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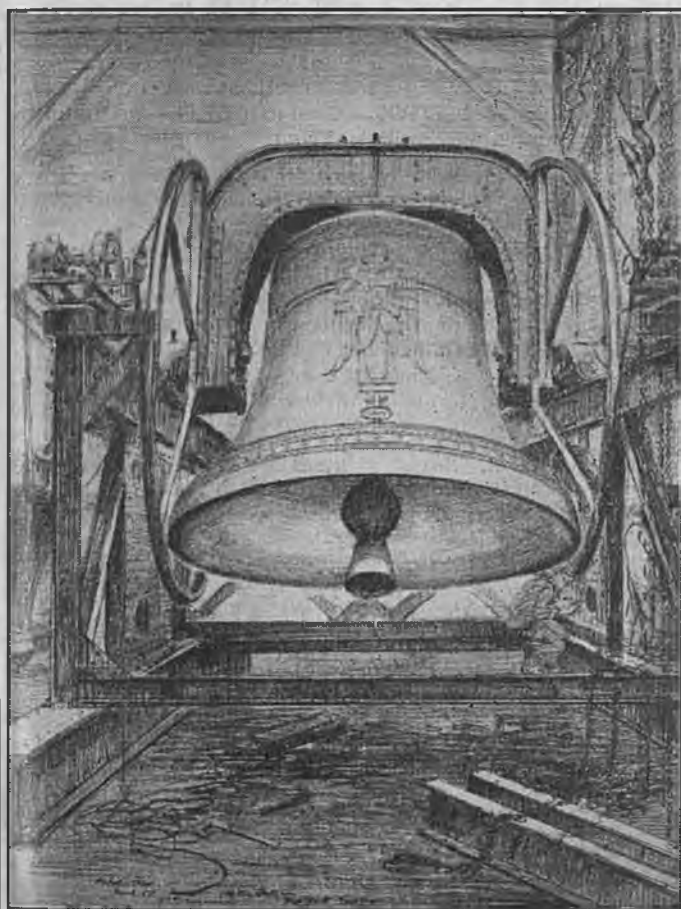
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The ringing Exercise, like other departments of life, has its great men. Some stand out conspicuously for the wonderful feats which they have performed; others deserve fame for the service they have rendered to the art by promoting its interests in other ways. One who comes within the latter category is the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has just completed his jubilee as President of the Cambridge University Guild. Mr. Boughey has never sought the limelight, yet no man, probably, has done more than he has in furthering the art among those who, in turn, are afterwards able to exercise a marked influence upon it. For fifty years—he was the first and has remained the only president of the Guild—Mr. Boughey has devoted himself to encouraging a love of ringing among men at the University, and it is entirely due to his energy and perseverance that the Guild has been able to maintain a continuous existence for half a century. His task has often been such as would have dismayed any but the greatest and most patient enthusiast, yet despite all sorts of handicaps Mr. Boughey's zeal has never flagged and he has taught and sent out a large number of ringers, many of whom occupy a prominent place in the Exercise to-day. No one, probably, has done as much as he has towards the solution of the problem of promoting an intelligent interest in bells and bell ringing among the clergy and the educated classes. There have been times when, for years together, there has been no one in the University, except Mr. Boughey himself, capable of more than ringing a single handbell to Plain Bob, yet, for all this long period, he has kept the flame of enthusiasm burning, and it must be a great joy to him to see his pupils from time to time taking the conspicuous and honoured places in the Exercise which they occupy. He has laboured that others may reap; he has toiled selflessly, and to-day the members of the Cambridge University Guild, scattered over the country, are no small force in raising the standard of the art of ringing and in guiding the destinies of the Exercise. Last week many of them gathered to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild and to honour their President, to whom they presented a token of their esteem and gratitude for his lifelong work. One might write many things of Mr. Boughey; of his scholarly attainments, of his kindly and genial nature, of his courageous triumph in the belfry over physical infirmity, of his great ability as a handbell ringer—the third peal that he rang was one of Double Norwich 'in hand,' the first ever accomplished on handbells—but

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nothing we can say can increase the love and esteem in which he is held, not only by the members of the Cambridge University Guild, but by all who know him. In the name of the Exercise we congratulate him most heartily upon his presidential jubilee.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	JAMES MORGAN 8
HENRY W. WILDE 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
JAMES MARTIN 5	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble	FRED WILFORD 6
ALBERT H. WARD 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	GEORGE H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal with a working bell. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Goldsmith on attaining her 83rd birthday. Mr. Wilford was elected a member of the association in the tower.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HORACE BELCHER Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE 6
*MISS FREDA ORR 2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
*GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	*REUBEN SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal, also first in the method by the association. First peal of Double Norwich Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

S. YATES Treble	J. C. POLLARD 5
*RALPH JACKSON 2	W. ELLERINGTON 6
MISS L. LANCASTER 3	T. METCALFE 7
JOHN G. HALL 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in method. This peal was rung to commemorate (1) the birthday of His Majesty the King, June 3rd, (2) anniversary of wedding of ringer of 5th, June 5th, (3) birthdays of ringers of 6th and 7th, June 5th, (4) birthday of ringer of tenor, June 8th, (5) 21st birthday of ringer of treble, June 13th.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. REID Treble	ROBERT JACKSON 5
*RALPH JACKSON 2	†T. JACKSON 6
JOHN G. HALL 3	T. METCALFE 7
J. C. POLLARD 4	A. SPURDLE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal on inside bell in method; also first peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. † First peal. This peal was rung as a welcome to the newly inducted Vicar of Ormesby (Rev. E. F. Wood).

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F

*JOHN GORST Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
JOHN BREESE 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Breeze.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR LORD 5
THOMAS WATSON 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOHN CAVANNAGH 3	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	JOHN BAGLEY 5
JOHN BREESE 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
THOMAS ROGERS 3	JAMES F. SMITH 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This peal was rung on the front eight of the twelve to replace an attempt for Bob Royal, which was frustrated by the breaking of a clapper. Mr. Brotherton is from Wolverhampton, and this was his first attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
LESLIE C. WHITEMAN 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the tenor, also to the daughter of the conductor. First peal in a Surprise method by the treble man, who rang the bell in an excellent manner.

GEORGEHAM, DEVON.—On August 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Richards 1, C. Rook 2, H. G. Ridge 3, J. Sprague 4, C. Filer 5, A. H. Hayward 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Turner 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 5
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
EDWARD CROWTHER 3	HENRY H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY

ECOLLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ROBERT DAVIS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JAMES T. POTTER 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER. First peal on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRED HINDLE Treble	THOMAS WATSON 5
JOHN SANDERSON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JAMES HARRISON 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
*FRED BENTLEY 4	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. T. Watson is from Dalton-in-Furness.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FRANK HUNT Treble	ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 5
†JOHN YERROLD 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 3	JOHN PERRY 7
HERBERT T. PIPER 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt, also proposed a member of the society previous to starting the peal. † First peal. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	HARRY BAKER 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone.

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SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... ..Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... ..5
GEORGE MAYERS... ..2	JOHN A. GODFREY... ..6
†FRANK V. GANT... ..3	CHARLES LOVETT... ..7
GEORGE A. COOKE... ..4	NOLAN GOLDEN... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford 'inside.'

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR... ..5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS... ..2	WILLIAM HORAN... ..6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON... ..3	JOHN BOOTH... ..7
WILLIAM TAYLOR... ..4	WILLIAM SHARPLES... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (100). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY LONG... ..Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... ..5
HENRY HODGETTS... ..2	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..6
*ERNEST G. GARRARD... ..3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK... ..7
STEPHEN H. HOARE... ..4	RONALD H. BULLEN... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th Surprise peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE... ..Treble	JOHN F. FOX... ..4
CHARLES JAINE... ..2	WILLIAM H. JAINE... ..5
THOMAS G. COOKE... ..3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung with all the bells plain hunting in turn, two 720's with the 2nd and 4th, and one each with the treble, 3rd and 5th. This is the first peal of Grandsire rung on this principle for the Guild.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Friday, August 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk Surprise, Primrose Surprise, London Victory, Duke of Clarence, Hoylandswaine, Queen Bess and York Delight.

A. KELSALL... ..Treble	H. CHANT... ..4
A. COLE... ..2	D. SMITH... ..5
M. PERRY... ..3	J. T. WHITE... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

WILFRED E. BROOKES... ..Treble	*JAMES P. HYETT... ..4
*THOMAS C. GWILLIAM... ..2	FREDERICK A. JAINE... ..5
*THOMAS G. COOKE... ..3	*HEDLEY B. VALE... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten, and in honour of the wedding of W. H. JAINE and Miss C. Preece, who were married earlier in the day.

DENTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob and 34 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

E. LEWIN... ..Treble	A. E. KITCHEN... ..4
J. NORTON... ..2	A. N. GEARY... ..5
J. G. GEARY... ..3	C. JONES... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble	GEORGE POPNELL... ..4
DONALD CLIFT... ..2	ALAN A. RACKHAM... ..5
WILLIAM H. SANDERS... ..3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to W. Williams, an old boy of the above tower, who is leaving to take up a position in Deptford. It was also a birthday compliment to S. T. Rackham.

COBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*WILLIAM JAMES... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON... ..4
ARTHUR H. SMITH... ..2	*ALAN R. PINK... ..5
ALFRED H. WINCH... ..3	ALBERT HARMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CRANFORD, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*FRED ARNOLD... ..Treble	CYRIL WILSON... ..4
†WILLIAM WHITMORE... ..2	GEORGE W. JEFFE... ..5
FRANK KIRK... ..3	LESLIE GROOM... ..Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in five methods.

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BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

* H. HALL Treble	H. BAILEY 4
E. MALLANDER 2	B. BAILEY 5
A. SMITHSON 3	F. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of treble and fourth were proposed members previous to starting.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) Treble	REV. H. S. RICHARDSON (Tr.) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 3	(Pemb.) 6
R. O. STREET (St. John's) 4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7
	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	REV. H. S. RICHARDSON (Tr.) 5
CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Sel.) 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 4	J. R. DOFFIELD (Selwyn) ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOHAM, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) Treble	R. O. STREET (St. John's) 6
J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 3	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 8
CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Sel.) 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 9
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE

(Pemb.) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT SEDGLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, August 31st, at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, Staffs, but was sparsely attended owing to the inclemency of the weather, which greatly marred the proceedings. The beautiful peal of eight bells were kept merrily going from 3 p.m. until the service, at which the Guild form was used. The Vicar of Sedgley (Rev. Dr. Swindell) conducted the service, and gave an eloquent address. The assistant priest, the Rev. Alcock, also took part in the service. The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Guild.

A bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom, and 'full justice' was done to the good things provided, but it is regretted that so few turned up to enjoy them. After tea, the business meeting took place, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by his warden, Mr. E. A. Dews. Apologies were received from Mr. E. A. Babb, people's warden, and from Mr. A. Greenfield. Business of a routine character having been disposed of, Mr. S. J. Hughes gave his report upon the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford. He lucidly explained matters dealt with, and asked Mr. E. W. Perrins, who also attended the meeting at Chelmsford, to say a few words. Mr. Perrins very ably dealt with the question of six-bell peals, and at the close of their remarks a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both these gentlemen.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

On the proposition of Mr. John Price, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. G. N. Cockin, of Halesowen.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. John Price, and supported by the Vicar's warden, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Sedgley for his kindness in granting permission to the Guild to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for conducting the service, and for his eloquent address, also for the use of the tower and bells. Thanks were also given to Mr. Benjamin Fullwood for his untiring efforts in helping to make the meeting a success; to the Rev. Alcock for his share in the service; and to the organist for the musical part of the service.

A special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Fullwood, who kindly undertook to provide the tea, and to those young ladies who assisted her in preparing and serving the meal. Thanks were also tendered to Mr. Dews, the Vicar's warden, for his presence and support, and to all who assisted in any way to make the meeting a happy and successful one.

The members afterwards returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going until nearly nine o'clock.

GORING RINGER'S RECORD.

Goring-on-Thames is to have a peal of eight bells, and the last touch on the old 'six prior to dismantling was rung on Sunday week, when a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was brought round by J. Bower 1, L. Haines 2, W. Aldridge 3, H. Perry 4, G. Wilson 5, E. Barkins 6. An interesting feature about this six-score was that it was called by J. Bower, who conducted the first 120 rung on these bells, over 40 years ago.

It was early in the year 1888, when there were only five bells in the tower, that the Rev. C. Littlewood promised a sixth bell to the ringers as soon as they could accomplish the feat of ringing 120 changes: this they did in March of that year. The ringers on that occasion were J. Holder 1, J. Tarrant 2, W. Aldridge 3, W. Moss 4, J. Bower (conductor) 5. By conducting the last 120 on the ring of six, Mr. Bower can claim a wonderful local record.

The new bells are the gift of the late Mr. H. A. Lacey Smith, and are expected to be ready early in December.

FIRST PEAL ON ECCLES' NEW BELLS.

The bells, which were formerly at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, have been recast (with the exception of the tenor) and re-erected at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, Lancs. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday by members of the Lancashire Association representing eight towers, viz., Redditch, West Didsbury, Eccles, Stretford, Ashton-under-Lyne, Worsley, Walkden and Smithills, Bolton. The peal was rung on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. Myles, to whom the ringers wish to convey their thanks for the hospitality shown to them after the peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The time for the 7,200 changes of Bob Minor rung at Lavenham, Suffolk, on handbells, Saturday, August 31st, was two hours and thirty-seven minutes, not three hours and thirty-seven minutes.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST.

MORE CLIPPINGS FROM A SCRAP BOOK.

'This is to acquaint the public that on Easter Tuesday next, at New Shoreham, two half-guinea hats will be rung for, a round peal on six bells, to raise and fall. To meet at John Jarman's, at the sign of the Red Lion, at New Shoreham aforesaid.' This quaint announcement of a ringing contest at New Shoreham, Sussex, appeared in the 'Sussex Weekly Advertiser' of March 4th, 1771. It was probably promoted by John Jarman, but what will no doubt strike readers as curious are the prizes—two half-guinea hats. What would have been the use of two hats among six ringers? Perhaps they would pass them round and use them in turn.

Fifty or sixty years ago ringing contests were of frequent occurrence in some parts of the country, and one such took place at Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Yorks, and extended over two days. Eight bands of ringers took part, and each had to ring 'half the peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, or 2,520 changes, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob.' The prizes amounted to £28. One wonders what the umpires got! The Editor of 'Church Bells' entered a strong protest against the competition, in his efforts to further 'belfry reform,' and at the same time he took an almost equally strong line against Sunday peal ringing. He said 'the practice of ringing bells before service is peculiar to the North of England; but it is not the legitimate way for calling people to church; the bells should be chimed, pouring forth their sweetest and most subdued music.'

A ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM, RESTORATION.

The recent recasting of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, recalls the fact that about sixty years ago there was no ringing upon them for two years. On Christmas Day, 1863, a gudgeon of the eleventh broke, and a week after this accident it was found that the fifth was cracked. The fourth of that time was always considered a poor bell, so that while repairs were being undertaken it was decided to recast the fourth and fifth, and to hang the whole peal in a new frame. Blows and Co. recast the bells, and upwards of 700 cubic feet of oak was put into the two frames, which carried the bells in two tiers. Incidentally, this frame now holds the new peal of twelve. It was two years before the work was completed, and the cost was about £500, raised by public subscription. The Church Council of St. Martin's have been saved the task of raising the cost of the last big undertaking—the new peal of twelve—for, as may be known to many, a 'rope craft' fund has supplied the necessary money. Two or three centuries ago a generous supporter of the bells left a piece of land, the income from which was to go to the provision of bell ropes. With the progress of time, the ancient leases lapsed, and the land, now well within the boundaries of the city and covered with buildings, is bringing in a substantial annual rental which is devoted to church maintenance and restoration purposes—as well as the provision of bell ropes. New bells were required, and the 'rope craft' provided them.

THE COST OF FUNERAL BELLS.

The custom of ringing 'the passing bell' is considered as old as the use of bells themselves in Christian churches. Old records prove that from four hundred to five hundred years ago the relatives, if they could afford it, could choose the number of bells that were to be rung for the occasion. That a death knell was not limited to the tolling of one bell seems to be proved by an order of 'leet' at Coventry in 1498, by which it was ordained that 'all man p'sones thatt hereafter will have the bells to ryng after ye decease of any their friends, they shall pay for a bell rynging w't all ye belles ijs (2s.); xxd. (1s. 8d.) yt of to ye churchward, and iiij (4d.) to ye clerks. And yf he well have but iiij belles xvjd (1s. 6d.); xiid. (1s.) to ye Church and iiij to ye clerks. And as for iij belles, eny p'son y't well have theym to paye but iiij to the clerks.'

In the parish of Wolchurch in 1526, the churchwardens set out the scale of fees thus:—

Fyrste, for the leste belle to ryng the space of one ower, for man or woman, or chyld, 4d.

Item, the seconde bell to ryng one ower, 6d.

Item, thyrd bell to ryng on ower, 8d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the thyrd to ring 6 owres before none, or after none, with the three smallyste belles to ryng at dyryge and masse, to pay 3s. 4d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the fourthe bell to ryng 6 owres before none, or after none, with the four smallest belles at dyryge and masse, to pay 5s. 0d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the 5th belle, whyche is the greatest belle, to ryng 6 owres before none, or after none, with alle the belles to ryng at dyryge and masse, shall pay 6s. 8d., and the sextone to have for the same greate belle, fyndyng all the ringers, 6s. 8d.

Item, the sextone to fynde the roope for the same, and also the bawdrycks for the same belle at hys owne coste and charge.

Also hys is agreed the same tyme the clerke have all the vantage of the 4 bells and he to fynde both bawdrycks and ropes for the 4 seyde belles.

Item, the clerke to have all the vantage to hymselfe of ryngyng of the belles for yerely obytes, and yerely myndes.

Item, the clerke to have for tollynge of the passyng belle for manne, womanne, or childe, if it be in the day, 4d.
Item, if it be in the night, for the same, 8d.

'GENTLEMEN OF EDUCATION.'

'On Tuesday, March 14th, 1871, six members of the University of Oxford paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Islip, and succeeded in ringing on the pretty peal of six several peals of Six-score Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. P. Barrow (Oriell), treble; J. S. Leadam, Esq. (Univ.), 2nd; R. Troyte, Esq. (Trinity), 3rd; H. C. Sturges, Esq. (Univ.), 4th; J. E. Troyte, Esq. (Christ Church), 5th; W. B. Ingham, Esq. (Univ.), tenor. Conducted by John E. Troyte, Esq., College Youth.'

In these days such a performance would hardly be noticed. But in 1871 it was a significant sign of the times, and 'Church Bells,' in giving prominence to it, added the comment, 'Probably these are the first peals on record rung entirely by gentlemen of education. The bells were fairly struck, without any break down; three of the ringers had only been learning since last November. What an encouragement to others to follow their example! Besides being able to sing, we think every young clergyman should be able to ring, and then he will be able to take his proper place in the belfry.'

'ALL "SNAPPERS."'

In the year 1793 there was a very capable six-bell company at Bingley, Yorks, and on the occasion of a local bigwig, William Busfield, Esq., attaining his majority, they 'rang seven whole peals of 720 changes each, in all 5,040 changes, on the most difficult of known methods, all "Snappers," namely, Chester, London, Carlisle, Chelsea, Lincoln, Lichfield, Wells. This will be acknowledged to be a most remarkable and uncommon feat, all the performers being members of the Bingley Company.' This company continued to maintain a high standard, and two of them, Isaac Rhodes and Hezekiah Briggs, took part 33 years later in thirty-six twelve scores, in all 8,640 changes, in 36 methods. Rhodes and Briggs shared the conducting in this peal. The methods were all Treble Bob or Surprise methods. 'The above is the greatest number of peals on record rung by one company, all living in the same town, and was acknowledged to be a masterpiece by the best authorities of the time. The performance, as far as is known, is without a parallel in the history of change ringing.'

FIRST COMBINED UNIVERSITY PEAL.

'On Saturday, March 10th, 1877, seven members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, assisted by Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Huntsham Court, Devon, rang at the Parish Church at Appleton, Berks, Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5,040 changes. It was brought round in 2 hrs. 58 mins. by the following: J. R. Keble (Keble) treble, F. A. Milne (Keble) 2, C. D. P. Davies (Pembroke) 3, H. W. Ellicott (Brasenose) 4, G. H. Phillott (Christ Church) 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson (Exeter) 6, C. A. W. Troyte (Trin. Hall, Camb.) 7, W. C. H. Burne (Keble) tenor. Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the first peal ever rung by members of the two Universities without the assistance of any other persons.'

PROGRESS OF IPSWICH COMPANY.

'On January 17th, 1878, ten members of the Ipswich Society, also of the Norwich Association, rang 1,061 changes of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins., by the following persons: D. Prentice 1, T. Saddler 2, T. Alexander 3, W. Meadows 4, R. Hawes 5, H. Bowl 6, H. Taylor 7, W. Kemp 8, E. Reve 9, J. Miller 10. Conducted by D. Prentice. It will be seen by ringers that the above is no great skilful performance,' said a report, 'but it is recorded merely to show the progress made since the formation of the company about twelve months ago, at which time they were scarcely able to ring a course of Grandsire Triples, but through the kindness and perseverance of the old members several young hands have been raised that are now able to quit themselves creditably in various methods, so that, at last, it seems probable that this fine ring of twelve bells will have attached to them a good band of ringers, which they so richly deserve. The 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th were young hands, who had never rung a thousand in the above method before, and besides these the company has several more young hands who are rapidly advancing.'

LONGEVITY AMONG RINGERS.

Writing fifty years ago in support of the contention that bell-ringing was a healthy exercise and conducive to longevity, Dr. George Gregory, of Great Lever, Bolton, recalled the Painswick peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters, rung in 1817. 'Records of long peals rung at Painswick' (he wrote, quoting from 'Leisure Hour') 'date back to 1755, when change ringing was in its infancy. The Painswick men who rang these later peals may therefore be said to have been born ringers. Their fathers before them were mostly ringers, and they themselves devoted much of their leisure to practising this art. It has been shown that Barham's comrades could muster in such an advanced stage of life that eight of them who were able to ring averaged 72 years, and, in the same manner, the ages of the Painswick men who rang in the peal just described may be cited in favour of the beneficial effects of ringing. The only survivor of this band (1878) is Giles Mansfield, who now, at the age

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

A meeting was held at Aberavon, Glam., on Saturday, when members attended from Cadoston, Baglan, Morriston, Gorseinon, and the local band, and, in addition, welcome visitors were present from Pentre and Llanbradach. The eight bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the curate-in-charge (Rev. A. T. Lewis), who gave the members of the Guild a welcome to the church. Tea followed in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the church members, and, needless to say, was enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting, with the Rev. A. T. Lewis in the chair, mention was made of the death of the Vicar of Aberavon, who was an hon. member of the Guild, and the members stood a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

Gorseinon was chosen for the place of next meeting, and the Chairman said he was sure all present would join him in wishing the local captain and his wife, who were married on the previous Sunday, health and happiness in the future.—The local captain thanked them all for their kind wishes.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for all he had done to make the meeting a success, to the donors of the meat tea, and to the ladies for looking after the wants of the company.—The Chairman replied, and said it was a pleasure to have the Guild there. He hoped they would come again.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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of 85, is alive and hearty; the other nine men died at the respective ages of 89, 87, 78, 80, 84, 50, 71, 70 and 85 years. These numbers, with the age of Mansfield, make an average of nearly 78 years for each man; and if the age of the ringer who died at 50 be excepted, the average age of the remaining nine will be 82 years. As a warning to bachelors, it may be mentioned that the ringer who died at 50 was the only unmarried man amongst the band! These examples will show that ringing may be classed as one of the most beneficial of exercises, and may fitly be concluded by adding that the oldest ringer in England is Jonathan Pavier, who was born at South Hincsey, near Oxford, on May 30th, 1778. He rang his first 5,000 in 1807, and in 1815 rang in a peal of 10,080 of Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford. Although he has now been blind for many years, he is otherwise in full possession of his faculties. The Cumberland Youths, of which Pavier was a member for nearly 70 years, rang a peal to celebrate his one hundredth birthday in the year 1878.

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS' 400 PEALS.

Method.	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Minor (1 method)	1	1	—	—
Minor (3 methods)	1	1	—	—
Grandsire Triples	4	—	—	—
Stedman Cinques	7	2	2	—
Stedman Caters	10	4	2	—
Stedman Triples	24	14	—	—
Bob Royal	2	2	4	4
Bob Major	15	8	24	23
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	1	—	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	36 (a)	25	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	6	3	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	7	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	28	19	4	4
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1	1	—	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	112 (b)	87	1	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	3	3	—	—
St. Clement's Bob Major	1	—	—	—
Superlative Surprise Maximus	2	—	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	24	12	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	6	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	37	30	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	4	—	—
London Surprise Major	5 (c)	—	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—	—	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	1	—	—
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1	—	—	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	6	3	—	—
Pudsey Surprise Major	4	1	—	—
Totals	362	231	38	33

(a) Includes a peal by the youngest band to ring a peal of Major; (b) includes 7,136 and 1 peal non-conducted; (c) includes 'name' peal.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. A. Poulson 1, A. Symonds 2, W. Faiers 3, W. Jarvis 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. A. Jarvis (Wisbech) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

All the arrangements are now satisfactorily completed for the Yorkshire Association's commemoration dinner at Sheffield on September 21st, and it is hoped that a large number of ringers will give this gathering their loyal support. Those who have not already applied for tickets should do so at once.

A ringing tour in Dorset has been in progress this week. A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District, M.C.A., was held at Billesdon on Saturday. After tea, several members went to ring on the eight bells at King's Norton (Leicestershire, not Worcestershire). A novel way of travelling was devised, viz., placing three forms in a lorry, and one of the party took his bicycle for a ride.

The first 720 of London Surprise Minor on the bells of Horsmonden Church was rung on the first of this month. Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., who rang the 2nd, conducted the first 720 of Minor on these bells 41 years ago.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Stansted, Essex, on August 7th, should be credited to the Essex Association.

The claim to the first peal of Bob Major on the bells at Moreton-hampstead, Devon, made in a footnote to a peal rung there on August 31st, is withdrawn, as a peal in this method was rung on the bells on August 6th, 1924, under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

William Shipway composed and conducted the first peal of Imperial Place Major ever rung. This was at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802. On the peal board recording this peal—we do not know if it is still in existence—Shipway was described as 'Author of the System of Ringing.'

The first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales was rung at Llan-gollen on September 13th, 1907, conducted by Bertram Prewett, whose great ringing career was cut short by his death in action in France only ten weeks before the Armistice.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, the composer of the one and only peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with tenors together, died on September 14th, 1886.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, of which St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham is the lineal descendant, was rung at St. Philip's (now the Cathedral), Birmingham, on September 18th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major.

A London Surprise Major record was set up at Drayton, Berks, on September 17th, 1896, when members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 11,328 in 6 hrs. 6 mins. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was at that time Vicar of Drayton and Master of the Guild, and was one of the ringers. 'Jim' Washbrook was the conductor.

With two men on the 9th and three on the tenor, the first peal on the then new ring of bells at Grantham was rung on September 19th, 1775, conducted by W. D. Crofts. They had not heard about ball bearings for bells in those days.

FAST PEALS.

Our inquiry as to eight-bell peals rung in 2 hrs. 20 mins. or less—raised as the result of the Crayford peal of Stedman Triples rung in 2 hrs. 14 mins.—has brought us a list of four, all rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where the tenor is 6½ cwt. The quickest eight-bell peal rung there was on February 16th this year, and occupied 2 hrs. 16 mins., which, like the Crayford peal, was over 37 changes per minute.

5,040 Stedman Triples, February 16th, 1929, conducted by R. F. Elkington, 2 hrs. 16 mins.

5,040 Stedman Triples, February 14th, 1927, conducted by W. P. Whitehead, 2 hrs. 19 mins.

5,040 Grandsire Triples, April 19th, 1924, conducted by Ernest Morris, 2 hrs. 19 mins.

5,152 Superlative Surprise Major, December 2nd, 1922, conducted by H. J. Poole, 2 hrs. 20 mins.

In addition to the above, a peal of Minor on the front six was rung in 1 hr. 54 mins. To this peal, Mr. James George rang the tenor (2 cwt. 33 lb.). This, we believe, is the quickest peal ever rung on tower bells.

Another fast performance was the 13,440 Bob Major on the same bells on April 8th, 1922, called by Ernest Morris. This was rung in 6 hrs. 48 mins. The same length, rung on handbells at Pudsey, took 7 hrs. 7 mins.

RINGERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

On September 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Astley, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 49 mins. by: John Brunt 1, Cecil E. Carr 2, Frank S. Bodycote 3, Charles H. Webb (Croft) 4, Henry Bird (conductor) 5. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble and to Mr. Tom Brunt, his brother, on their golden wedding day; also to Mr. C. H. Webb on his silver wedding. Mr. John Brunt has been parish clerk at the church for 30 years. He is captain of the local band, and has actually been a ringer at the church for 57 years. Mr. Tom Brunt was for many years a member of the local band, and regardless of his 78 years came into the belfry after the quarter-peal and rang a few rounds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

The support which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies gave in his letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' to the suggestions put forward by the writer for bringing the Exercise and the Central Council into closer touch, is very gratifying. As Honorary Secretary of the Council for something like 20 years, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has, perhaps, a more intimate knowledge than anyone else of its working and, if one may say so, of its shortcomings. His comments—they can hardly be called criticisms—are welcomed, as would be any other reasoned opinions upon the suggestions put forward, advanced as they were solely in the hope of promoting the welfare of the art of ringing by strengthening the ties between the Council and the affiliated associations.

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Mr. Davies says that he has never yet been able to discover the 'ground of disagreement' between the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Council, the ground alleged hitherto being, in his opinion, 'ridiculously inadequate.' That is probably the view of many other people, but the fact remains that upon some ground or other the Gloucester and Bristol Association has withdrawn its membership, and the Council ought not merely to leave the matter as it stands. The opinion of the writer, for what it is worth, is that the Council is entitled, under the circumstances, to ask for and receive the definite reasons for the association's withdrawal—at present, it would appear, the Council has no official cognizance of the secession except the non-payment of the affiliation fees. A good deal has been said about it, it is true, in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' but the real issue between the association and the Council is by no means clear to anyone outside the association. For that reason the Council ought to go further into the question, so that it may learn exactly the grounds of complaint and, if they are reasonable, do its best to remove them.

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One remark made in the first article was apparently a little ambiguous. It was suggested that '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 *sine qua non* of membership that the Council's rulings should be recognised.' Mr. Davies asks: 'Membership, of what? Of the Council or of the association?' Membership of the Council by an association was intended. Membership of an association by an individual already implies acceptance of the rules of the association. Membership of the Council by an association ought similarly to imply acceptance of the Council's rules. But it does not always do so. No good purpose would be served by drawing attention to specific instances which have occurred in the past of the ignoring of the rulings and decisions of the Council—but they have not always been accepted, everywhere. It is true that it is only logical that membership of the Council should be accepted as commanding loyalty to its decisions, but ringers are not always noted for their logic. The position of the Council would ultimately, therefore, be strengthened if every affiliated Association and Guild were called upon to incorporate in its rules one which provided that the decisions of the Council should be accepted and recognised. Some associations have already got such a rule,

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

PRESENTATION TO REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

This year Cambridge University Guild has reached its jubilee and last week, on the occasion of their annual reunion, the event was celebrated by many of the members.

Known originally as 'The Clare Society of Ringers,' the Guild was founded on February 4th, 1879, by the Rev. W. C. Pearson and others of Clare College. Men from other Colleges joined, and in May of the same year the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey became President. This office he has held ever since, and for many years past his rooms in Great Court, Trinity, have been the headquarters of the Guild.



REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY, President for fifty years.

Mr. Boughey's enthusiasm has resulted in a large number of Cambridge men leaving the University with a knowledge of the art of ringing which has been turned to good purpose, and many well-known members of the Exercise owe their interest in ringing to the inspiration of the President of the University Guild.

The 19th annual reunion of members, held this year in Cambridge, brought together an especially good attendance to celebrate the jubilee of the foundation of the Guild on February 4th, 1879. The following were present for the whole or some part of the week: The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president, Canon W. W. C. Baker, the Revs. R. Copeman, M. C. Potter, H. L. James, E. B. James, Canon G. H. Ridout, Canon H. J. Elsee, the Revs. G. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson, R. H. Whitford, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, C. A. Clements, B. F. Sheppard, H. G. Benson, E. G. Benson, Messrs. J. T. Rickman, E. M. Atkins, R. O. Street, J. H. R. Freeborn, J. Butler, W. H. J. Hooton, M. C. G. Hooton, J. R. Duffield, F. E. Haynes.

During the week about twenty towers were visited within a radius of thirty miles from Cambridge. Four peals were attempted, of which three were successfully brought round. Members were pleased to have the opportunity of ringing on the reconstituted twelve at Saffron Walden, the fine ring of eight at St. Neots, and the well-known ten at St. James', Bury St. Edmunds. The 'go' of the Soham ten was much appreciated; they have recently been restored by a Soham firm.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation, the president entertained the Guild at dinner on Wednesday, September 4th, in Trinity. The dinner had been planned for February 4th, the actual day of the foundation, but all celebrations were postponed owing to the sudden and greatly lamented death of the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton. The postponement, however, gave the Guild an opportunity of congratulating Mr. Boughey on the completion of fifty years as president.

After the dinner, at which 26 members were present, Mr. Boughey in a few words proposed the health of 'The King.'

Canon Baker proposed 'The Guild,' coupled with the name of Mr. Boughey, who had done such wonderful work for the Guild during his long presidency.

Later, Canon Elsee also spoke of the work of the Guild and the value of the annual 'Ringing Week.' He went on to speak of the president and Mrs. Boughey, expressing a desire that the best wishes of the Guild should be conveyed to her.

Mr. Haynes, the Master, spoke in appreciation of the social side of the Guild's life in Cambridge. He read a letter from the Rt. Rev. B. C. Roberts, Bishop of Singapore, who lamented his inability to be present, and sent his best wishes for the continued success of the Guild.

On behalf of the Guild, the Master then presented Mr. Boughey with a large silver rose bowl, inscribed, 'A. H. F. Boughey, President, C.U.G.C.R., 1879-1929.'

In reply, the President thanked the Guild for its unexpected gift, and expressed his pleasure at entertaining so many of the Guild's members.



St. Andrew's Church, Soham, Cambs, where the Cambridge University Guild rang one of their peals during their 'Jubilee' week.

Prior to 1788 this tower had six bells, but in the year mentioned these were replaced by a ring of eight, cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham. In 1808, John Briant, of Hertford, recast the two smallest bells and added two trebles.

The Soham Youths thrived as a ringing society for many years. Among them were several members of the Tebbitt family, who took part in a number of peals, and in 1809 rang a 'family' peal in which three fathers and five sons took part, viz., Thomas Tebbitt and his sons John, Thomas and William, Robert Tebbitt and his son Robert, Edward Tebbitt, and Benjamin Tebbitt, who at that time was only 15 years of age. Whose son he was, the record does not say. At the time the new trebles were put in, Robert Tebbitt was one of the churchwardens, and his name appears on the bells. William Tebbitt, John Tebbitt, Robert Tebbitt and Thomas Tebbitt, jun., were still peal ringing in the year 1830, when with other Soham Youths they took part in a peal of Grand-sire Tittum Caters.

A SUNDAY RINGING TOUR.

The bellringers from St. Mary's Parish Church, Market Drayton, accompanied by friends from Wellington, Stanton, and Kenstone, had a very enjoyable outing, organised by Mr. W. Weatherby, on Sunday, August 25th. Leaving Drayton about 8 a.m., they travelled by charabanc, via Stafford, Lichfield, and Rugeley to Burton, where the beautiful church of St. Paul was inspected, the interior being greatly admired. They rang for morning service on the very fine peal of 10 bells with tenor of 28½ cwt. The bells were greatly admired by the whole party. Leaving Burton at 11.15, the party proceeded, via Ashby-de-la-Zouch to Loughborough, where an excellent lunch was partaken of. Afterwards the famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. was visited. The party were welcomed by Messrs. C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler, who took charge of and conducted them round the extensive works and explained the many intricacies and processes entailed in the casting and hanging of a modern peal of bells. Among the numerous peals of bells to be seen in the course of completion, special interest was taken in a carillon of 21 bells, which are destined for America, and which were fitted with an automatic keyboard, which the pianist of the visiting party was very loth to leave. A ring, tried on the light peal of ten erected in the foundry, caused a few anxious moments to some of the members owing to the lightness of the bells. The party proceeded to the little church at Stanford-on-Soar, where they rang on a nice peal of eight, after which Shepshed was visited and further ringing done. From here they went back to Loughborough and rang for evening service on the magnificent peal of ten at the Parish Church. After tea, all proceeded to Queen's Park to hear a carillon recital given by Mr. W. E. Jordan (borough carillonneur) on the magnificent carillon erected in the War Memorial tower. At 9.30 p.m. the party left for home, via Derby and Uttoxeter, and reached Drayton about 12.30 a.m., after having spent a highly-enjoyable and instructive time. The thanks of the party are due to members of the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for kindly giving their services in conducting the visitors.

A STAFFORDSHIRE OUTING.

On Saturday, August 31st, the Kingsley and Cheadle (Staffs) ringers visited Rugeley and Mavesyn Ridware. At each of these two places there is a very good going ring of six bells. Arriving at Rugeley, the party met with a very hearty welcome from the local men, who were delighted to see the visitors. During the latter part of the ringing here the pilot (Mr. H. Carnwell) was busy 'fishing out' a suitable place wherein they might refresh the inner man. His quest resulted in a capital tea being partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, after which the ringers went on to Mavesyn Ridware. The tower at this church holds a beautiful ring of six, recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise was rung. A tour of this 11th century church was then made under the conductorship of one of the local ringers, and was very much enjoyed. About 7.30 p.m. a start was made for home by way of Abbots Bromley, where a halt was made to 'cool the engine,' but when loading-up time came several of the 'young bloods' were missing (and, it is said, they were also missing). The delay created some anxiety, as one of the party had to make a connection at the other end of the ride. However, the delinquents turned up eventually, so 'all's well that ends well.' The thanks of the party are due to Mr. H. Carnwell and Mr. A. W. Hall for so ably attending to all the necessary arrangements.

FRESH SPLICING ?

On Sunday, July 14th, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, company rang 720 Cuneastre and Carlisle Surprise Minor spliced: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, P. H. Avey 2, W. Theobald 3, A. Prior 4, W. Miller 5, E. D. Smith 6. The same was again rung on July 29th, with E. J. Butler and G. Dawson standing in. On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Bourne and Netherseale spliced: G. L. Joyce, W. Theobald, A. Prior, G. Dawson, W. Miller, E. D. Smith (conductor). This is believed to be the first time these methods have been rung spliced.

NEW BELLS AT PENN, STAFFS.

The dedication of new bells at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, near Wolverhampton, took place on Sunday, August 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Stafford.

In the early part of this year it was found necessary to call in the bell hanger, and upon the report of his inspection being received the church authorities decided to make a clean sweep of the existing bells and frame, and were confronted with a task of raising a sum of about £500. This was tackled in grim earnest, with the object of getting the scheme completed by St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th, and the bells dedicated free from debt. This happy result was achieved, to the great credit of all concerned. Everybody worked hard, and if special mention may be made it is of Mr. Churchwarden Alan H. Twentyman and Mrs. Twentyman, with Miss Twentyman as a strong supporter; also of the Rev. W. I. Crump, assistant curate, who produced each week some novel posters which were exhibited in the village. The bellringers also did their part. Besides distributing upwards of 300 collecting boxes (which, by the way, realised over £80), themselves promised the sum of £20. The total sum obtained exceeds £600, the surplus cash going towards 'extras,' i.e., encasing the steel girders in concrete, copper-plating small parts of the fittings, etc.

The dedication ceremony took place at the morning service before a full congregation. A special form of service was used, during which the bells were chimed for a short period. After the service they were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local band, and the bells were also 'fired' several times.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were responsible for the work, are to be congratulated, both on the tone of the bells they have produced and the speedy way in which the scheme was completed, especially as difficult obstacles were encountered.

The basis of the old peal was four bells cast by William Bagley in 1696. In 1858, a treble and tenor were put in by Warner and Sons, and as a diamond jubilee memorial, Barwell's added two trebles in 1897. The new tenor is 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A, with a diameter of 37½ inches, and the total weight of the bells is 45 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. The old inscriptions have been reproduced, with certain additions, as follows:—

Treble.—Victoria Regina Vocor. Jacobus Barwell de Birmingham Exceudit Me. Dedicatus Sum in Honorem Dei in Sexagesimo Anno Regni Victoriae Reginae et Imperatrix, A.D. MDCCCXCVII. Recast 1929.

2.—Victoria Regina Vocor. Jacobus Barwell de Birmingham Exceudit Me. Dedicatus Sum in Honorem Dei in Sexagesimo Anno Regni Victoriae Reginae et Imperatrix, A.D. MDCCCXCVII. Recast 1929.

3.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1858. Recast 1929. Edgar Hartill, Vicar.

4.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929.

5.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929. Alan Henry Twentyman and Cecil Robert James Pugh, Churchwardens.

6.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929.

7.—Richard Raban and Thomas Nock, Church Wardens, 1696. Recast 1929.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1858. Recast 1929.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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but the majority have not, although, of course, the fact that they have not does not necessarily make them, as an organisation, any the less loyal in intention to the Council. But the fact that the rule appears in the constitution of an association would bring it home to the members of that association that they are expected to honour the rulings of the Council as loyally as they respect the rules of their own society. The least significant village cricket club would not for a moment think of setting up its own standard of recognition of the laws of the game. Why then should individual ringers or companies not be animated with the same spirit, and wholeheartedly accept the 'laws' which the Council lays down? The ringers have the right to send whom they choose to represent them, and, being thus represented, the policy of the Council on any question—the laws of the game' or anything else—is what the ringers like to make it. It is possible that this spirit is not yet fully developed in the Exercise, and that among certain classes of ringers it needs encouraging. If so, this is one of the first matters to which the Council should turn its attention.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARDS AT TROWBRIDGE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. James' Church, Trowbridge, on Monday, August 26th, when the new Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nisbett-Wallace) attended to dedicate three peal boards. One of these boards contained the records of two peals—one of Grandsire Caters, rung on July 7th, National Thanksgiving Day, to celebrate the safe recovery of H.M. the King, and the other, rung on March 9th, in honour of the 81st birthday of Mrs. James Lansdown, of Trowbridge.

There was quite a gathering in the tower for the unveiling, several members of the Lansdown family being present (as a mark of appreciation of the kindness of the ringers to Mrs. Lansdown), together with the church officials, the local ringers and ringers from Devizes and Melksham, who took part in the national thanksgiving peal.

Mr. Sam Hector was at the belfry door with the Rector, and introduced the visitors as they arrived. Mr. Hector apologised for the absence of the tower captain, Mr. C. F. Andrews.

After opening prayers had been said by the Rector, Mr. Hector explained the objects of their presence that evening. Mrs. Lansdown's family had always done much for the bells and the ringers in Trowbridge, he said, and he asked Mr. P. M. Snailum to unveil the board recording the peal rung in honour of Mrs. Lansdown's birthday.

Mr. Philip M. Snailum said it was a great honour to him, as the eldest of Mrs. Lansdown's grandchildren, to have been invited to unveil the peal board. He spoke of the great pleasure it gave Mrs. Lansdown to hear the sweet music of St. James' bells on her birthday, and he wished to convey to them all her gratitude for the exceptional and high honour that had been done her.

Mr. Hector then asked the Rector to unveil the portion of the board recording the thanksgiving peal for the King's recovery. The Rector said he would like to congratulate the ringers upon the peal which they had rung, and he was very glad to see that the Lord Lieutenant of the county had sent them a letter of thanks and congratulations. They all rejoiced at the recovery of His Majesty the King.

At the Rector's request, the General Thanksgiving was said, and he then dedicated the tablets.

Two more tablets were afterwards dedicated, one recording the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung for the Salisbury Guild in the county in 1925, and a peal rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1923.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a course of Grandsire Caters was rung, much to the interest of those who had never before visited the tower.

A HALF-PEAL AND A BROKEN ROPE.

At All Saints' Church, Gresford, Denbighshire, on Wednesday, August 14th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples (Heywood's) (2,604 changes) in 1 hr. 32 mins.: T. Butler, sen., 1, R. Sperring 2, G. R. Jones 3, P. Swindley 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, J. C. E. Simpson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Tilston 8. A peal was being attempted, but the bells were allowed to 'run home' after the half-way single owing to the fraying of the 5th rope, which broke immediately after rounds was reached.

On the previous Saturday, the same band was stopped at Chester after ringing a quarter of the peal on account of illness near the church.

MR. ERNEST F. POPPY'S 300 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted
Forward Maximus	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	7	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Stedman Cinques	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	—
Bob Royal	1	—
Stedman Caters	4	—
Grandsire Caters	1	—
London Surprise Major	2	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	1
Superlative Surprise Major	56	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	55	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	37	7
Oxford Treble Bob Major	38	11
Bob Major	16	8
Stedman Triples	25	—
Grandsire Triples	4	—
Bob Triples	1	—
Surprise Minor	11	—
Other methods Minor	11	—
Totals	300	30

By a coincidence, Mr. Poppy rang the 9th at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, to his 100th, 200th, and 300th peals. Rung in 64 towers.

NOTICES.

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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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 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. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.—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 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations: Cuffley and Potters Bar. Buses from Barnet. Practice meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, September 19th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- Business meeting. — G. L. Grover, Dis. 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.—H. W. Kirton, Longmeads Cottage, Writtle, Chelmsford.

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. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrexall on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel 5.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Beds and Herts Associations will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy; D. Mears' School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A by-meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, September 14th. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. F. Wallington, Long Stanton, Cambridge.—Katherine Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winslow, Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- each.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec., Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Church of St. John the Baptist. Eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea (free). Meeting in the Institute at 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Tideswell in connection with the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association. Arrangements for tea, please see M.C.A. notice.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Durweston, Sept. 14th. Towers: Durweston (6), Bryanston (6), Blandford (8), Pimperne (5). — A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The Crawford Silver Cup Competition will be held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. First company drawn to take ropes at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to be held after contest. Those desiring tea must inform the honorary secretary before Sept. 18th. Bells available to all ringers immediately after contest. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Municipal Restaurant 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. G. W. Faulkner, 84, Abbey Road, Barking, by Thursday, the 19th, latest? This meeting has been specially arranged in conjunction with the Week's Hallowing Services held in connection with the restoration of the ancient Abbey Church of St. Margaret's. All ringing friends cordially invited.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea following. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—For the quarterly meeting to be held on Sept. 21st the following three towers will be visited: Rampisham, Evershot and South Perrott. A charabanc will call for ringers at Bridport 2 p.m., Bradpole 2.10 p.m., Netherbury 2.20 and Beaminster and Stoke Abbott 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided only for those sending names by the 17th inst.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 18th?—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stone, near Kidderminster, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary not later than Sept. 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those requiring tea send their names without fail to Mr. Bishop, Church Cottage, Stoodleigh, by Tuesday, Sept. 17th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day). Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Meeting at 4.30, followed by tea and service at 6 p.m.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. — D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before Sept. 18th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Thursday, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea can only be guaranteed for those who notify Mr. R. Howard, High Street, Barley, Herts, before Thursday, Sept. 19th.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Privett on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at the Privett Bush Inn, Privett Station. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Thursday, Sept. 19th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all the afternoon. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—T. Metcalf, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, not later than Sept. 18th?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All ringers welcome. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Full particulars next week.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome.—J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Please notify me by Wednesday, 25th, without fail.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by 25th inst. at latest. Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m. and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than 24th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint district meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/3 each. All intending to be present will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 24th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Rd., Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1/6 each, send word not later than September 23rd, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8), also Biteswell (6), available during afternoon. Other details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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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ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Norton 3, A. J. Pitman 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stith (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also a wedding compliment to the conductor, who was married the same day.

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