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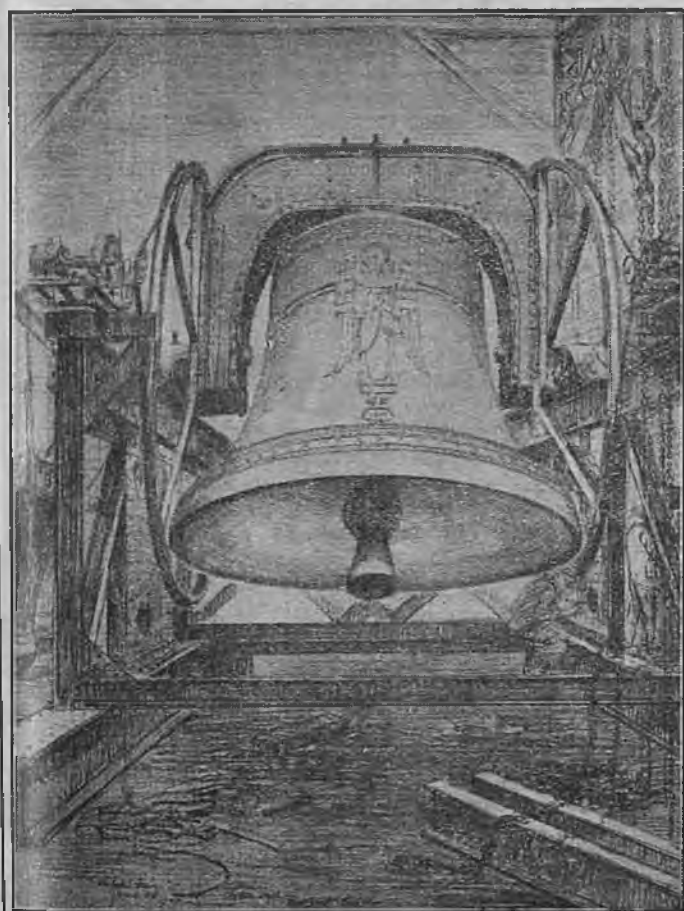
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INTER-ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Joint meetings between neighbouring districts of adjoining associations are becoming a very popular feature among ringers. We are not quite sure to whom this innovation was due, but whoever it was who started this form of ringers' gathering deserves the thanks of the Exercise. It was little short of an inspiration. District meetings in the ordinary way serve, or should serve, many purposes. In the first place they draw together the members of an association in friendly intercourse, they promote among those who attend them a desire to progress to higher things in ringing, and, by the services which are usually held, they bring home to others outside and remind the ringers themselves, of the part they play in the work of the church. Joint meetings between associations do all this, and more. They bring together ringers who possibly would never otherwise meet, and thus extend one's circle of ringing acquaintances, broaden one's views on ringing affairs, and often stimulate new ideas, while in areas where associations overlap they serve the even more valuable purpose of helping to subdue jealousies and smooth over points of friction if there are any.

In every sense the intermingling of neighbouring organisations is a thing to be encouraged. After all, our associations all have the same objects in view, and what rivalries there are ought only to be of a friendly kind; rivalry, for instance, in the determination to see which can do most to spread the art of change ringing; which can achieve the best all round service in the belfry. The success of an association is not necessarily measured by counting heads or the number of peals rung. The best test of success is in the actual interest which the members take, first, in their duties in their own belfries, and the punctuality and regularity with which they discharge them; and next in furthering the work of their associations. He is a poor member who sits at home and waits for someone else to do everything for him—and yet there are many such to be found. On the other hand, those responsible for running the various ringing societies must be prepared to do their share. They must organise on lines which will give their members something in which they can take an interest, for it is of no use to grumble at the lethargy of the rank and file if nothing is done to encourage activity in the individual. In this direction the district meetings are one step; the extended interest which is provided by joint meetings is another. Even looking at it from the social standpoint alone, these inter-association meetings are all worth while, and that they are appreciated by many is shown by the success with which they are usually attended.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	*DAVID VINCENT ... 6
EDWARD A. HERMAN ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVID ... 3	†ROBERT ANDERSON ... 8
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	JAMES E. SCOTT ... 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	*WILLIAM ROBSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM BASON ... 6
JOHN C. DICKEN ... 2	*JOHN W. WARD ... 7
EDMOND KEIT ... 3	WILLIAM LEE ... 8
*GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... 5	JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM BASON
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor and first attempt. Messrs. Harrison and Ward were nominated life members previous to starting for the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL W. PIPE ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 5
ALBERT W. COLES ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE FREEBRY ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The ringer of the 4th hails from Derby, and this was his first Surprise peal on a bob bell.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	RICHARD C. BELTON ... 6
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

G. HARRY MYERS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 6
*JOHN O. POOK ... 3	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 7
WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 4	ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT.

* First peal of Stedman.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 4	WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Specially arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor, who hail from Beaconsfield, Bucks, and the ringer of the 6th, who hails from High Wycombe, Bucks, and who were spending their holidays at Southsea.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Tydfil,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lb.

*DAVID EVANS Treble	P.C. JOHN COLES 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
FRED SHARP 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
PERCY JONES 4	GEORGE COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

* First peal (aged 16 years).

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALPHIEUS J. BERRY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 1507).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

The ringer of the 2nd hails from Ufford and was re-elected a member of the association prior to starting for the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	WILLIAM WILSON, SEN. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*PERCY H. ALLFREY Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
†FRANK V. GANT 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
GORDON L. DYE 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First of Major. † First on an 'inside' bell and of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1925. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th are local, 3rd and 5th from Reepham, 7th from Northrepps and tenor from Buxton. This 44 course composition, containing the 4-5-6 only in sixths, with the 6th the extent there, is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
GEORGE B. COLE 2	SGT. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CECIL J. PIPE 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Arranged for Sergt. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, Hatfield, and this was his first peal in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JOSEPH POTTER 2	ERNEST BIRCHNALL 6
JOHN POTTER 3	*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
JAMES MILLER 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JAMES ARMSTRONG 3	JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (112). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

First peal of Major on the bells.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E

MRS. JACK BRAY Treble	GIBSON JACKSON 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK BRAY 6
*HARRY CARTER 3	HARRY MORGAN 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Herbert Randall and Miss Elsie Carey, friends of the conductor, who were married at the Congregational Church, Lewisham, on the same day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werrburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 480 of New Doubles, 480 St. Simon's, 480 Stedman (Slow Course), 1,200 Bob Doubles and 2,400 Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY Treble	FRED W. KNOWLES 3
HUBERT BAILEY 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4
BERNARD BAILEY Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

First peal in five methods by all the ringers and also the first peal in five methods by the association since its name was changed. The third ringer hails from Morton and is the instructor to the tower. The remainder are Blackwell ringers.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 4 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HOUSE Treble	J. TOSSELL 4
C. FIELD 2	F. TOSSELL 5
E. BATH 3	F. FILER Tenor

Conducted by J. TOSSELL.

First peal on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	JOHN W. WARD 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED C. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Arranged for Mr. Jutson, of Peterborough, who was on holiday in this district.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. F. ARTHUR OSWELL Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
ALAN A. RACKHAM 2	BERT HUNT 5
G. ROBERT JONES 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

This peal was arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswald and Mr. B. Hunt, who were on holiday in the district. The Rev. F. A. Oswald hails from Tenby and Mr. B. Hunt from Cefn Coed, Merthyr.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*FRANK RONAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal away from treble. First peal of Minor for all the band. Rung on the front six bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*HAROLD ROBSON Treble	SIDNEY BRIZE 4
*EDWARD C. ROBSON 2	*JOHN CLOUSTON 5
FREDERICK ROBSON 3	ERNEST BURNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. All are service fingers at the above church. The peal was rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of sympathy with Mr. J. H. Champion, a local ringer, whose wife was interred the same day.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... Treble	*WALTER J. TILLY 4
WILLIAM CHAILLY 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
RAYMOND J. WEBB 3	*THOMAS BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at the Parish Church of St. Laurence, North Wingfield, on Saturday, August 24th, but owing to wet weather the attendance was rather small, about 20 sitting down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector. Members were present from Alfreton, Bolsover, Cresswell, Chesterfield, Derby, Duffield, Morton, Rotherham, Sutton and South Normanton. Touches and courses were brought round of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise.

A short meeting followed tea, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolsover on September 21st. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., when the lowering of the bells brought to a close a most successful meeting.

AMONG NORTHANTS TOWERS.

On August 17th, the Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers had their annual tour, which again proved most enjoyable. The places visited were Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Rothwell and St. Giles' (Northampton). During the day touches were rung in the following methods: Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Kent Royal, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Bob Major. The party wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who so kindly helped to make the trip so pleasant.

5,184 BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 W B M H

42356				
53246	3	—	—	3
25463	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	3
54263	—	—	—	2
43265	—	—	—	2
24536	—	—	—	3
24365	—	—	—	—
36254	—	S	4†	—
23546	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

† —, S, —, S.

Contains the 6th the extent 'wrong' and 'home' and all the combinations of 4-5-6, subject to the following limitations: The second never in 5-6 and the sixth never in 2nds.

First rung at Bucklebury, Berks, on June 22nd, 1929.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6,144 OR 5,024 BY GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456 1 6

36245	(S.1)	(S.2)	3	4	5	8
42635	—	—	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—	—	—
24635	—	—	—	—	S	—
46235	—	—	—	—	—	—
62435	—	—	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—	S	—
32465	—	—	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—	S	—
34265	—	—	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	S	—
62345	—	—	—	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—	—	S	—
32645	—	—	—	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—	S	—

Repeat twice. Contains the 4-5-6 the extent in 6ths without the 2nd in 5-6.

By omitting the first six calls at 6 in the first two parts the peal is reduced to 5,024, and will then contain all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with the 6th the extent home without the 2nd in 5ths.

First rung at Bushey, 8th June, 1929, as 5,024, conducted by the author.

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SPlicing OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. THE RESULT OF SOME INVESTIGATIONS.

By Stephen H. Wood.

In the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of April 5th on 'Splicing' it was suggested that someone should follow the example of Mr. Law James' and Mr. Pitman's spliced peals of Surprise Major, and of Plain Triples, and see what could be done with regard to Plain Major Methods. The following is the result of some of my investigations in this direction.

Starting (as is proper) from the beginning, the first thing we consider is the 'Lead-for-Lead' Splice, which in this case does not lead us far, as the only methods having the same change in a lead are those having different places (i.e., 2nds or 8ths) at the Treble's lead. The splicing of these will be dealt with later.

The next thing to consider is the 'Course-for-Course' Splice. Now, given any 'Court' Method, we can in general derive 3 'bob' methods from it by adding (i.) 2nd's place (by itself)
(ii.) 7th's place (by itself)
(iii.) 2nds and 7ths;

this will give us a group of 4 methods, in each of which the Plain Course (henceforward 'P.C.') contains the same changes.

Let us now consider the first 15 methods in the 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods,' and divide them up into groups such as I have just described, thus:—

8th's Place Methods.		2nd's Place Methods.	
No. 2. Reverse Bob.		No. 1. Plain Bob.	
No. 4. Shipway's Court.		No. 3. Double Bob.	
No. 6. Highbury Bob.		No. 5. Winchester Bob.	
No. 8. Lavenham Court.		No. 7. Marlborough Bob.	
No. 10. Maidstone Bob.		No. 9. Edmonton Bob.	
No. 12. Double Norwich Court.		No. 11. Chesterfield Bob.	
No. 14. Pershore Bob.		No. 13. Hereward Bob.	
		No. 15. Double Oxford Bob.	

The missing 'Court' method in the first group is represented by the plain hunting course, which, though, of course, it does not produce a method itself, gives its 3 derivative 'bob' methods by adding 2nd's and 7th's. If we add to the plain hunting course '4th's and 3rd's round the Treble' we get No. 4 Shipway's Court, and by adding 2nd's and 7th's we get the other 3 methods in this group, Nos. 5, 6, 7. No. 8, Lavenham Court, is plain hunting with '6th's and 5th's round the Treble,' and Nos. 9, 10, 11 are its 3 companions. When we add both '4th's and 3rd's round the Treble' and '6th's and 5th's round the Treble' to the plain hunting course we get No. 12, Double Norwich Court, and the addition of 2nd's and 7th's gives us Nos. 13, 14, 15.

In the above table I have also kept the '2nd's place' methods and the '8th's place' methods in separate columns, because it will be advisable (at this stage at any rate) only to attempt to splice up methods of like kind in this respect.

The significance of this table is therefore that in any composition where a whole course of any method appears we may substitute a whole course of the other method in the same group and column.

IN 17— WAS RUNG A PEAL.

Behind the west door curtain stand eight good men and true.
The 'Jasies' hang upon the pegs with coats of red and blue.
The door itself stands open wide, that summer draughts may blow:
And then they ring up, set 'em, tuck 'em, strike their rounds and 'go.'

There's Matty Finch, the Sexton, and 'Pompey Bill,' the 'Pug,'
Barling the admiral's coxswain, handy with bell or jug,
Tom Hoskins drives the 'Quiver' upon the road past Chicam,
And handles both his bell and 'callings' as he would his team.

A red-coat back from Plassey, and Lawyer Dean, a man
Who argues much on rights and wrongs, as only lawyers can,
And white-wigged parson, with his clerk, make up that set of eight,
Whilst round about the Lych-gate critics quarrel, bet and—wait.

No more those simple fellows will crack their jokes and drink:
Peace to their honest ashes is all that we can think.
They kept our dear land free from foes, for in those days of Mars,
Good Farmer George had got his Ringers, Soldier Lads and Tars.
'CASCABLE.'

* Short pump-handle wigs of the period.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. E. Smith, who has been for 38 years a Sunday service ringer at Fulham, a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was attempted at All Saints', Fulham, on Sunday, but proved too long for the veteran, who was ringing the tenor. Afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: H. C. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, H. Belcher 3, J. W. Driver (conductor) 4, H. A. Folkard 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, W. E. Neale 8.

Now, let us consider the possibilities of splicing these groups together. The question before us now is: 'Given the P.C. of one of these groups, what courses of another of them will contain changes which repeat with it?' Let us take, for instance, the first 2 groups—i.e., the Plain Bob Group and the Shipway Group, and compare the P.C.s. We find that most of the changes are the same; but the 2nd and 3rd rows and the 12th and 13th rows (counting from the Treble's back stroke blow at lead) in each lead are different. Since there are 7 leads in a P.C. there are, therefore, 14 pairs of rows in each method which are liable to repeat with each other. Now in 5 of these the tenors are in different positions in the 2 methods, so that assuming that we are dealing only with composition with 7, 8 fixed they cannot repeat and we can therefore wash these 6 out. This leaves us with 8 possible places of repetition. Let us take one of these as an example and consider it in detail.

The 2nd row of the 2nd lead of Plain Bob is 32145678.

The 2nd row of the 1st lead of Shipway is 24135678.

So that the corresponding row in the course of Shipway which starts from 13425678 would be 32145678, and would therefore repeat with the P.C. of Plain Bob. This is the same as saying that if we ring the course in the Plain Bob Group which has 23456 as its 'Natural Course End' (henceforward 'N.C.E.') then we cannot ring the course in the Shipway Group which has for N.C.E. 34256 without repetition. Or again, we may put it in this way, '34256 is a False Course End between the 2 groups.' The other 7 pairs will give us 7 other false-course-ends, making 8 in all.

We have worked them out for the 2 groups, Plain Bob and Shipway, but whichever 2 of the 4 groups we select we arrive in each case at the same set of 8 False Course Ends; they are these:—

34256	35426	63254	42635
42356	52436	43652	35264

This is a very interesting, and most unfortunate, result; and it proves the impossibility of splicing together courses of different groups from the above table. It is possible to have isolated courses of different groups which are not connected by any of the 8 conditions represented by the 8 false-course-ends, and therefore not repeating with each other, but this unfortunately does not help us much because it is not possible to join them up (using Bobs). This is because the 8 False-course-ends happen to be just the 8 possible means of transposition from one N.C.E. to another (i.e., Wrong, Middle, Right, Before, In, Fifths, Out and Home) and it is not possible to get from one N.C.E. to another (in any method) without using one of them.

Having proved that we are up against a brick wall in this direction, we must go back and see what side-turnings (if any) may be explored with advantage. But first let me just make one point clear. So far I have assumed that we are dealing with in-course N.C.E.s only, i.e., we have limited ourselves to the use of bobs, keeping Singles for the purpose of doubling the number of methods in our peal by ringing one half in-course in certain methods and the other half out-of-course in other methods. Later on we will return and consider whether we can use Singles as a means of forcing a way through our brick wall.

Let us now take stock of the state of affairs and see what we can hope to do.

By ringing the first half in-course, and the 2nd out-of-course, with Singles half-way and end, we can use 1 group in the first half and another in the 2nd. This will give us 2 methods. We can then substitute courses of one other method for whole courses of each of these 2 (as explained above). This gives us 4 methods. Now, by exercising ordinary care and a little ingenuity, we can compose an in-course round-block which contains chunks of 2 methods which have the same changes in a lead, but different places (i.e., 2nd's or 8th's) at the Treble's lead (e.g., Double Norwich and Double Oxford). In this way we can again double the number of methods in our peal, bringing it up to 8. The accompanying example contains 7 methods, the reason being that I have chosen the Plain Bob Group as one of the two, it being so much the best known and most practised, and this group has one member missing (as explained above).

So far we have kept strictly to full Major methods; if we now admit 'Little' Methods we can immediately add 6 more, because there are 6 Little Methods (2 with the Treble hunting up to 4th's place and 4 with it hunting up to 6th's) in the P.C. of which all the changes occur in either a P.C. of Plain Bob or of Shipway's Court. Choosing these 2 groups therefore as our foundation we can get a peal containing 13 methods.

We must now temporarily suspend our investigations while we do a little actual composing. The result is the 2 accompanying peals. In each of them the actual composing is done in 4 methods, 2 in the first half and 2 in the last, each pair being a 2nd's place method and an 8th's place method having the same changes in a course. Whole courses of the other methods are then spliced in at appropriate places; the joining together of the 2nd's place methods is at the course-ends, but the 8th's place methods must be joined at the 'Out' lead-end.

In writing out these peals it becomes necessary to dispense with the rather slipshod '1-4-6 business' which is generally used in the case of Double Norwich, and resort to the correct terms, namely,

Wrong, Middle, Right, and Before for 2nd's place methods, and In, Fifth's, Out, and Home, for 8th's place methods.

I am glad to be able to say, in conclusion, that in these two cases the splicing of several methods into a peal has not been achieved at the expense of 'music.' Neither the 2nd nor 3rd is ever in 6th's place in either of them, and I hope that their musical qualities will satisfy the sternest critic of splicing.

A PEAL IN PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5088 CHANGES.

By Stephen H. Wood.

I	F (H)	O	23456	W	M	R	23465
—	—	—	53624 Double Norwich	—	—	—	42365 Plain Bob
—	—	—	36524 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	36425 Plain Bob
—	—	—	65324 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	43625 Double Bob
—	—	—	23564 Double Norwich	—	—	—	64325 Double Bob
—	—	—	35264 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	32645 Plain Bob
—	—	—	52364 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	63245 Double Bob
—	—	—	32465 Double Norwich	—	—	—	24635 Plain Bob
M	W	x	R	—	—	—	62435 Double Bob
—	—	—	46325 Double Oxford	F	O	I (H)	—
—	—	—	34625 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	23654 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	63425 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	36254 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	54326 Double Oxford	—	—	—	62354 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	32546 Double Oxford	—	—	—	35624 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	53246 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	56324 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	25346 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	32564 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	34256 Double Oxford	—	—	—	25364 Reverse Bob
I	F	O	—	—	x	—	25436 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	52436 Double Norwich	W	M	R	—
—	—	—	25634 Double Norwich	—	—	—	42536 Plain Bob
—	—	—	56234 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	54236 Double Bob
—	—	—	62534 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	23546 Plain Bob
—	—	—	26435 Double Norwich	—	—	—	52346 Double Bob
—	—	—	64235 Double Norwich	—	—	—	35246 Double Bob
M	(B)	W	R	—	—	—	24356 Plain Bob
—	—	—	24365 Double Oxford	—	—	S	23456 Plain Bob
—	—	S	23465 Double Oxford	—	—	—	—

2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

The 2nd's place methods are changed at the Course-ends. In the case of the 8th's place methods, however, the changing must be done at the 'Out' lead-end, i.e., where Pershore Bob is marked opposite a course this method must be rung from the Out-lead-end of the previous course to the Out-lead-end of this course.

These 7 methods are all among the first 15 in the Central Council Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods. 'Reverse' must be rung with a 6th's place bob, the 2nd of the 2 alternative forms shown in the 'Collection.'

A PEAL IN 13 PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5000 CHANGES.

By Stephen H. Wood.

F	I	O	23456
—	—	—	54326 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court
—	—	—	43526 Victoria Little Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	35426 Highbury Bob, Shipway's Court.
—	—	—	24536 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court
—	—	—	45236 Victoria Little Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	52436 Highbury Bob, Shipway's Court
—	—	—	34256 Shipway's Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	(42356) *Highbury Bob
M	W	(B)	R
—	—	—	63254 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	26354 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	35264 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	23564 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	—	52364 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	36524 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	53624 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	53246 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	25346 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	—	32546 Marlborough Bob
F	I (H)	O	—
—	—	—	23645 Shipway's Court
—	—	—	62534 Shipway's Court.
—	—	—	25634 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court.
—	—	—	(56234) *Victoria Little Court.
M	W	R	—
—	—	—	43265 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	24365 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	S	23465 Marlborough Bob
W	M	R	—
—	—	—	42365 Double Bob
—	—	—	36425 Plain Bob
—	—	—	43625 Double Bob
—	—	—	64325 Gainsborough Little Bob
—	—	—	32645 Plain Bob
—	—	—	63245 Gainsborough Little Bob

Continued 63245

—	—	—	24635 Plain Bob
—	—	—	62435 Gainsborough Little Bob
F	O	I (H)	—
—	—	—	26534 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court.
—	—	—	65234 Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	—	23654 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob
—	—	—	36254 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court.
—	—	—	62354 Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	—	35624 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob.
—	—	—	56324 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court
—	—	—	32564 Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob
—	—	—	25364 Reverse Bob, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	x	25436 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob.
W	M	R	—
—	—	—	42536 Double Bob
—	—	—	53426 Plain Bob
—	—	—	45326 Double Bob
—	—	—	34526 Little Bob
—	—	—	52346 Plain Bob
—	—	—	35246 Little Bob
—	—	—	24356 Plain Bob
—	S	—	23456 Plain Bob.

2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

Where 2 methods are marked opposite a course the first must be rung as far as the 'Out' Lead-end and the second from the 'Out' Lead-end to the Course-end. The 2 courses marked * are only rung as far as the 'Out' Lead-end, at which point Winchester Bob is started, the 'Middle' position occurring at the next lead-end. This cuts out 3 leads, including the Course-end, which is therefore put in brackets.

The 13 methods are Nos. 1-7 and 73-79 (omitting 75) in the C.C. Collection.

A DIFFERENT PLAN.

The following is a peal composed by Mr. E. C. S. Turner on quite a different plan from those described above; it contains 14 methods.

A PEAL IN 14 PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5016 CHANGES.

By Ernest C. S. Turner.

23456	W	M	H
53426	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
42536	—	—	Whittlesea, Little Bob, Whittlesea.
65234	—	—	Edmonton, Longney, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
26534	—	—	Edmonton, Longney, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
53624	S	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clement's, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
62534	—	—	Whittlesea, Hereward, Whittlesea.
56234	—	—	Winchester, St. Clements, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
25634	—	—	Winchester, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
35624	S	—	Whittlesea, Little Bob, Whittlesea.
62354	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Plain Bob.
36254	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
23654	—	—	Plain Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob.
65324	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
32654	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.
63254	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
26354	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
56324	S	—	Plain Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob.
32564	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, Longney, Plain Bob, Sandringham, Plain Bob.
53264	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Whittlesea.
25364	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Plain Bob.
36524	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
52364	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
35264	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.
23564	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.

Repeat twice.

The peal may be reduced to 5,000 by ringing Little Bob instead of Hereward in the first course of any two parts.

This peal contains 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 864 of Whittlesea Bob, 720 of Richmond Bob, 480 of St. Clements Bob, 288 of Longney Bob, 216 of Tiverton Little Bob, 192 each of Hereward Bob and Windsor Bob, 144 of Double Bob and 96 each of Winchester Bob, Edmonton Bob, Double Sandringham Bob, Halifax Bob and Little Bob.

A VISIT TO 'THE GARDEN OF EDEN.'

The members of the St. Saviour's Society, Eastbourne, accompanied by the president (Rev. Claude Williams, Vicar), the vice-president (Col. A. A. Oakham), and Mr. C. M. Taylor, churchwardens, also the Rev. L. Hands, former curate of St. Saviour's, now on holiday in England from South Africa, had their annual outing recently, when they enjoyed an excursion to Maidstone. The route was taken by way of Pevensey, Nisfield, Casfield, Battle, Northiam, a pull at Rolvenden and thence to Tenterden, where luncheon was served after a few touches on the melodious peal at St. Mildred's. Seats again being taken in the well-appointed 'South-down' charabanc, Headcorn, via Biddenden, was reached, where the eight bells were set going to some very good ringing, the journey being afterwards continued through Sutton Valence to Maidstone. After partaking of tea at a local restaurant, a visit to All Saints' belfry was made, where the bells responded to the tune of Grand-sire and Stedman Caters, and Bob Royal. This concluded the ringing for the day. At 7.30 p.m., a start was made on the homeward journey through Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. There is no gain-saying the fact that the ten miles between Maidstone and Tonbridge, which is termed 'the Garden of Eden' by Kentish folk, well merits that description, with its river, with fine meadows on each side of it, and vale covered not only with hop gardens and beautiful woods, but immense orchards. A stop was made at the Abergavenny Arms Hotel, Frant (to water the 'bosses' and other light refreshments). Here the opportunity was taken to thank the donors of the outing and feast, viz., the Vicar and churchwardens, together with the worthy secretary, Mr. W. Ware, for their kindness and appreciation of the efforts of the members of the society in all matters connected with the belfry. The churchwardens and Mr. Ware responded in felicitous terms. The Rev. L. Hands, whose name was coupled with the toast, said how pleased he was to have been able, after such a long absence abroad, to be present and to have spent such an enjoyable time as that day had afforded. He hoped that on his next visit, three years hence, he might be given a similar opportunity.

Eastbourne was reached by 11 p.m. after a most glorious ride through some of the prettiest villages in Kent and Sussex. In connection with this outing there is only one regret, and that is, owing to a previous arrangement at Eastbourne, the Vicar had to leave the party at Tenterden. The members of St. Saviour's Society desire, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents and those in charge of the churches mentioned, for their kindness in allowing their bells to be rung.

LANCASTRIANS IN SOMERSET.

Hearing about 'Bumshire,' near Bath, four kindred spirits decided to find it, and, after nearly 200 miles of a journey by various routes, we met together at tea, and started what proved to be a successful week. Sunday morning found us at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, where we successfully brought round a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Going round in the evening, we found two 'strangers at the gate,' who proved after challenge that they came from Plymouth for half a day. They made us up for Kent and Plain Bob Major for the service. On Monday evening we were at Tiverton, where touches of Kent Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and Superlative were rung. A motor called at the door on Tuesday and took us to Wells, where we spent an interesting hour round the Cathedral, going on to Cheddar, viewing the Gorge and one of the caves, and, driving on to within seven miles of Bristol, we found a house on the roadside, where we were supplied with tea. Then on to St. Stephen's practice, where touches and courses of Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Cambridge Major were the order, during which time the ladies drove to Clifton Downs and Bridge. Eventually we arrived at Bath before 10 p.m. On Wednesday, someone conveniently getting married gave us a chance for a course of Grandsire Caters on the Abbey bells. Thursday being second day of the races, we went to try for our winter's keep, but after the fifth race we got a 'ducking' before we found shelter. We finished the day at St. Saviour's practice. Earlier in the week we arranged to meet Miss Williams in her own tower at Weston on Friday, and here we rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with her, afterwards taking tea with her and her father and enjoying a walk in the garden under the mulberry, walnut and tulip trees, which we do not see in our part of the country. One of the party discovered a piano, and that meant a trial of vocal powers against it, and a flute, played by Mr. Williams, who found us some old songs which were popular about the time we took up ringing. We went on to meet Mr. Canning at Bathford, where Kent and Bob Minor were the order. Hearing that Taunton ringers were passing through on Saturday morning, we met them and had a word as they stretched their legs after their two hours' run. Sunday concluded with service ringing at St. Michael's. Our guide, having spent his vacation there for 20 years, tried to show us in a week what he had found by tramping and tramping us up and down the hills. At the end of a long peal the footnote says the welcome 'That's all' was a relief, or words of that sort, but in our long peal it was most unpopular, as it meant going back to earn another 'eightpence' to replace that we had spent, and, at the same time, part with such friends whose names are too numerous to mention, but whom we hope to meet again in our homes or at Bumshire. WOO OOP OI BEE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The longest peal on handbells was rung in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on August 31st, 1912, by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Alfred Pulling called 19,738 Stedman Caters, which was rung in 9 hours 32 minutes. The original intention was to ring 22,222, but a late start made it necessary to bring the bells round earlier. As it was, the ringing did not conclude until 11.27 p.m. The ringers were Arthur Shepherd (now deceased), Alfred Pulling, William Shepherd, James Hunt and Frank Blondell.

Bertram Prewett, one of the finest ringers that ever entered a belfry, was killed in action on August 31st, 1918. He had rung 953 peals.

The first ten bell peal in Scotland was Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The first peal on the bells at Bishop's Stortford was Grandsire Caters, rung by the Junior Society of College Youths on September 2nd, 1820.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

MR. PITMAN PRODUCES A PEAL IN ELEVEN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, I have great pleasure through 'The Ringing World' in congratulating Mr. W. Pye and his band on ringing my peal in ten Surprise Major methods. It is certainly a wonderful performance, and, when I produced it, I was very doubtful if a band would ever be able to ring it. There is no doubt it is the most difficult peal ever rung on tower bells.

The following peal can be rung in eleven methods.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. PITMAN.

5,600 CHANGES IN ELEVEN METHODS.

2345878

- 6423857 Rutland.
- 3547682 Lincolnshire or Cambridge
- 6435278 London.
- 3645278 Bristol.
- 2436857 London.
- * 6547283 Superlative, Lincolnshire, Pudsey or Cambridge.
- 4525378 Rutland.
- 3246857 Rutland.
- 6527384 Yorkshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 4326857 Norfolk (fourth's place bob).
- 6537482 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 4365278 Rutland.
- 2643857 Rutland.
- 3567284 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2635478 Rutland.
- 3265478 New Gloucester.
- 4632857 Rutland.
- 6257483 Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- † 5642378 Bristol.
- 4536827 Bristol.
- 3456827 Bristol.
- 6247385 Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 4632578 London.
- 5346827 London.
- 3627584 Yorkshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2356478 London.
- 4523867 London.
- 3657482 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 5346278 Rutland.
- 2453867 London.
- 3647285 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2436578 London.
- 5324867 London.
- 4637582 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 3456278 London.

Repeat four times.

From *6547283, Norfolk may be rung, producing 3246857 next lead end. This has the effect of reducing the peal by 32 changes in any part or parts. For the three consecutive leads of Bristol† two leads of Peterborough may be rung. This also reduces the length by 32 changes in each part, but it must be clearly understood that if Peterborough is rung in one part, it must be rung in the five parts to ensure the truth of the peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Stow on Saturday, August 17th. About 36 members and friends were present from Gainsborough, Upton, Willingham, Misterton, Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Brantson and Burton Stather, together with the local ringers. Evensong was sung at 4 p.m., at which the collection was devoted to the Church Restoration Fund. Tea, followed by the short business meeting, was held in the schoolroom. Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles comprised the ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES.

[CONTRIBUTED]

The relation between the Central Council and the constituent organisations has been brought prominently before the Exercise on several occasions in the past, but it has come in an acute form this year on account of the action of the Gloucester and Bristol Association in cutting itself off from the Council. However much this may be regretted, the Council and the Exercise have got to face the position that a large and important association has withdrawn itself from membership because it is dissatisfied. Disintegration of this kind has a habit of spreading unless it can be promptly stopped and, while it is now stated that members of the association intend to do their best to bring their organisation back again to the fold, it is not certain their efforts will succeed.

It therefore behoves the Council itself to look into the ground of disagreement and not to bury its head in the sand and ignore the circumstances of the moment. If the house needs putting in order the Council should see to it. It may be that its present constitution and policy suits the majority of the affiliated bodies, but let it be remembered that the Council was formed close on forty years ago and that now the constitution and policy remain unchanged. That may be considered by some to be a virtue; but there are others who look upon it as stagnation. The Exercise has moved considerably in the last forty years and it is doubtful if the Council has progressed in equal degree—indeed, there are many who will declare that it has moved much more slowly.

When the Council was established its mission in the Exercise was a more or less self-appointed one. Many of the territorial associations at that time had hardly got upon their own feet and the Council, naturally, had carefully to feel its way. It was by no means certain that its presence would be welcome, but a judicious handling of affairs established it safely as the organised head of the Exercise. From the start its policy has always been to influence and not to direct matters affecting ringing—to follow rather than to lead. After forty years 'in the saddle' is it not time that the Council adopted a bolder policy, and made itself a real centre of thought and progress, calling for loyal recognition on the part of all the many associations and guilds throughout the country?

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This question of whether members of the Council are representatives or delegates is hardly one upon which the Exercise need stop to split straws. They are members, and that should be sufficient. They are elected by their associations and if those by whom they are appointed wish to have certain views expressed on any special subject they should, in loyalty to those who elect them, give expression to those opinions—or let someone else do so. And in this connection it might be well if the Council considered an alteration in the constitution to make elections annual instead of triennial, as it now is.

Nothing would be lost by this change; but it might do some good. In those organisations where the members of the Council have satisfactorily represented their association, there could be re-election, but in cases where an organisation wished to ensure support of a particular policy, they would be able to ensure the election of men (or women) who were in favour of such policy and there

would be less likelihood of the spectacle of a member having to confess that his association wanted him to vote one way, while his own convictions urged him to vote the other. An annual election would strengthen the position of the associations, by giving them a more direct control; it would strengthen the position of the Council by keeping it thoroughly representative of the current views of its affiliated bodies.

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Another step in making the Council the real head of the Exercise, in practice as well as in name, would be to make it a *sin qua non* of membership that the Council's rulings should be recognised. To get all the associations to accept this may at first sight seem a difficult task, but it is really the only logical action that can be taken. After all, if the associations are content to send members to the Council, why should they not be content to accept the decisions arrived at? A free and easy attitude, by which an association will accept the decisions which please it and reject those that do not, is one that leads no whither. If the question were properly put before the association—if they were educated so to speak—they would, it is easy to believe, come to the view, that to be consistent, they must, if they are affiliated, accept the rulings of the Council and that there is no reason, therefore, why, in retaining affiliation, they should not pledge themselves, as some of them have already done, to do so.

The rules of the Council lay down the number of 'representative members' which an affiliated society may elect, the number, with a maximum of four, being governed by the membership of the society concerned! Instances could be quoted where societies, entitled to, say, three or four members, elect only one or two—presumably in order to save the small affiliation fee. That is a parsimony that ought to be discouraged and even if an association does not send the whole of its representatives to the meetings (or delegates, if you prefer it) it ought at least to pay its full fees.

The Council's rules provide for the representation to be in a certain proportion, so the society of over 450 members, which is entitled to four representatives, and which elects only one representative, is depriving the Council of a part of its legitimate income. The Council has just altered one of its rules, by which the fees have been raised from 2/6 to 5/- per member; it might well give consideration to a further change, by laying down, instead, that a society exceeding 75 but not exceeding 150 members should pay an affiliation fee of 5/- and be entitled to one representative; exceeding 150 but not exceeding 300 should pay a fee of 10/- and be entitled to two representatives; exceeding 300 but not exceeding 450 should pay a fee of 15/- and be entitled to three representatives; and exceeding 450 should pay a fee of 20/- and be entitled to four representatives. This in turn ought also to involve a definition of those who should be included in the total, and obviously the proper basis of counting heads in county and diocesan organisations would be to include only resident members. A large proportion of the strength of many associations is made up of 'compounding' or non-resident members and these should be excluded when arriving at the membership upon which representation should be based.

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In another direction the link between the Council and the associations might be strengthened and a possible
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ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD'S LOSS.

The St. Mary Abbots Guild of Ringers, Kensington, deeply regret the loss of their friend and treasurer, Mr. Reginald Carter, who on August 14th collapsed and died in the street. The funeral service took place on August 20th at St. Mary Abbots Church.

Mr. Carter will be sadly missed in all branches at St. Mary Abbots, where he was a generous church worker, especially in the belfry. He was also a borough councillor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Rogate on Saturday, there being a good gathering of ringers, their wives and friends. Between 30 and 40 were present, including Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, members from Angmering, Chichester, Ham, Pulborough, Kniford, Rogate and visitors from Manchester and Bristol.

A short service was held and an address given by the Rev. M. Champneys. Tea was partaken of at the White Horse Inn, with the Rev. M. Champneys at the head of the table. A short business meeting followed. No new members were forthcoming, and, after the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, etc., the members again visited the belfry for further ringing.

The next quarterly meeting is fixed for Chichester in November.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the retirement from ringing of Mr. Maddock, of Taunton, it was stated that he conducted the first peals of Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples for the Bath and Wells Association. The first peal of Stedman Triples for the association was rung at Dunster on February 4th, 1895, conducted by O. F. Winney. Mr. Maddock rang the tenor to the first peal of Stedman at St. James', Taunton, July 3rd, 1897, conducted by Ferris Shephard, and he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples inside on December 27th, 1898, conducted by C. F. Winney, at St. James'. It is, therefore, an error to say that he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples. I rang in all three of the peals mentioned.—Yours truly,

W. W. THORNE.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—At St. Vincent's Church on Wednesday, August 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leslie Squires (first quarter-peal and aged 13 years) 1, H. Haynes 2, T. Cragg 3, H. Thorpe 4, S. Proctor 5, H. Squires 6, W. Thorpe (conductor) 7, R. Pick 8.

ROTHWELL, Yorks.—On Tuesday, August 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Ellis (first 720) 1, A. G. Wood 2, G. Copley 3, A. Wornald 4, H. L. Jones 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Monday, July 22nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, by the St. Nicholas' Society, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Higgin 1, H. Rann 2, G. Smart 3, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4, F. I. Hairs 5, F. N. Smeaton 6, P. Bennett (conductor) 7, G. H. Shaker 8. This was specially arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Coard, a highly-respected member of the society. It was intended to ring a peal, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the above had to be substituted.

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means of irritation removed. Both the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Suffolk Guild have complained of the way in which motions which they have got on to the agenda have been treated. At present the only recognised form of motion is that given in a personal way by a member. If associations are to take a full interest in the Council and get their suggestions considered by the central body, they ought to be able to send them officially as recommendations. It would often give a proposal more weight and even gain for it a wider consideration by other affiliated bodies. What apparently is wanted is a set of Standing Orders as suggested by Rev. H. Drake, which would put this procedure and other matters on a proper footing.

Once again, let the Council examine its own position and adapt itself to modern developments. There are many ways in which it might make itself the leader as well as the adviser of the Exercise.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.

BIG GATHERING AT HERTFORD.

The popularity of associations' joint meetings was further exemplified on Saturday last, when between 70 and 80 ringers attended a joint gathering of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations at Hertford. A pleasing feature was the number of veterans present, and it was evident that they each came to see if they would meet other veterans, to chat together over old days. They were not disappointed, and we especially hope that our old friend Mr. Joe Waghorn will be spared to attend many more such meetings. Divine service was held in St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m., when the Rev. R. J. Paulsen gave the members of the three associations a sincere welcome to the county town. The Herts Association form of service was used.

At tea Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex Association) took the chair. He was supported by Mr. W. H. Laurence (Herts), Messrs. E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye and W. J. Nevard (Essex), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. Pickworth (Middlesex), and a large number of members and friends of the three societies.

Mr. Howard expressed the pleasure of the Essex ringers in being associated with these joint meetings. They were not now satisfied with two societies fraternising, and he was pleased that the three associations could meet together.

Mr. Lawrence gave a hearty welcome to the visitors from Essex and Middlesex. He was delighted at the presence of the Master of the Essex Association, and also expressed his pleasure at seeing members of the Ashton long peal band present. He heartily congratulated them on their achievement.

Mr. Coles thanked the last speaker for the very kind welcome given to Middlesex ringers, and said he hoped to give Herts and Essex ringers an equally hearty welcome in Middlesex next year. He also thanked Mr. Laurence for his kind reference to the Ashton peal, and paid a tribute to the excellent 'go' of the bells, stating that if the bellringers had not done their work well it would have been an impossible task.

Mr. E. J. Butler, on behalf of Essex ringers, also expressed pleasure at being present, and was glad to notice that all had had a much better tea this year.

Mr. Howard moved a vote of thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. J. Paulsen for taking the service. He also referred to the Ashton peal, and to the spliced peal in ten methods rung at Willesden. He ceased to be surprised at anything that was accomplished by ringers nowadays. Mr. Howard also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lawrence for the excellent arrangements made, which was carried with acclamation.

A great deal of ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8), in most of the standard methods, the day coming to an end all too soon.

CRAWLEY DISTRICT RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday, July 13th, the Crawley ringers, with ringing friends from Horley, Charlwood, Buckland, Reigate and Merstham, embarked early in the morning on a trusty Southdown charabanc for their annual 'outburst' of ringing. They had a pleasant ride via Redhill and Sevenoaks to Speldhurst, the first port of call. The good running bells at this church were soon tripping along merrily into changes, while some of the horticulturally-minded members took a stroll round the Rector's garden, which he very kindly opened to them, and which was greatly admired. The next tower to be visited was Marden, on which octave Superlative and Cambridge, etc., were rung. Proceeding to Staplehurst, whose massive bell, the tenor, was rung by a massive man, the Reigate men had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of Mr. Wenban, an old friend, who met the party at the tower. After ringing, a 'scrumpions' dinner was enjoyed at the Railway Tavern, and then a Charlwood gentleman entertained the company to some amusing songs, and others contributed on the hand-bells. The journey was then resumed to Headcorn, where some further Surprise ringing was indulged in and a fine view of the surrounding countryside obtained from the summit of the tower. A move was then made to Leeds, famous in ringing history, with its huge squat tower, 44ft. x 47ft. inside. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Ten and London Surprise Major were rung, and some of the party had their first touch on ten bells here. Cambridge Royal was to have been attempted, but one of the ringers was missing at the critical time. (He was fascinated in watching the ten bells turning over in the bell chamber.) Tea was partaken of on the lawn of the George Hotel before proceeding to Linton, where the party were met by Mr. Sono. Last of all came Hadlow, where they 'ran into' the St. Margaret's, Westminster, party. These (the bells at Hadlow—not the ringers from Westminster) are a quaint toned lot, but were soon put into changes. Seven towers were visited during the day, and the ringing throughout was of a high order. The company take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells. That everything went off with such admirable smoothness was due to that energetic and capable organiser, Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who must have put in a lot of unseen work, and last, but not least, the weather clerk, who provided an ideal summer day.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING ENDS IN DARKNESS.**

A very successful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 24th, ringers being present from Redhill, Reigate, Godstone, Burstow, Buckland, Merstham, Kingswood, Charlwood, Horley, Chelsea, Crawley, Godalming, Aldershot, Dorking, Leatherhead, Croydon, Betchworth and Limpsfield Chart. An excellent tea was provided at the Red Lion Hotel, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Gear was elected to the chair.

The usual business was transacted, Kingswood being proposed as the place for the next meeting, to be held in October.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding at the meeting, to Mr. J. Judd for having everything in readiness, also to Mr. F. Sanders for obtaining permission for Buckland bells for the rest of the evening.

At the conclusion of the business meeting some ringers went to Buckland, and spent an enjoyable hour on this light peal, in ringing Grandsire Doubles, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob; whilst the remainder returned to Betchworth tower, where successful touches of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, several ringers taking part for their first touch in these methods. The learners also were not forgotten, all those who cared to being given the opportunity to take part in some good rounds. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, when the electric light gave out, and brought an enjoyable meeting to a sudden end.

BROMLEY YOUTHS.

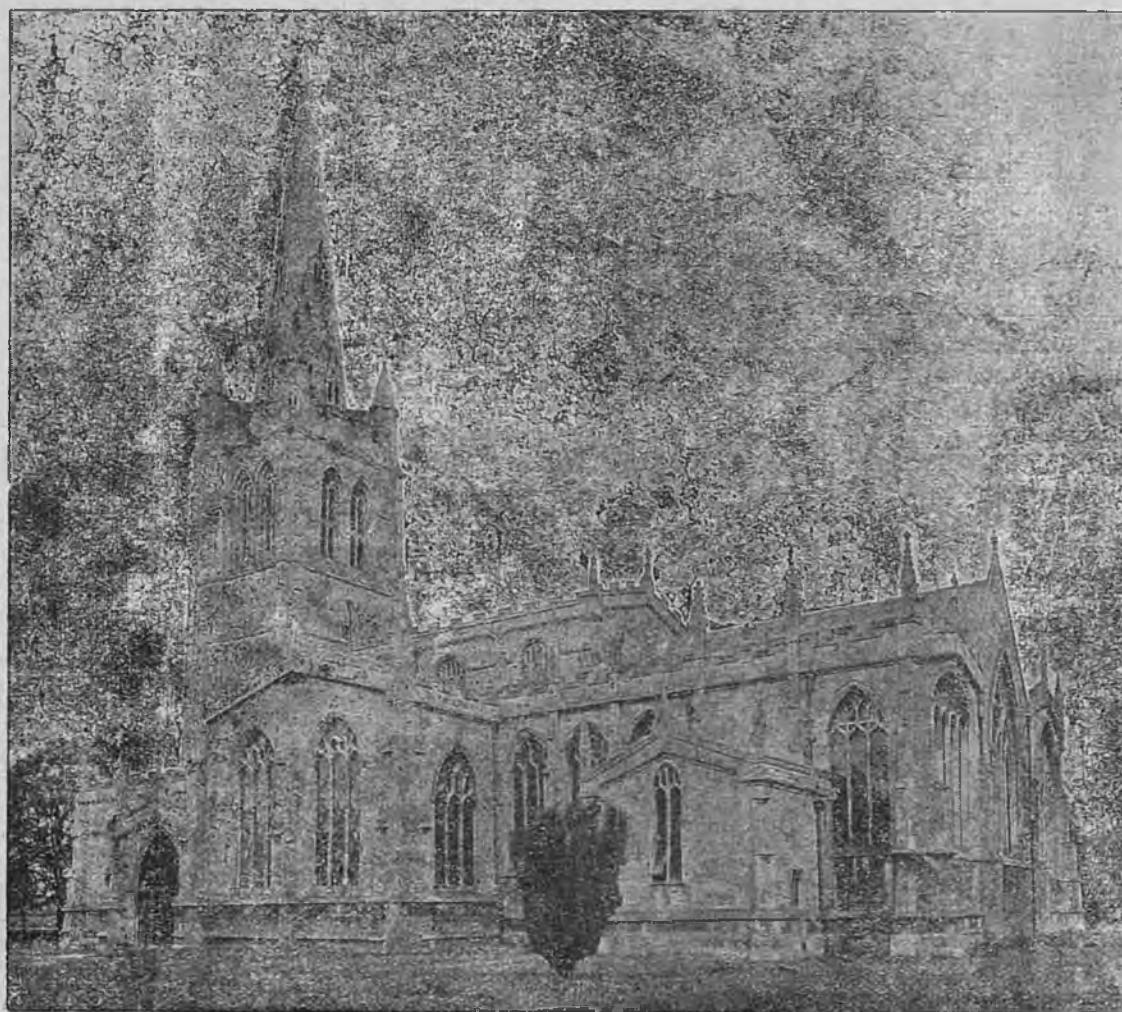
The ringers' art our grateful notes prolong,
Apollo listens and approves the song.
(Bromley 7th bell.)

The first peal on the bells of Bromley was rung on Monday, June 14th, 1773, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., conducted by James Barham, of Leeds, who was very jealous of any strange company coming into the county of Kent for bell openings. He never joined either of the two old London societies, as he considered the Lenham and Leeds company second to none in England at that time. His band had rung four peals in that year before visiting Bromley, including a 13,000 of Bob Major, at Leeds.

The College Youths opened Bromley bells, and the Royal Cumberlands followed in unsuccessful efforts to score the 'first.' However, both bands consoled themselves the following year by ringing a peal of Treble Bob Major, May 8th, 1774, conducted by Edward Rumball for the College Youths; and a peal of Union Bob Major, composed and conducted by George Gross, on September 25th, 1774, for the Cumberlands. It is interesting to note the length of these performances—5,088, 5,056 and 5,184 changes—all Major.

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324567	425736 1
523746 5	364572 2
465372 2	Three times re- peated with S at end.
724536 2	523647
437265 3	475362 2
524637 1	234675 1
375462 2	472356 3
473256 5	634572 1
734256 4	Three times re- peated with S at end pro- duces
627534 1	253647
346752 2	
523674 2	
375246 3	
463527 2	
754263 1	
547263 4	
635724 2	
736452 5	
247536 1	
472536 4	
654372 1	
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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church on August 25th for evening service, 720 Double Court Bob in 23 mins.: C. M. Heathcote 1, W. A. Allen, sen., 2, E. A. Wilson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, C. M. Beckley 5, J. Bettison (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael for evensong on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Arnold 1, F. Coxon (Spondon, Derbyshire) 2, L. Mason 3, P. Date 4, Rev. E. G. Benson (Tewkesbury) 5, J. Pugsley 6, G. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Male 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evensong at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,264 Bob Major in 52 mins.: C. Shepherd 1, E. C. Martin 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, C. Smart 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, F. W. Burnett 7, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th, who hail from Pulborough, High Wycombe and Cheltenham respectively.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. L. Cook 3, H. S. Parsons 4, H. Lewis 5, H. C. Bond 6, Wilfred H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, August 25th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. J. Mansfield 1, S. R. Lintott 2, W. H. Chalk 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, A. South 5, F. Chalk 6, G. Green, Great Baddow (conductor), 7, J. Amos 8.

LLANBRADACH.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. Edwin Edwards), who passed away on August 24th, 1928: W. Gwilym 1, F. Stevens 2, G. Gwilym 3, H. Skinner 4, H. Cassel (conductor) 5, Mr. Gwilym 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Williams 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the 1st and 3rd inside; first quarter-peal for 6th ringer; first quarter as conductor. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Hospital Sunday, August 25th, for afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: J. Ransom (first 720) 1, W. Young 2, E. Wakeling 3, J. Grainger 4, A. Abrams (conductor) 5, W. Ransom (first 720) 6.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original) in 49 mins.: P. Taylor 1, A. Legge 2, A. Drake 3, H. A. Phillips 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, G. Smart (Brighton) 6, C. Taylor 7, B. Sibbick 8.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church for evensong on August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Arnold 1, C. Strawbridge 2, F. Coxon 3, L. Mason 4, P. Date 5, F. Woolley 6, G. Atkin (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Spondon, Derby.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church on August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. for morning service: A. Stevens 1, G. Walmsley 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Shorter 4, W. Phipps 5, W. E. Butler 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HYPHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Bidnell 2, H. Hoskins, of Greenwich, 3, R. J. Birch 4, W. Binfield, of Folkestone (conductor), 5, W. Kitchin, of Folkestone, 6, S. A. Gower 7, A. Sivan 8.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Mary's Church after evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: B. North 1, G. Bacon 2, W. Dudley 3, P. Lufkin 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, S. Bayhut 6, S. W. Corden 7, L. Page 8. First quarter of Cambridge by ringers of the 1st and 4th.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. N. Williams 1, F. Hinton 2, G. Hughes 3, J. Round 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, T. W. Cattell 6, J. Goodman 7, F. Williams 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 8th. Specially arranged for F. Hinton, a visiting ringer from Selby, Yorkshire.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley (8), Yateley (8) and Sandhurst (6) bells available afternoon and evening. — C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall (6 bells) on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 1 to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton Astley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., which will be in Blaise Castle, by kind permission. All visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for September: St Clement Danes, Sunday, 1st, at 10 a.m., Mondays, 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 3rd, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 3rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 5th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, St Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Sept. 7th. Bells open early. Tea can be had by applying to Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms, Eyam. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Kenn on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available: Kenn (6), Alphington (8), Exminster (6), Kenton (6). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Whimble, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; business very important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Old School at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. G. Geary, Sunny Side, Billesdon, not later than Thursday, 5th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (new peal of 6 by Taylor) Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Silver Queen bus leaves Lincoln at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; returns from Grantham at 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1/-. All ringers welcome. Interested visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, nr. Newbury, not later than Wednesday, September 4th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.; ringers attending who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, September 5th. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Broadway Old Church on Saturday, September 7th. Service, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Patrick, at 4.30 p.m. prompt, who also is arranging tea for those who send me their names not later than Tuesday, September 3rd. Midland red buses leave Evesham for Broadway at 1 and 2 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Crewkerne (8 bells) on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec. North Street, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at usual terms at 5.30. Please advise me by 11th, without fail. Members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations; Cuffley and Potters Bar. Buses from Barnet.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 1/-. Business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Childs, Hethsett, Queen Street, Godalming, by September 10th please.—G. L. Grover, District Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock; usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, last post.—H. W. Kirton, Longmeads Cottage, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Rank, New Lane, Malton Road, York, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By the invitation of the Huntington Guild the quarterly meeting will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, September 14th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.: business—Election of Branch President. Tea will be provided at the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1/6 per head for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Wednesday, September 11th.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel 5. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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