, Acton, where a dance-social was held to augment the Isleworth Bell Fund. It proved a great success, and upwards of 130 turned up. For those who could not dance, in a room leading off from St. Mary's Hall, where the dancing could be seen and the music heard, card tables and cards were placed for a friendly game, a feature appreciated and made use of. Between the dances solos were given by Mr. S. M. Bridge, Mr. E. Gladman, Mr. Dick Sayers (humorous), and by way of variation Mr. Stump entertained with some conjuring tricks, the Belcher family with handbell selections, some of the Ealing contingent with a course of method ringing on handbells, while Miss Herbert gave a skipping exhibition. Miss Hollier ably accompanied at the piano.

Another interesting feature was a 'mystery box' in the hands of Miss D. Brown at a penny a guess. No one guessed correctly, and it was used as a spot dance prize and won by Mrs. Goodfellow. It proved to be a hand mirror.

St. Mary's Dance Orchestra was in attendance. After a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the gathering dwindled away near midnight. Mr. Hollier was M.C. for the social side, and Mr. R. Holloway was M.C. for the dance. After deducting expenses, a profit of £9 was made.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We acknowledge with thanks the sum of 14s. to the 'Irenæus Pistor' Fund from the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, per Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and 12s. 6d. collected at the Gloucester Branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, per Mr. J. Austin.

This makes a total of £203 19s. 6d.

THE DERIVATION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is not the Rev. H. Law James trying to stretch our credulity a little with his statement that Cambridge Surprise Minor is derived from the Plain Hunting Course, when he has to resort to such shifts and expedients as the illustration given in your issue of April 13th? Should we not be as fully justified, in view of the following figures, in saying that Plain Bob is derived from the Treble Bob Hunting Course, and not, as some people think, from an imaginary Plain Hunting Course? Moreover, in order to demonstrate it, we do not have to put into the hunt bells that would never be there in practical ringing, as Mr. James does in his explanation of Cambridge Surprise.

123456	}	College Exercise, treble in the hunt.
214365		
241635	}	Old Oxford Modernised, treble in hunt.
426153		
462513	}	Braintree Treble Bob, treble in hunt.
645231		
654321	}	Old Oxford Modernised, treble in hunt.
63412		
536142	}	College Exercise, treble in the hunt.
351624		
315264	}	College Exercise, treble in the hunt.
132546		
135264	}	

It seems to me that the 'theorists' delight in trying to pull wool over the eyes of the 'man in the belfry.'—Yours, etc.,

A PLAIN RINGER.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following is a half-lead of a composite method, and the way in which the several sections are related to other methods is shown at side:—

12345678	}	This first section is identical to 'London,' 'Londonderry,' and many other methods.
21354768		
12537486		
21573846		
25137864	}	Orthodox 6th's place Bob.
52318746		
12537486		
52314867		
25341687	}	This section is equivalent to the second section of 'Superlative,' 'Yorkshire,' 'Lincolnshire,' and many other methods.
32546178		
23451687		
34256178		
43265718	}	Orthodox 3rd's place Bob.
34627581		
36425718		
63247581		
36427851	}	This section is equivalent to 'Bristol,' 'Yorkshire,' and many other methods.
Lead-head.		
14263857		

There are three false course-ends to the method, tenors together, all from one round block, i.e.:—

53624
24365
65432

From the foregoing we shall be able to place 'Lincolnshire' Major, which is also a complete method, in its true perspective. To begin with, the first ten changes are 'Yorkshire' Surprise, pure and simple; the extreme made in 'Yorkshire' is omitted, and a quick 4th's-place Bob made instead. This accounts for eleven changes, and the last five changes are exactly equivalent to the last five changes of the first half-lead of 'Superlative.' Therefore, in 'Lincolnshire' Major the first six changes are related to Cambridge Minor by its round blocks, and the remaining ten changes of the half-lead are related by its round blocks to 'Yorkshire,' 'Superlative,' and other methods.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Thursday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Gooding (first quarter) 1, L. Stirk 2, F. Sharpe 3, W. Fisher 4, G. Jones 5, T. Emm 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Mear (first-quarter) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, Miss G. M. Dodds 5, M. Wright 6, C. Rayson 7, J. E. Moreton 8. All are members of the local band. Rung as a farewell to H. Wright, who is leaving the district to take up an appointment at Oswestry.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: H. Batty 1, H. T. Travers 2, F. Hunt 3, *E. G. L. Coward 4, W. Fry 5, E. T. Griffin 6, *W. C. Shute 7, S. A. Ricketts 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, T. J. Setter 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for 'sportsmen's' special service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Batty 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, J. Emery 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. R. Pink 6, J. Gill 7, W. Beeson (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 6th and 7th.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Hawks 2, Miss A. White (first 720 inside) 3, E. Kemp 4, E. Runter 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—At the Church of All Saints, for evensong on Sunday, April 29th, Shodman Doubles were rung by the following: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5. Ringing in this tower is every Sunday at 5.55 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) in 52 mins.: S. Briggs (conductor) 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, E. Liversidge 3, C. Poulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, J. W. J. Cottam 6, G. Tuke 7, A. Firth 3, C. Ryder 9, P. Maugham 10. First quarter in the method on the bells by a local company, all being Sunday service ringers.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins.: G. Seamon 1, R. G. Bell 2, S. H. Hoare (first quarter as conductor) 3, S. E. Edwards 4, R. W. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, E. M. Elliott 7, W. E. Oakley 8. First quarter by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th, also first quarter in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Oakley. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 29th, for special service in connection with Industrial Sunday at St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, *A. T. Greenwood 2, F. A. Burnett 3, *F. W. Burnett 4, J. D. Harris 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

ACTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Holloway 1, Mrs. R. O. Fardon 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, R. A. Fardon 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor, who is leaving Acton to take up another appointment.

PORTMADOC.—At St. John's Church, for evening service on April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Humphreys (first 720 on treble) 1, R. McMillan 2, H. Roberts 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, P. Roberts 5, J. Owen (conductor) 6, E. Wakefield 7, R. Brooks 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. V. Humphreys. First 720 for 7th and tenor.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 8th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, near RUGBY.—The peal of five bells, three recast and all rehung by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, on Sunday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 19th. Annual meeting in British Legion Hall (near St. Thomas' Church) at 1.15 p.m. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Service in Cathedral at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Dean (Rt. Rev. Bishop Randolph). Meat tea in the British Legion Hall at 4.30 p.m., 1/-, to ringers notifying secretary by 14th. Towers available include St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Edmund's (8), St. Paul's, Basford, St. Martin's, Winterslow, Coombe Bissett (6).—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting at St. David's Church, Bangor, on Whit Monday, May 28th. Further details in next issue.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 31st; St. Magnus' on 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon, Saturday, May 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bradley. Business meeting to follow. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells (6) available 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea and meeting 5.15. All ringers welcomed.—H. J. Chaffey, Dis. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next business meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea provided. Special method, Oxford Bob. All ringers cordially invited. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 5th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, not later than May 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Tickhill on May 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of Eastern District at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 5th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3. Tea at Raglan Hotel at 5.30 for those who advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool,—George S. Taylor, Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Collaton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Also Berry Pomeroy bells (8) and Stoke Gabriel (6) available; good bus service. Please advise me early for arrangements. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Well served by train and bus. Make up your minds to come—then let me know.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on May 12th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 4.45 for 6d. (to all sending me word by May 8th). Bells available from 2 p.m., and at Higham and Langham.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge Farm, Samlesbury, not later than Thursday, May 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Penistone, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. F. Tinker, Church Street, Penistone, by Wednesday, May 9th. Visitors will be welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem., 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Special attention to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Ven. Archdeacon Howson). Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. A good attendance requested. Important business. Please notify me before Tuesday, May 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. We hope to have a good attendance.—C. Beeston, Dis. Sec., King Street, Bishops Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 8th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Church outside station and buses from Hounslow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of Rev. Hylla Holden, at Folkestone on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by usual business meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 12th. The towers will be open as follows:—St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2 till 3.30 and after meeting; the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9. Service at St. Nicholas' 3.45 p.m. Meat tea at Morley's, Pavilion Buildings, 5 p.m. Price 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting and tea about 5 p.m.—G. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. Expecting a good muster present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Alton district will be held at Binsted, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify before May 10th.—Rev. B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.15. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe 4.45, for those who notify Mr. Geo. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the 9th inst. Resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells of St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) available afternoon and evening, also Washingborough (8) in the evening.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A light peal of six bells, by Taylors, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock (p.v.) at St. Michael's Church, Croft, two minutes' walk from L.M.S. Station, with an excellent train service from Leicester and Nuneaton. Clarke's buses also pass the church from Peacock Lane, Leicester, and the Coventry and Leicester buses pass Croft Hill, five minutes' walk from the church. A band of ladies will open the bells by ringing the first touch after service, after which all ringers will be invited to try the new bells. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Collection at service and profit from the tea will be devoted to bells fund.—C. H. Webb, Croft, near Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, May 19th.—Particulars next week. Make a note of the date. Cheap trains to Bushey. Bus service to Aldenham.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Meeting House. Members intending being present kindly advise by the 14th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Battersea, Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea and meeting at 5. All welcome, and a p.c. will do to advise me.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 19th. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 15th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at West Clandon (6) and Merrow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at both towers available from 3 p.m.; service at West Clandon at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, also at West Clandon. Those who intend to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Harrington, White House Road, Stebbing, not later than Thursday, May 17th.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. W. Crawshaw not later than first post Wednesday, May 16th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

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Service at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, 12 noon.

Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Notice of motion to alter, delete or add to rules must be given before April 30th. Revised copies upon application.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

Tickets for luncheon and tea upon deposit of 1s. Luncheon 3s. 6d. Tea 1s. (a large portion of this expense will be assisted from a special fund). Tickets for

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ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A grand fete will be held on Saturday, May 26th, in aid of the Bells Fund. Bells available afternoon and evening. All will be welcome. Admission to fete free.—P. Webb.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 49th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 28th.—F. J. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

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At the close of the service, the bells were rung half-muffled for a short time by the local band. And on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung by Albert Charman 1, I. Branch 2, J. Stanford 3, J. Cook (conductor) 4, W. Hooker 5, W. Pettifer 6, W. Charman 7, Alfred Charman 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cantorbury Major (1,312 changes) by W. Charman (conductor) 1, T. Branch 2, W. Pettifer 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Stanford 7, J. Cook 8.

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