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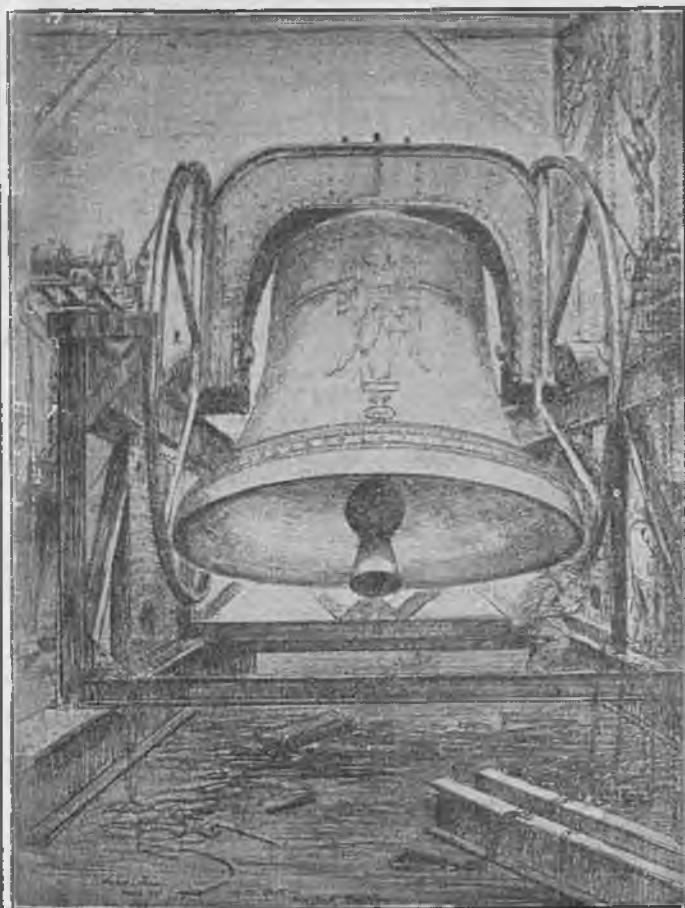
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THE REVISED 'COLLECTION.'

When, in 1907, the Central Council published the 'Collection of Legitimate Methods' it rendered one of its greatest services to the advancement of the art of ringing. It was the first attempt to give ringers a book of methods which covered anything like a complete field; but it went a good deal further than this, it set up a new standard. At the time of its appearance more or less any kind of method of Doubles or Minor, which would produce the extent of changes on five or six bells, was accepted and practised. The 'Collection of Legitimate Methods' gave ringers for the first time that which was best and most worth practising in this direction, a great deal of it also being entirely new. Moreover, it demonstrated that in the realm of 'regular' methods there was ample scope for ringers without having to resort to others which were imperfect in structure or produced features, such as the tenors the wrong way in the plain course, which made them much less worth ringing or, indeed, put them into a category that should be actually discouraged. The appearance of the 'Collection of Legitimate Methods' marked a definite stage in the advancement of the art, and six-bell ringing particularly has risen as a result to a higher standard of quality and variety, so far as the methods generally practised are concerned, than ever before.

To-day there is offered to the Exercise a new edition of the 'Collection.' It is more than five years since the old issue went out of print, and ringers have waited long and patiently for its reproduction. In recompense they have now at their command a volume much more extensive in its proportions. It covers nearly 150 pages, gives all the 'regular' methods of Doubles and Minor; and offers a wider field to five-bell ringers by including a number of 'irregular' methods. For all these methods—and there are over 200—it shows how bobs and, where necessary, singles should be made and its completeness is rounded off by compositions for every one of them. In these two respects it goes beyond what was attempted in the first edition and the book is consequently of infinitely greater value in its usefulness than its predecessor.

Ringers will probably differ in opinion as to whether the same utility has been served by the inclusion of an exhaustive collection of 'Alliance' Minor methods, which will not produce an extent unless spliced with a Little method, and they will also be divided upon the still more vexed question of printing a dozen pages of compositions which produce repetitions within the limits of an 'extent.' The Methods Committee's desire to explore the whole ground was unquestionably laudable, but their insistence
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upon including the entire product of their researches in the present volume has added very materially to the cost of production—which will not, we think, be so completely appreciated by those who will want to buy the volume. Nevertheless, the new edition of this collection, which no practical five or six-bell ringer can afford to be without, and which every ringer—whether six or twelve-bell—ought to study if he would improve his knowledge of the art, is more than value for the three shillings at which it is sold. The Methods Committee—the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope—deserve the cordial thanks of the Exercise for what they have done in the revision and expansion of the volume, and although we have at times been critical of some of it, we say without hesitation that by their work they have contributed permanently and in no small measure to the progress of ringing on five and six bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... Treble	*FRANK WEST 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Roberts was on holiday from Truro, Cornwall. This composition, produced with 250 singles and 58 bobs, never allows either the 7th or tenor to dodge in 1-2, and may be the greatest number of calls introduced into a treble-dominated method of the length.

BUREFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	*WILLIAM DIXON 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	†WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*THOMAS TIMMS 4	GORDON CADEWELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal and members of the local band. † 100th peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 20th, in 25 mins., at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Baileys 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. Baileys 3, W. A. Wood 4, C. E. Carr 5, A. Ballard (conductor) 6. Rang in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Warwick, Mr. Warwick being hon. secretary to the local ringers. First 720 Treble Bob for ringers of treble and 4th, first 'inside' for ringer of 3rd and first 720 as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to the local band, 5th Broughton Astley and tenor Stoney Stanton.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LENTON Treble	WILLIAM R. TATE 5
*OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	*ALBERT T. STRANGWARD 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 7
HARRY BROWN 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Stedman.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF JOHN HOLT'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES A. HARDING Treble	EDGAR LEWIS 5
JESSE H. BEAZER 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
ELI S. BEAZER 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
CHARLES W. BELL 4	VICTOR R. SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

This peal was rung as a special birthday honour to Mr. Joel Weeks, sub-captain of the local band, who has served the church and belfry faithfully and well since his Confirmation.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1 reble	JACK BAILEY 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition, containing seven calls in every course but three, is now rung for the first time.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CECIL ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
*MISS E. GARNER 2	*ALFRED KING 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
*ROBERT YOUNG 4	WILLIAM AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ROBERT LAUGHTON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
ARTHUR SKELTON 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	CECIL DRAKE 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th. The band and their friends were hospitably entertained after the peal.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church on Monday, August 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins.: A. E. Hunter 1, W. Pullen 2, W. E. Enticknap 3, A. Collyer 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, H. G. Foster 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*JOHN G. NASH 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 of Bristol. Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN 5
JAMES E. DAVIS 2	FREDERICK DIGBY 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow on his 72nd birthday, and also as a birthday and wedding peal for Mr. E. J. Beer, who was married to Miss J. Jones at the above church earlier in the day, the band wishing them long life and happiness.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES S. WILDE'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	PERCY L. HARRISON 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for Mr. Hazell, of Cambridge, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
*WILLIAM COLEY 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*WALTER L. TOOGOOD Treble	*WALLACE BURGESS 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	*REGINALD CLARKE 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	WILLIAM WOODHEAD Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt, and only commenced ringing ten months ago. First peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of Major on the recast bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
* F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
WILLIAM HOKAN 3	* JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	THOMAS R. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung on the 73rd birthday of the ringers of the 5th.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFF 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble	PERCIVAL L. COOK 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	* ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 6
HAROLD SYMONDS 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
MISS K. WILLERS 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

The ringer of the 7th has now completed the circle in this tower.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. F. CLEMENTS Treble	F. CLEMENTS 5
T. PENDRY 2	W. ROSE 6
H. HALFORD 3	GEO. H. WALTERS 7
W. TOWNSEND 4	J. J. CADSON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by GEO. H. WALTERS.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Kathleen Halford on attaining her 21st birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ALBERT FIEST Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
† WILLIAM STENNING 2	GEORGE LUCAS 6
MORRIS SMITH 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	* CHARLES DIPLOCK Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* HERBERT F. DALE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
* RICHARD G. BELL 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	* HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Hibbert's 100th peal for the association.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HENRY E. COX Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN CLARK 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	* EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ALFRED T. POULTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt. A birthday peal for Donald G. Clift and Wilfrid Williams.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A wedding compliment to the son of the ringer of the 3rd, Mr. W. A. Wood, who was married on August 18th.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Kempsey, Worcestershire, on Saturday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Allen Morgon 1, John J. Jeffries 2, William Lewis 3, Reginald Woodyatt 4, Thomas W. Lewis (conductor) 5, Eric Crump tenor (21 cwt.). Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor after the failure of an attempt for a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
*KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
*HARRY D. LISTER 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods.

ST. RUDEAUX, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. RUDEAUX AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
*WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	*SIDNEY P. SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells, also first peal on the bells since rehanging and restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who also recast the 5th and tenor. J. E. Lilley's 60th peal.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. PAYNE Treble	†WILLIAM RIMMELL 4
†JAMES O. ATTWOOD 2	OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
ALFRED J. WHITTLE 3	JOSEPH GREENS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

BERNARD PETTITT Treble	ERNEST PIERSON 4
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	OLAVE BROYD 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, one of the old Gestingthorpe band and now a member of the Oxford Guild, who was proposed a member of the Essex Association previous to the peal.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and three 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	†FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
*THOMAS C. JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
CHARLES JAINE 3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Arranged to enable the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson to take part in a peal with the Jaine family, both families having been connected with Kimbolton Church for many years.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at 7, Notley Road, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,334 changes) in 38 mins.: Basil Redgwell 1-2, George Wiffen 3-4, Lewis W. Wiffen (conductor) 5-6, Albert Wiffen 7-8.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	WM. H. DAVIES 4
ROBERT A. GITTENS 2	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Sidebotham.

EXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS ... 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	*T. W. STRANGEWAY ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8
JOSEPH THACKRAY 9-10	

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: CHAS. E. LAWSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First 'silent' peal on ten bells by the association.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wiffen, mother of L. W. and A. Wiffen.

ANOTHER PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,376 BY THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

23456 B. In M. W. 4 H.

23564	—	—
52364	—	—
35264	—	—

25463	—	—
56234	—	—
427365	—	—
567432	—	—
237546	—	—
647253	—	—
357624	—	—
36245	—	—
42563	—	—
56423	—	—
45623	—	—
64523	—	—

42635	2	2	3
23456	2	2	3

Reduced to 5,024 by omitting the M. B. H. marked *. First rung at Westthoughton, Launceston, August 22nd, 1931, conducted by the composer.

PEALS OF THE 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	* WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 800th peal. Mr. Fussell's peals have been rung in 57 counties of Great Britain and include all the English and Welsh shires excepting Anglesey.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	REGINALD T. DENNIS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SOHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	REGINALD T. DENNIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
WILLIAM BIDNELL 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman Caters by the association.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM BIDNELL Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	* CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Superlative 'inside.'

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	REGINALD T. DENNIS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	REGINALD T. DENNIS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	REGINALD T. DENNIS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART NO. 59.

231456

321456	2	6	7	9	10S	12	13	17
A213564	2	7	9	10		14		
B312654	2	7	9	10	11	12	14	
2A231465								
B132645								

432561	2	7S	8	11				
C534612	2	6	7	9	10	11	14	
D653214	2	4	5	6	7	9	10	11
C256143								
C152436								
C451362								
C354621								
D635124								
312645	2	6	7	9			14	

Repeat last nine courses five times, omitting bobs at 10 11 in the third course of the first and fourth repetitions, and calling the first course in all 2 6 7 9 10 11 14.

The course ends between the singles are at slow sixes.
Rung at West Hallam, Derbyshire, on July 8th, 1931. Conducted by M. Swinfield.

OLD RAYLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

George Neville, one of the old Rayleigh ringers, was buried on August 15th. He will be sadly missed. He rang in the first peal on the bells, was most regular in his attendance for service ringing, was always cheerful and obliging, he loved the bells and his jolly face beamed with contentment when a touch came home.

As the muffled bells rang out their solemn message one could but think—we lose the old ringers one by one and the youngsters do not come on as they should. What of the future in these country towers?

W. H. J.

A 'UNITED' OUTING.

Two Bristol Guilds were undecided about their annual outing, and it appeared that one at least would not be held. The two, however, were brought together, and with a few more ringers enlisted to swell the party, an extensive motor tour of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire was carried out. At Tewkesbury they visited the Abbey and at Worcester stopped first for lunch (kindly arranged by Mr. S. Holt) at the Swan Hotel. They were met by Mr. Dennis Morris and afterwards inspected the Cathedral. They then did some ringing on the light peal of eight at Claines and next stopped at the R.C. Church of the Golden Heart to view the wonderful mosaic interior, which alone was well worth the trip. Here they were met by Mr. Holt, who escorted them to Droitwich. Although no longer busy in the salt industry, the town still exhibits some of the effects of pumping, and it was the intention of the party to view the 'Crooked House,' where 'specific gravity' is apparently defied. Sad to relate, time did not permit of this, and there was a further disappointment at Old Dodderhill, where the bells were not available. At St. Peter-de-Wilton, however, the visitors had a pull on the light ring of six, even Cambridge Surprise Minor being rung. This was the furthest point of the circular journey and the return was made through Pershore, Eckington, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham to the Golden Hart at Painswick. Here they were overtaken by a violent thunderstorm, and, although the sight of it in the Cotswolds was spectacular, the bravery of the party seemed doubtful (in any case they could not be dragged away until the storm had subsided). St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Thomas', St. Stephen's and Mangotsfield Guilds were represented on the tour, and all enjoyed the long and interesting journey. Their thanks are extended to Mr. S. Holt, Mr. Morris and Mr. Smith (Droitwich).

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A. J. FITTMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB, NO. 3.

231456		continued	
142536	A	324156	G
546321	B	123564	H
643152	3 C	435216	G
345261	D	234165	H
541326	4 E	536421	3 E
432561	F	164352	G
125346	G	361524	E
321465	H	415632	G
514236	G	316254	2 E
215364	H	521643	2 G
453126	G	652341	I
154263	H	356412	E
251634	E	284531	G
625431	I	562314	E
426315	E	423651	G
563241	G	526134	2 E
265413	E	312645	2 G
354621	G	416523	2 E
152436	3 E	365142	G
451362	H	163425	E
213546	G	534612	G
512463	H	231456	3 E
A 2	6 7 9	S 11 12 13	
B 1 3	6 7 8	10 11	
C 1 3 5	6 7	10 11	
D 1 3 5	6 7	8 9	12
E 2	8 7	10 11 12 14	
F 2	6 7	9	14
G 2	6 7 8 9	12 14	
H 2	6 7	9 10 11 14	
I 2 4 5 6 7		10 11 12 14	

In this peal there are seven calls in every course but three.

First rung at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, by the M.C.A. on August 19th, conducted by M. Swinfield.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins.: C. E. Wigg 1, T. Bond 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. E. Lock 4, J. Honey 5, R. A. Past 6, J. Nobes (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, G. Caudwell 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At long last the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' makes its reappearance. For over five years the Exercise, and especially the five and six-bell ringers, have awaited its issue. Now that it is here we shall be surprised if the whole edition is not quickly sold out. Readers will find further reference to the volume in our leading article, and an advertisement gives particulars as to how it may be obtained.

The peal of Doubles at Overbury was arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle, of Donnington, Berks, who was on a visit to his native village. The treble and tenor ringers are local men, the former scoring his first peal. The three others are from Bredons-Norton and kindly made up the band at short notice.

The earliest portions of the present church at Overbury date from about 1150. The bells, although a mixed lot, are quite tuneful. The second is over 400 years old, the third was cast at Leicester about 1550, the 4th and 5th by Roger Purdue in 1641, and the tenor by Rudhall in 1719.

The bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, are being removed to be retuned and rehanging in new steel frame. There will, consequently, be no ringing at this tower until further notice.

The bells of St. John's Church, Yeovil, which are being restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are to be reopened on Thursday, September 24th, at 7 p.m.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are rehangings the bells at Henlow, Beds, and adding a treble to make a ring of six.

The Suffolk Guild meeting at Fressingfield, arranged for to-morrow, has been postponed. The East Grinstead Guild meeting on September 5th has been transferred to Hartfield.

We recently received the report of a Lincoln Guild peal rung on June 28th and conducted by J. W. Lake. The name of the place where the peal was rung is not mentioned. Will the sender of the report please supply the missing information.

METHOD SPLICING.

In the preface to the new edition of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' the Methods Committee say: 'It was suggested that we should give some rules for splicing methods. . . . We found, however, that the space at our disposal did not admit of our dealing adequately with the subject.'

There is no need, however, for ringers to be at a loss on this very interesting phase of ringing. Method splicing is the newest field of advance and interest in the art, and a lucid explanation of the principle and exhaustive practical hints on the subject can be found in the book, 'Method Splicing,' published by 'The Ringing World,' price, post free, 1s. 3d. The 'Collection' gives you the methods. 'Method Splicing' shows how as many as six methods may be introduced into a single 720.

THE FALSE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The peal of Superlative rung at Great Baddow on February 7th, 1931, for the Essex Association was the false composition as reported in your issue of the 14th. I must apologise to those who took part in the peal and also to others, as it was not only a birthday peal for one of the band, but also a silver wedding peal for an hon. member of the association and a wedding peal for another ringer's son.—Yours truly,

W. KEEBLE.

DEATH OF MR. JIM BLACKMORE.

A POPULAR SOMERSET RINGER.

Ringers generally, and especially those of the Bath and Wells Diocese, will be sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. J. Blackmore, for twelve years captain of the ringers at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare. He was 63 years of age and had been a ringer for close on 50 years. During part of that time he resided at Congresbury. He was enthusiastic and keen on good striking. Let there be the faintest suspicion of clanging and 'Jim' would at once call 'Rounds'! He was most popular with everyone, especially those interested in the art of ringing. Of slight build and anything but robust in appearance, he would, at the annual outings, insist on 'sampling' the tenors at the different towers visited.

The funeral took place on Monday, August 17th, at the Weston-super-Mare Cemetery, his body being taken to the Parish Church on the previous day. Subsequently his comrades rang a muffled touch, and, according to his wishes, they also acted as bearers. In addition to the family mourners and friends who were present at the graveside were his brother ringers from the Parish Church, viz., Messrs. E. Parker, W. Popham, W. Crandon, J. Jones, W. Pitman, L. Tanner (secretary, Axbridge Deanery), H. Minifie, W. Tanner, H. Parsons, A. Wilkerson and P. Hey (Burnham-on-Sea). Amongst the numerous floral tokens sent was one 'In loving memory of dear "Jim," from his brother ringers.'

The Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher conducted the memorial service, which was held preparatory to the interment. This was largely attended and was a tribute to the deceased's likeable personal qualities and of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-ringers.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. DELAYED FACULTY CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF RE-OPENING.

As we foreshadowed last week, the delay in the issue of the necessary faculty for the restoration of the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, has rendered inevitable the postponement of the date of re-opening, which had been fixed for September 26th.

For a month the Committee waited for the Chancellor's sanction. At the end of last week his approval of the petition was given, but other formalities have to be complied with. The citation was posted on the church door on Sunday and has to remain there until after next Sunday, when, if no appearance is entered in opposition, 'the faculty will be passed and sealed as prayed.' After that the work can be commenced, but too late to complete it by the end of September.

This delay is much to be regretted for many reasons. It has totally upset the plans for the re-opening of the bells, but the work will be pressed forward with all speed, and the announcement of the new date for the ringers' gathering will be made at the earliest possible moment. It is a great disappointment to those responsible for carrying out the scheme that it has been held up in this manner, but the Committee were powerless in the matter.

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Total £481 12 6

SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—To Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's account of Samuel Scattergood might be added the following record of him, quoted in my 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (p. 251), where, after reviewing Stedman's visit to Leicester (1669), I say: 'Thus were the Leicester Scholars established, and the seed which Stedman planted evidently grew, for we find the Leicester men travelling as far as Solihull, Birmingham, in 1686 to try the new eight bells. The following quaint certificate is to be seen in the Parish Records:—

27th day August 1686

These are to certify whom it may concern: that I Samuel Scattergood, Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester, having severall times viewed and tryed ye sound of ye new bells lately cast by Mr. Henry Bagley Bellfounder of ye Parish Church of Solihull in ye County of Warw: and now hung in ye sd Church: especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd by myself and about 20 other skillful psions accompanying me from LEICESTER to that purpose doe with ye genl approbation and consent of ye said Persons, judge all ye sd 8 bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and Metal ye chearfullest and best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard. And also that ye clappers and other iron work and tackle with which ye aforesd 8 Bells are hung, are now made quite good, so as to need no further alteracon, that I know of. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this aforesd 27th day of August and dni 1686 Sam. Scattergood.'

The latter extract is culled from the 'History of Solihull Parish Church,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, and, in view of Mr. Trollope's remarks, is interesting, because it shows that Scattergood ACTUALLY RANG THESE BELLS, and, further, the Leicester men evidently (as I remark in my book) were considered a good set of ringers. This visit with Scattergood to Solihull would be natural in view of the latter's association with Stedman and Stedman's visit to Leicester. I may add that the 3rd bell at Blockley bears the name 'Samuell Scattergood Rector 1683.' He was here 1681-1696.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Bath Road, Hounslow, members and friends to the number of 25 or so putting in an appearance on one of the very few fine Saturday afternoons of this summer. Ringing commenced promptly at 4 and was continued until 5.30, when a break was made for tea. The business was soon dispensed with, the Master, Mr. H. Mance, presiding, and ringing was resumed till 8 p.m. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on this light peal by Warner (tenor 8½ cwt.), which go like the proverbial tops. After reaching Superlative and Cambridge, the ringing concluded with a touch of 'Grandsire'! Someone said it was a pity to entirely neglect it, as it had been a good servant in the past. A social hour was held at a 'place' where the handbells were made good use of, several novices having the pleasure of ringing their first touches. Messrs. Goddard, Tricker, Milner and Ellingham delighted the company with tunes. In looking round, the writer observed representatives of the College Youths, the Royal Cumberlands, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Thanks were returned to the Vicar and to Messrs. Tricker and Gash for their help.

NEW RING OF EIGHT AT GRAYSHOTT.

SPLENDID LIGHT OCTAVE FOR GUILDFORD DIOCESE.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells, erected by Messrs. Meas and Stainbank, at Grayshott, in the Guildford Diocese, took place on Wednesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by the Assistant Bishop, Dr. Golding-Bird. The church stands in a very charming position on the gentler slope leading up to Hindhead, which is one of the most picturesque points in South-Eastern England. The parish and the church, dedicated to St. Luke, are both modern, the parish being formed in 1898, and the main part of the existing church being completed about ten years later. The tower and spire were finished in 1910, in which year also the clock and three bells were given. The hours and quarters were struck on the bells, but only the hour-bell was capable of being swung. It was proposed in 1910 that the number of bells should be increased to six, and Messrs. Warner and Sons (who cast the three bells) were asked to give an estimate for such a ring, but the proposal was allowed to drop, the expense being considered too great for a parish which had just built a new church.



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GRAYSHOTT.

In the summer of 1930 the question was raised at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council whether something more could be done with the existing bells, and it was resolved to make an attempt to increase the number to six, or, if sufficient funds could be raised, to eight. Within a year of the scheme being launched it has been carried through successfully, and Grayshott possesses a wonderful little octave in the key of A flat. The tenor is less than 8½ cwt., but the whole peal is a well-balanced and musical ring. Both in the tower and outside from all positions they can be heard admirably and are a great credit to the founders. The bells are hung on ball bearings in an iron frame, and, although the tower, internally, is of small dimensions, they are all hung on one level.

Some of our readers will doubtless be interested in the weights of the bells.

Treble, bearing the names of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Garth Ireland, and the churchwardens, V. S. Woods and Walter C. Ryde, 2 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

2nd, inscribed 'The parishioners gave me, "Sing, rejoice and give thanks,"' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

3rd, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

4th, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

5th, 'Kathleen Vance gave me, "Come, all ye faithful,"' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

6th, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

7th, 'Walter C. Ryde and Eleanor Ryde gave me, "Lift up your hearts,"' 7 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

Tenor, 'This clock and bell were given in 1910 to the memory of G.S., 1824-1910,' 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

The three old bells have, of course, been recast so that they may be completely in harmony with the rest. All the bells bear the names of the bellfounders and the date 1931.

THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation attended the dedication service, among the clergy present being the Rev. J. M. Jeakes, the first Vicar of Grayshott. Immediately following the dedicatory prayers and while the procession was returning from the tower to the chancel, a few rounds were rung.

The Bishop preached a homely sermon, in the course of which he said they had given to God that day something which, every time they heard it, they knew other people would hear and would be told that God was thinking about them. The sound of those bells would remind them that someone was ringing for them and that there was Someone Who cared about them. He wanted them to resolve that on the occasion of the dedication of those bells they would dedicate themselves afresh to God's service—give a little more of their hearts to God for Christ's sake. He added that the amount required to complete the payment for the bells was only £45, and he asked them to extinguish the debt that day. The bells had rung out, and they were quite in tune, but perhaps people would feel a little self-conscious if they were not quite paid for.

During the singing of the last hymn, one well known to many ringers, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' a collection for the bells fund was taken.

As the congregation left the church 504 Stedman Triples was rung in splendid fashion by J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere) 2, A. H. Pilling (Guildford) 3, R. Overy (Haslemere) 4, M. Smither (Chiddingfold) 5, C. E. Smith (Godalming) 6, R. Philpott (Guildford) 7, A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 8. The bells gave great pleasure to the many listeners, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, who, with Mr. A. R. Macdonald, was present to represent the founders, received many congratulations upon having produced a very fine peal.

It was intended that the service should be followed by a garden party at the Vicarage, to which the parishioners and visitors were invited, but, owing to the wet weather, tea was served instead in the Village Hall, where Mrs. Ryde, assisted by Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Woods, was the hostess.

The Vicar extended a welcome to many visiting friends, and, in reviewing the scheme for the provision of the bells, said the suggestion for a full peal was made at one of their Parochial Church Council meetings less than a year ago, and it might have fallen to the ground if it had not been taken up with characteristic enthusiasm by their friend, Mr. Ryde. Mr. Ryde was an old ringer, and it had been his secret ambition, ever since he had been connected with the church, to see a peal of bells in the tower. Now he could not only see them, but hear them, and he believed this was one of the great days of his life. Certainly if it had not been for Mr. Ryde they would not have had this peal of bells that day (applause). The Vicar added that they had got a young band of ringers together. They had 17 altogether and 13 of them had been in diligent practice for some months past. They had women ringers as well as men, and he believed they were going to have an enthusiastic band of unpaid ringers who were going to be true churchmen and members of the Diocesan Guild. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to bring this scheme to fruition, and especially to Mr. Ryde for his magnificent services.

Mr. V. S. Woods seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Ryde, who was received with loud cheers, said the remarks which had been made about him were very much exaggerated. The people who had brought this scheme to success were the people who had contributed to the fund. In proposing a vote of thanks to various people who had helped them in connection with their scheme, Mr. Ryde said among those who had helped them most were the people connected with the Haslemere band of ringers. First of all, Major Hesse had been of great assistance to them. He was of great assistance to them when the question was raised as to whether the tower was strong enough to carry the bells which had been installed in it, and he had visited the belfry on several occasions since. He also wanted to thank the other members of the Haslemere band who had taught the learners of the Grayshott band the rudiments of the art. Among those he would specially like to mention was Mr. Richard Hayes, who at once volunteered to give instruction to those who knew

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Browndale R.C. Church on Saturday. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing, no doubt, to counter-attractions at Chorley and Hoghton, but about 30 ringers were present, including visitors from Church and Glossop. The bells were raised shortly before 3 o'clock and were rung in various methods, from Plain Rob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, until nearly 9 o'clock, with an interval for tea and the business meeting.

Mr. William Sharples presided at the business meeting, which was rather a lengthy one, as there were several matters out of the ordinary routine to be dealt with.

The branch secretary presented a report on the past year's activity in the branch: Since our last annual meeting we have held meetings at Croston, Eccleston, Brindle, Preston Parish and St. Mark's, Walton-le-Dale, Hoghton, Tarleton and Goosnargh, as well as a joint meeting at Blackburn, with an average attendance of 25. The standard of ringing in the branch generally is rather better, judging by the methods which members from various towers can ring, compared with twelve months ago, although advancement in the Surprise methods is rather slow, except perhaps in the Brindle tower, where, one is pleased to note, they keep up to their high standard, as proved by their ringing the first peal of London Surprise Minor for the association. The number of branch peals is less than last year, the total being ten, compared with 13. These have been rung in six different towers. Three of the peals were rung with bells half-muffled, the two at Samlesbury and Eccleston being rung as a last token of respect for two well-known branch members, Messrs. A. E. Woodhouse, of Walton-le-Dale, and R. Rigby, of Eccleston. Thirty-one members took part in one or more peals, three ringing their first peal, eleven their first in a particular method, one his first as conductor, and one first as conductor in a certain method. The bells at Goosnargh, after being unused for years, have been overhauled, retuned and relunged by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are now in good condition. Subscriptions are up to the average, although some members leave them rather late in the year. The membership is very little different to last year. Six new members have been elected, which will balance the losses through death and other causes.—The secretary was then thanked for his report.

Correspondence was then read from the Lancaster Branch secretary and also from Mr. Marsh, of the Wigan Branch, with regard to joint meetings with those branches. The Lancaster secretary having intimated that it was not opportune to hold a joint meeting at Scorton in September, as had been suggested, it was decided to defer the matter to a later date.

With respect to the suggestion to hold a joint meeting at Ormskirk between the Preston, Wigan and Liverpool Branches, it was thought after discussion that, seeing that the annual association meeting at Manchester would only be a fortnight before the date suggested, the attendance of members from the Preston Branch would, perhaps, not be very representative, but in order to give any who desired to go to Ormskirk an opportunity of doing so, it was decided to hold the Preston Branch meeting for October at a later date than the one at Ormskirk.

The place and date of next meeting having been decided upon, the election of a branch committeeman took place, Mr. William Sharples, the retiring member, being re-elected unanimously.

Mr. Sharples, in thanking the members for their renewed confidence and for their help at the meetings, said the branch ought to do more and better ringing, and he would like to see the time when every tower in the branch had rung a peal during the year.—Other members spoke in a similar strain, while Mr. William Taylor thought the branch ought to spend a part of their next meeting in discussing how to promote and get good striking.—Another member then suggested that Mr. Taylor should prepare a paper on the subject, to be followed by open discussion.

After other important business had been discussed, the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities for the use of bells, the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for his services during the year.

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nothing about the art of ringing. He also wanted to include in the vote of thanks those eight members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild who were showing them how bells could be rung.

Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Bishop Golding-Bird thanked Mrs. Ryde and her co-hostesses for the charming manner in which they had served the tea.

It was announced that Mr. Ryde had been appointed captain of the tower. Mr. F. Upperton hon. secretary of the ringers, and Mr. Hawkins steepiekeeper.

At the conclusion of the meeting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the ringers already mentioned, and, subsequently, the few others who were present rang Grandsire Triples, a touch of Stedman and a course of Treble Bob. A course of Bob Major was made possible by Mr. John Thomas, who carried out the hanging of the bells, ringing two. Some of the new local band also took part in ringing rounds.

LOST PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on 'Lost Peals' in this week's 'Ringing World,' the main idea behind the suggested record in the Oxford Guild is that, if a society or guild has a record at the end of the year of these 'lost peals,' it gives that society an idea of the attempted progress which is being made in various districts.

I had thought for several years that a record should be made each year and embodied in the Master's or secretary's report. When I mentioned it to our Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) he asked me if I would undertake the receiving of reports of 'lost peals,' and this I was very willing to do. We quite realised that it remained with conductors of lost peals to make the scheme a success. The idea of my receiving the reports was that the scheme should not inflict more work on our already busy secretary.

What I want to emphasise is the amount of ringing these 'lost peals' indicate to the officers of the society and the progress attempted.—Yours truly,
GORDON CAUDWELL.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday week, by invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, and in connection with the jubilee of the church celebrated the previous week. About 30 members were present from Chiddingstone, Lamberhurst, East Peckham, Penshurst, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge wells, Shipbourne, Mayfield and Crawley (Sussex). The usual service was conducted by the Vicar. The lesson was read by the district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, and the Vicar gave a short address. He thanked the members for coming to take part in the jubilee celebrations, and accorded them a hearty welcome. The event, he added, was an important one in the history of the church.

After the service the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Church Room.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. F. L. Schreiber presided. He apologised for the absence of the churchwardens, and announced that the local members on the previous Saturday had succeeded in ringing a peal.

The district secretary, and the general secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, who was also present, congratulated the ringers on their achievement. One new member was elected, and it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Seal Chart on September 26th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who waited at tea concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual visit to Withernsea of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was made on Saturday in fine weather. There was a good attendance of members representing the following towers: Hull, Howden, Selby, Beverley Minster, Sulton-on-Hull, Patrington, Barrow-on-Humber and the local company.

On arrival at the church, however, a disappointment was in store, for, owing to a case of illness, no ringing could take place at Withernsea. The afternoon was therefore spent on the promenade, beach, etc., some of the members being accompanied by their wives and families. After tea several of the ringers left by bus for Patrington Church, where arrangements had been made for the use of the fine peal of six. After a short look round this magnificent church, with its lovely spire, known as the 'Queen of Holderness,' the bells were raised and kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

A VISIT TO SOMERSET TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 22nd, East Brent ringers and friends had their third annual outing. The weather was all that could be desired and the party of 12 had a splendid run by coach through the beautiful scenery of Somerset. The first stopping place was Kingston Seymour, where the party were met by and had the pleasure of ringing with the winner of a first prize for long service, this local ringer having spent nearly 50 years on the same farm. Going on to Tickenham, the party were met by the Vicar, himself a ringer, who took a rope in some of the touches. At Nailsea touches were rung with the assistance of a lady ringer, who met the party, and after lunch the journey was continued to Buckwell, Winford, Chew Stoke, Ubley and Compton-Martin for tea. Afterwards the bells were soon sending forth their music, the party being met by several members of the local band. Ringing for the day concluded at East Harptree, where the Vicar welcomed the visitors. In all, nine towers were visited, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being rung in every tower, with a touch of Bob Minor with three members of the local band at Compton-Martin. Rounds were also rung in each tower for the beginners. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also all those who met them and helped to make this outing such a splendid success.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.

The bells of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, a peal of six, are now being put in order by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 4th and tenor are to be recast, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th tuned and quarter turned, and the whole ring rehung in ball bearings with new clappers and staples. The old wood frame is to be braced with corner clamps. The whole cost of the work is being borne by Mr. Monkhouse, to whom the ringers and all concerned are greatly indebted. The work is to be finished by September 20th, when the bells will be dedicated at the morning service at 11 a.m.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Saturday a peal board was unveiled in the tower of St. John the Baptist Church, Tuebrook, Liverpool, recording the first peal of London Surprise Major in the city. The board was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Brancker), who expressed his pleasure at the peal having been rung in his tower. The peal was rung on June 30th, 1928.

To mark the occasion a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was attempted, but after ringing three hours one minute, four leads from the finish, one of the ringers missed his grip on the rope, his bell set and he could not pull it off until it was too late. Those taking part in the ringing were: G. R. Edwards 1, J. Brown 2, T. Hammond 3, E. C. Birkett 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, A. Lintott 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Counce 8. Apart from other considerations, it was disappointing to lose this peal, because it was the 30th anniversary of the first peal rung together by G. R. Newton and E. Counce.

SALISBURY RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

The wedding of Miss M. E. Romaine and Mr. E. J. Maidment, both of whom are ringers at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, took place at St. Martin's on Saturday, August 15th. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, of which both the bride and bridegroom are members. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by St. Martin's ringers and other ringing friends in Salisbury. In the evening a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. Fry 1, J. Daniels 2, S. Macey 3, R. P. Knight 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, A. Southey 8.

After ringing on the previous Sunday evening the bride was presented with a silver-mounted oak biscuit barrel, suitably inscribed, as a wedding present from St. Martin's and other ringing friends in the district.

RUISLIP RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 22nd, Mr. Reg Snelling, a member of the Ruislip band of ringers, was married to Miss Edith Doe, daughter of Mr. Edward Doe, for many years a choirman at St. Martin's, Ruislip, and a previous ringer. The ceremony was preceded by 536 Grandsire Triples on the bells by C. Poulter 1, A. Hunter 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, W. Bunce, sen. (conductor) 4, P. Thrift 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8. After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cornwall-Jones), and was fully choral, the Wedding March pealed forth from the organ and the bells again rang out in a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor, with tenor covering. The ringers afterwards attended the reception, at the invitation of the bride and bridegroom.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, accompanied by their wives and lady friends, had a most enjoyable trip through Lancashire to Gisburn, Yorkshire. On the way a call was made at Penwortham, where permission to ring had been obtained by Mr. J. R. Taylor. These are a light peal of eight, recently augmented by Mears and Stainbank. Lunch was partaken of at the White Bull Hotel at Gisburn. Afterwards at the Parish Church several touches were rung on the six bells, which, although light (tenor 9 cwt.), go very heavily. Clitheroe was the next place of call, where Mr. A. Tomlinson met the visitors. Several touches were rung on this fine peal (tenor 18 cwt.), recently hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Several of the party took advantage of the opportunity to visit the ruins of the old castle. Whalley was next on the programme and the old church was viewed with much interest. Several touches were rung on the grand ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) by Taylor. After tea several of the party paid a visit to the famous old Abbey. The last but not the least interesting old tower to be visited was Samlesbury. Here on a very pleasant peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), by Taylor and Co., several touches were rung, and features of interest in the old church were pointed out to the visitors by the caretaker. A start was then made for home, calling at Penwortham, but not at the church this time. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Tomlinson for his efforts in helping to make the outing so successful, and thanks are also due to the various clergy and sleep-keepers for their kindness in allowing the party the use of the bells and facilitating access to the towers.

DARLEY DALE.—On the occasion of the choir and ringers' Sunday, at St. Helen's, on August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. was rung by the local band standing as follows: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 2, F. Paulson 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, B. Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Allsop 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: E. P. Palmer 1, S. E. Edwards 2, S. H. Hoare 3, H. Long 4, R. Picton 5, R. Bell 6, F. Crook 7, H. Cashmore 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTHEGATE.—At Christ Church for evening service, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,253 changes) in 49 mins.: A. R. (Hasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, D. Overington 4, J. E. Miller 5, E. H. King 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. Miller 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the 22nd wedding anniversary of H. Miller.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes taken from Holt's Original): B. Mordon 1, W. Upton 2, R. Brough (Croydon) 3, F. Taylor 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, S. Moody 6, W. H. Pasmore (London) 7, W. Scott 8.

HENBURY, NEAR WAKEFIELD.—On Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Pickles: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, H. Dransfield 5, J. Milner 6, R. Thicket 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—For evening service at St. Mary's Church on Aug. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: A. Fuller (Fulmer, first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, A. Bateman 5, G. Barkus 6, E. Hudson 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Deacon 1, J. E. Clarke 2, C. Burns 3, W. Allen 4, R. Perry 5, R. Jelley 6, S. O. Cheney (conductor) 7, A. Murphy 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Rudkin, late choir-master at the above church, also to Mrs. E. Willars, a very old and respected parishioner. First quarter-peal in any method by ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor.

TWICKENHAM.—For morning service on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Clapson 1, Miss J. Stapleton 2, Miss K. Bradford 3, G. E. Bradford 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. A. Morris 6, C. W. F. Hunt (conductor) 7, L. A. S. Brown 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by ringers of treble and tenor.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evensong at St. Laurence's Church, 902 Grandsire Cinques: G. Holloway 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, Miss D. Blencowe 4, S. Davis 5, C. Pullen 6, Miss P. Holloway 7, F. E. Butler 8, H. W. Smith 9, C. W. J. Watts 10, E. G. Foster 11, W. Rampton 12. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For morning service, Aug. 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: 4, 6, 8 covering: W. Busby 1, F. Wyton 2, F. Davis 3, E. Phipps 4, J. E. Fairbrother 5, E. Marshall 6, G. M. Bloxham (conductor) 7, B. Marshall 8. All are members of the local band and much credit is due to Mr. G. M. Bloxham for the way he has brought this band along.

SEVENOAKS.—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. B. Baker 2, W. G. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, H. J. Ford 5, R. Collins 6, H. D. Ford 7, F. Paige 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church for evening service on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. W. Norton 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, A. Harding 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. E. Neal (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

WITHYHAM.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for morning service at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday, August 9th, in 48 mins.: E. J. Ladd 1, R. D. Divall 2, B. Saunders 3, P. Thompson 4, G. Lambert 5, J. Wren 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, A. L. Ryan 8.

SALISBURY.—At the Church of St. Martin on Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. by S. Macey, A. Bennett, Miss E. Mathews, L. Harris, W. A. Romaine, F. C. Smith, F. W. Romaine (conductor), A. Fry. This was arranged as a farewell quarter for Miss Mathews, who has left the district, to take up school duties near her home at Bucklebury, Berks.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Superlative in 50 mins.: R. Picton 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, R. Bell 4, F. Elliott 5, F. Edwards 6, E. Palmer 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Andrew for evening service, a quarter peal of Bob Major: J. Watson 1, A. Rolph 2, G. Playle 3, J. Cross 4, J. Macdougall 5, J. Dale (conductor) 6, C. Bilton 7, F. Freiston 8.

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It is understood Messrs. Mears and Stainbank will have the two new trebles 'on view' in the church on Festival Sunday, September 20th, and that the work in the tower will commence on the 28th. However, should time and convenience permit, the opening may take place on an earlier date, of which notification will be given through 'The Ringing World.'

OXFORDSHIRE RINGERS OUTING.

On Saturday, August 8th, the ringers of Lower Heyford, together with their wives and friends, held their annual outing, journeying by bus to Wootton, Stonesfield, Spelsbury and Churchill, where several excellent touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. They proceeded to Chipping Norton, where an excellent tea was enjoyed, and afterwards travelled to Hook Norton, where they were met by the local band and their secretary, Mr. Pearson, of Deddington. After several good touches of Grandsire Doubles, members of the local band, with one of the visitors and Mr. Pearson, rang a course of Triples. Afterwards the homeward journey was commenced, calling at Great Tew and Sandford St. Martin, where further ringing took place. The arrangements for this very pleasant outing were in the hands of their captain, Mr. F. W. Fritchett. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly met them at the various towers.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. (approximate).—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Whalley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill and Stoke Golding respectively on Saturday, August 29th. Higham bells available at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Arundel on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Owen's, High Street.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Fishlake, near Doncaster. Bells (6) ready early. Will all members please make a special effort for this meeting? —Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, August 29th, at 5.30. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 29th, has been postponed.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Coddington on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Church service at 5 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 2nd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Silver Cup Contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 5th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m., contest commencing at 3 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. for visitors. A good attendance is requested. Good bus service to and from the village. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free at 5 p.m. by special invitation from Mr. C. D. Potter. All are welcome. Those intending to be present for tea please advise me by Wednesday, 2nd.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells also available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than September 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please advise E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Wednesday, September 2nd?—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please reply to Mr. J. E. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, near Wantage, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting at this tower since the bells were put in order, their going being now perfect. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be free to all those who notify either secretaries on or before September 2nd. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall, Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 3rd.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Fuller particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 5, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, September 8th? —W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea to let me know by Wednesday, September 9th. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. Notification to be sent to Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, September 8th. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome. — J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from

noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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