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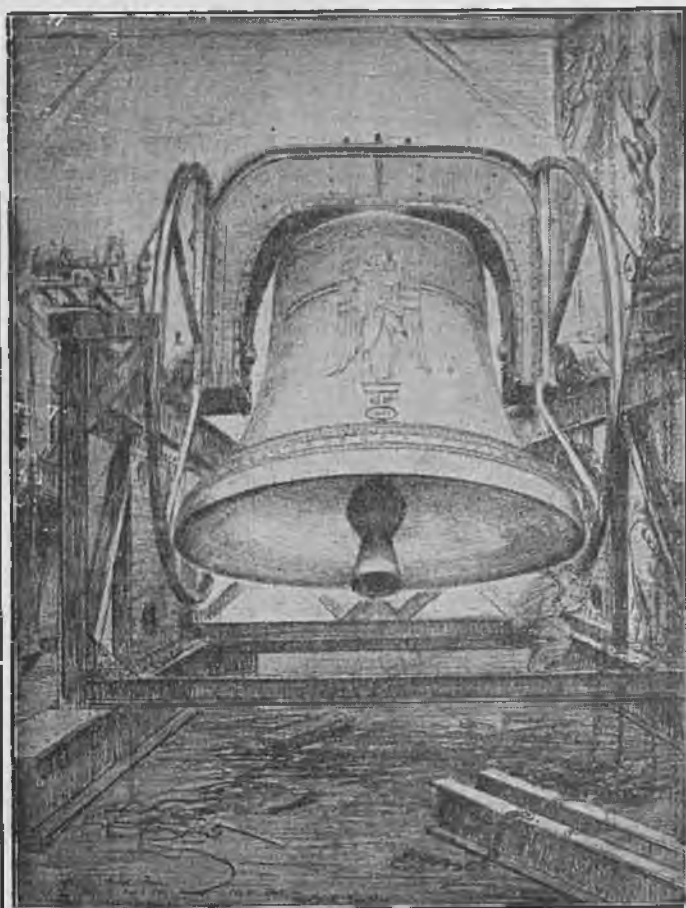
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### A NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

Although by force of circumstances the commemoration of the centenary of Fabian Stedman must be held late in the year, a large number of ringers is certain to gather at Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, when the restored bells of St. Bene't's Church will be reopened and a service of thanksgiving held. And there is real cause for thanksgiving, not merely for the fact that, after a long silence, the bells of St. Bene't's, upon which Stedman learned to ring and where his method was first practised, have been restored and will be heard again as they were more than two hundred and fifty years ago, and that the tower, a precious relic which has come down to us from Saxon days, has been made safer by the work which is now being put into it, but there is also cause for thanksgiving in the fact—greater than any other from the ringers' point of view—that Stedman lived, that he gave us, among other things, the method which is supreme among odd-bell methods, and by the books which he wrote placed the art upon a stable foundation, from which the present fabric has been reared. Without the work that Stedman did, the early development and progress of the art of change ringing as we know it to-day might have been long delayed. As it was, no other book fit to compare with his was published for a hundred years. Stedman did not give us the first 'cross peals,' but he extended Grandsire to Triples and Plain Bob to Major, as well as giving us the method by which his name will for ever be remembered. The Exercise has much to thank Fabian Stedman for, and the unique opportunity of December 5th will be welcomed by ringers throughout the kingdom to pay homage to the greatest pioneer which the Exercise has known.

Not one tithe of those who would like to be present at the service at Cambridge will be able to attend, but while those who are able to take part in the central act of the commemoration will be participating in a memorable event, the thousands who are unable to get to Cambridge can still share in the celebration by ringing the bells of their own churches. We would suggest that at every church on the afternoon of December 5th the bells should be rung—in touches of Stedman, either Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques, if possible, but, in any event, rung—and that arrangements should be made with the clergy to announce beforehand, either in church or through the parish magazine, the purpose of the ringing, so that the world may know that ringers throughout the country are uniting in doing honour to the man to whom, probably more than to any other, is due the characteristic ringing which has made these isles unique throughout the world in the music which floats from the church towers.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK C. WHITE ... .. Treble | CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 6   |
| MAURICE SMITH ... .. 2           | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 7      |
| MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 3         | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8 |
| SIDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 4           | RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9       |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5        | FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6    |
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2   | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7       |
| HENRY STALHAM ... .. 3       | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 8 |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4    | ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 9    |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 5   | BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Stokes and Turner (October 12th) and the brothers Lambert (October 11th and 15th). The 150th peal rung by Mr. A. J. Turner in Southover tower.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5        |
| JAMES MARTIN ... .. 2        | LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 6          |
| ERNEST JONES ... .. 3        | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7           |
| JOHN BROWN ... .. 4          | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The heaviest ring in the North of England on which a peal of Surprise Major has been rung.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5   |
| JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2            | GEORGE A. COOK ... .. 6    |
| JOHN BRAMS ... .. 3            | ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4       | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.  
The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county of Surrey.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. Treble | JOSEPH H. BEALE ... .. 5  |
| JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 2      | ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 6 |
| CECIL E. CARR ... .. 3         | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7    |
| PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 4       | FRED PERRY ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 25th peal in the method. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of harvest festival, as a birthday compliment to Walter Williams, the captain of the local band, and as a compliment to Miss Ivy Williams, his second daughter, and Mr. Cyril Mitchell, who were married previous to the peal, the bells going into changes as the happy couple left the church.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *FRANK FIELDEN... .. Treble | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5  |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 2      | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 6   |
| HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3     | JOHN BOOTH ... .. 7         |
| *ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4    | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. Treble | EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2     | GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 6     |
| †MADRICE J. LING ... .. 3      | WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 7         |
| †EDWARD B. SMITH ... .. 4      | WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. J. SCHOFIELD.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. W. J. Nevard's 400th peal.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward-the-Confessor,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5      |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2       | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3       | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4     | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRED WATKINSON ... .. Treble | MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 5      |
| MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 2 | LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 3     | T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 7       |
| P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 4    | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
Fastest peal on the bells.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5      |
| KEITH HART ... .. 2           | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6    |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3     | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 4       | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *JAMES E. BAILEY, JUN. ... Treble | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5 |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2            | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6  |
| JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3          | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4            | JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.  
\* First peal and first attempt.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble | DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 2   | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6  |
| *THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3    | CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 7    |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4      | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' R. G. Knowles has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, each being to a different method.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5      |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2    | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6  |
| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 3    | RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 7     |
| MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4  | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor |

Composed by W. H. INGLEBANT. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN HOLLOWES ... .. Treble | WALTER STAFF ... .. 5        |
| WM. BERRY ... .. 2          | JAMES SHAW ... .. 6          |
| JAMES JACQUES ... .. 3      | JAMES H. BASTOW ... .. 7     |
| HAROLD HAMER ... .. 4       | J. H. C. MASSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. BERRY.  
Rung for the harvest festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *JAMES SMITH ... .. Treble | JAMES DURRANT ... .. 5   |
| *CLAUDE WOODARD ... .. 2   | JAMES ROSE ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. 3    | HARRY WELHAM ... .. 7    |
| *ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... .. 4 | GEORGE MORE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by J. ROSE.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH BUCKS AND EAST BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PERCY NEWTON ... .. Treble | FREDERICK BIGGS ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2     | ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6       |
| HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 3    | RALPH H. BIGGS ... .. 7     |
| *FRANK WEST ... .. 4       | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble | NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5      |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2     | CECIL NICE ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3       | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7      |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4     | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.  
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd.



## HITCHIN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HERBERT W. ELSE ... .. Treble | LEONARD FIDLER ... .. 5    |
| *REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 2 | JOHN W. WARD ... .. 6      |
| ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 3       | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7 |
| *CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 4     | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble | ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 5         |
| FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 2      | JOHN F. GALYER ... .. 6        |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3    | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 7  |
| FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4      | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDR. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. Treble | RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5      |
| JOHN W. WARD ... .. 2             | GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3      | ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7          |
| C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble | FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 5       |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2  | PERCY GREEN ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE GREEN ... .. 3        | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4     | GEORGE COOPER ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| F. W. CECIL CURTIS ... .. Treble | BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 2          | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6       |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3            | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 7   |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4    | ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. George Mayers' second daughter.

## WOKING, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble | HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 5       |
| *ARTHUR A. COLLYER ... .. 2     | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 6       |
| CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 3      | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 4        | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2        | REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6          |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 3    | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7       |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4    | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the 6th.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5     |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2             | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 3         | JAMES SPALDING ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4            | EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

\* First peal of Double Norwich. This is the composer's 150th peal for the Norwich Association. Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Lowestoft.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5      |
| ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 2          | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3        | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS GOODCHILD ... .. 4       | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First Surprise peal.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5   |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2   | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6   |
| MRS. G. H. CROSS ... .. 3      | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4       | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

E. Barnett, sen.'s 800th peal. It is also T. Groombridge, jun.'s 200th peal.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| B. GOUGH ... .. Treble  | S. BAKER ... .. 5        |
| H. HILL ... .. 2        | *A. ROUND ... .. 6       |
| *HARRY GOODMAN ... .. 3 | *T. A. TOWNSEND ... .. 7 |
| H. HUBBALL ... .. 4     | W. FISHER ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. FISHER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. F. A. Smith, Rector of Brierley Hill, who died suddenly the previous Thursday.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *JOHN WOOD ... .. Treble   | GEORGE KING ... .. 4      |
| †ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2 | WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 5 |
| *HARRY TYRELL ... .. 3     | JAMES POWELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. POWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ringers of treble and 3rd are local men, and in the peal the former rang his first 720 and the latter his first since 1912.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in A.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST HOLDER ... .. Treble | FREDERICK KINCHIN ... .. 3 |
| CLARENCE STEED ... .. 2     | WILLIAM STOTE ... .. 4     |

HORACE LL. TERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LL. TERRY.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ARTHUR H. FISHER ... .. Treble | ARTHUR WATTS ... .. 4           |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 2    | ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 5       |
| CYRIL S. WEST ... .. 3         | ALBERT F. PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Capt. A. F. Coryton, J.P., and Miss Violet Shuttleworth, who were married at Steep on this day.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *LESLIE READING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM LANCE ... .. 4         |
| BERT GARRETT ... .. 2         | HENRY GARRETT ... .. 5         |
| A. TAYLOR ... .. 3            | *RAYMOND REDSTALL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY GARRETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sir William Wyndham Portal, Bart., who was a life member of the Guild.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| LAURENCE POULSON ... .. Treble | HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 4         |
| KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2     | GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5        |
| SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 3      | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells for the Guild. It is just on 20 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED E. BACON ... .. Treble | PORT PECKETT ... .. 4      |
| JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 2       | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 5 |
| *GILBERT PLAICE ... .. 3      | EDWARD BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

\* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank R. Bowers and Miss Eleanor Veal (niece of the conductor), who were married previous to ringing the peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| VICTOR NEAL ... .. Treble | JOHN NEAL ... .. 4         |
| DENNIS A. RAXTER ... .. 2 | WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 5  |
| MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS ... 3 | HUBERT SPARKS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the Western Branch of the association. All the ringers are members of the St. Mary-de-Wyche Guild and the average age of the band is under 21 years.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 4        |
| *HARRY PAGE ... .. 2           | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5        |
| †WILFRED J. PALMER ... .. 3    | ALBERT E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Page, of Pentre Rhondra, to enable him to ring a peal of Doubles.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble

Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN HALL ... .. Treble  | JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4     |
| JOHN W. PERKINS ... .. 2 | GEORGE A. KING ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS HANDS ... .. 3    | RAYMOND JELFS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins upon celebrating their silver wedding.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN L. RLEBY ... .. Treble  | †LESLIE W. BACON ... .. 4       |
| *ARTHUR J. BROWN ... .. 2    | †GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... .. 5    |
| CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 3 | L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and also as a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor.

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DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven variations.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *GEORGE W. BLOWER ... Treble | *GEORGE BATTERBEE ... 4     |
| *ALBERT W. BOGG ... 2        | *JOHN H. PITCHER ... 5      |
| *FRED RIX ... 3              | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* First peal. The band desire to associate with this peal the name of the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, who taught them to ring, but could not take part in the peal owing to clerical duties.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVONSHIRE.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(South-Western Branch.)

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Treble | *SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 4  |
| THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2        | JOSEPH WOODLEY ... 5         |
| JAMES E. LILLEY ... 3        | FREDERICK W. G. BALDRY Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Harry Myers.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Bolton Branch.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble | THOMAS SMITH ... 4         |
| *REG V. HART ... 2            | *ALBERT GREENEALGH ... 5   |
| *ROBERT WALMSLEY ... 3        | *WILLIAM SMALLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. All are ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton. This is the first peal for 45 years by a band of ringers from this church.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At ASHLEY DALE, 18, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 1-2       | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6        |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7-8 |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Umpire: JAMES FORD.

A birthday peal for Thomas Groombridge, sen.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WANDSWORTH.—At Holy Trinity, West Hill, on Friday, October 2nd, before harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Gray 1, H. Langdon 2, E. Bish 3, W. Rushton 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, J. Runley 6, W. H. Seabrook 7, H. R. Newton 8. Rung on the 51st anniversary of the conductor's first peal in the method.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PEALS RUNG.**

The 54th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on Saturday, 26th September. A meeting of the committee was held at noon, and a good number assembled at the service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, when the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham welcomed the members on behalf of the Chapter, and wished them 'Godspeed' in their work for the Church.

After an excellent lunch at the Three Tuns Hotel, the annual meeting was held. Mr. E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle, president, being in the chair, supported by Canon Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), Mr. Wm. Story, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. Arthur Payne, J.P., and Mr. Thomas Newton, of Stockton, an original member of the association. Mr. J. W. Parker, treasurer, submitted a very satisfactory cash statement, showing a balance of over £28, and the secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, read his annual report.

He referred first to the loss which the association had sustained through the death of Mr. T. T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, and five other members. The three association meetings, at Heighington, Rothbury and Consett, had been very successful, and the district meetings had also been well attended, although there was room for improvement. Assistance had been given to form a new band at South Church, Bishop Auckland, and eight probationers are making good progress there. Forty peals had been rung during the year, including six on handbells. This was an increase of seven on last year and 21 on 1929. Mr. W. H. Barber headed the list of conductors with 13, Messrs. J. W. Parker and W. J. Davidson following with six each, and ten members rang their first peal. Sixteen belfries had sent in recording sheets for Sunday service ringing. In the 8-12 bell towers, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, was first with 1,550 points, and Newcastle Cathedral second with 920. Of the five and six-bell towers, Darlington Holy Trinity was first with 1,586 points, and Whickham St. Mary's with 104. Steps have been taken to increase the number of honorary members, and circulars were sent out to 21 incumbents who have peals of bells but are not members. Only three had replied, however, and the members present were asked to use their personal influence in the matter.

Mr. Arthur Payne, in a witty speech, thanked the Dean for his address and for his welcome, and also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was carried with applause.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent at Newton Hall, pre-Whitsun at Staindrop, and the summer meeting at Brancepeth.

Two honorary members and 16 ordinary members were elected, and the election as life members of the London band who had just concluded a very successful tour in the district was reported. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and at Chester-le-Street concluded a very pleasant meeting.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**'MISSIONARY' VISIT TO FORD END.**

Although the weather was delightfully fine, very few attended the meeting of the Essex Association at Ford End on Saturday week. The object of the visit was of a missionary character, with the idea of meeting the newly-formed band of service ringers, and placing the claims of the association before them. In addition to the locals, only eight members of the association were present from Chelmsford, Felsted, Great Baddow, Maldon, Fryerning and Braintree. The tea and meeting was held in the Parish Room. The Vicar, the Rev. L. A. Wilson, presided at the tea, and the Master of the association, Mr. C. H. Howard, presided at the business meeting. Mr. A. Coombes, the hon. district secretary, was unable to be present owing to a recent accident, and Mr. G. Green, the District Master, officiated in his stead.

At the Vicar's own suggestion he was elected an honorary member and expressed the wish of his ringers to join the association, if tuition could be provided to enable them to become change ringers. The assistance of one tower was offered, and it is hoped that members of another adjoining tower will be prepared to offer their services during the coming winter.

The bells, a ring of six by John Warner and Sons, cast in 1881, with a tenor weighing only 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., are the lightest ring in the county. They have been recently rebung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and are in excellent going order. During the afternoon touches in several methods were rung, including a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Dr. Spencer Phillips.

The Master was asked to convey to Mr. Coombes the members' sympathy with him in his indisposition, and wish him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Widford on Saturday, November 28th.

Responding to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and his warm welcome, the Vicar expressed a request that the association would pay another visit at an early date.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Thursday evening, October 1st, for the harvest festival service, 1,008 of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Tulley 1, A. J. House 2, E. Pickett 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, W. S. Newnham 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, T. W. Chadwick 8.

**DEVON GUILD.****EXETER BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Christow. Members of city bands made a motor tour of Dunsford, Bridford and Christow, and thoroughly enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the charming surroundings of the Teign Valley. Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were the methods rung. At Christow service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. G. C. Horne (Vicar), who gave an address.

An excellent tea was laid in the Parish Hall, and attended by about 30 members and friends. The general arrangements had been made by Mr. E. J. Ryall, the representative of the local band.

At a business meeting, Mr. A. W. Searle presiding, a resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. R. Hamilton, of Kenn (and formerly of the Heavitree and Cathedral bands), was passed by all standing.

The annual meeting was fixed for December 5th at St. Petrock's, Exeter.

Four members (three honorary and one associate) were elected.

Hearty thanks were passed to incumbents for use of bells, to Mr. Horne for conducting the service and Miss Ryall for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies who kindly assisted at the tea.

**WEDDING BELLS AT LUTTERWORTH.**

Saturday week was indeed a day of festivals and ceremonies at Lutterworth. The first in order was harvest festival, the day also brought the birthday celebrations of Mr. Walter Williams, who has been ringing master in this fine old tower for upwards of 25 years, and last, but by no means least, it was also chosen as the wedding day of his second daughter, Ivy, to Mr. Cyril Mitchell, also of Lutterworth. The bells went merrily into changes as the happy pair left the church, giving them a hearty send-off in their new sphere of life, and if this life goes along, as did the bells, without a hitch, then there is indeed much happiness in store for them. After the peal the ringers, at the express invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, started on a few fresh courses, but this time it was 'cats and drinks,' and justice was truly done, and all came truly home to eight hungry and thirsty ringers without much ado. Afterwards Mr. Ernest Morris, the genial conductor of the peal, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life and happiness. He expressed the hope that they would be as happy as he had been since the day he was wed. It is the wish of all the band to thank Mr. and Mrs. Williams, their daughter and son-in-law for their very kind hospitality.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A WARM WELCOME AT SAWSTON.**

A very successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Chelmsford, Dry Drayton, Elmton, Exning, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newton, Nuneaton, Royston, Saffron Walden, Stapleford, Stetchworth, Trumpington, Walton-on-Thames and a splendid muster of the local band.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Bywaters, who gave a most inspiring address, in which he compared our lives with bells, saying they must be in tune to make perfect melody.

A bountiful tea was provided and served by the generosity of Sawston friends, Mrs. Hurry's delicious home-made cakes and scones being greatly appreciated.

After a discussion it was decided to visit Melbourn on October 31st. Mr. W. Stone, of Nuneaton, was elected a member, also Messrs. H. Churchman, L. Hurry, W. Hurry, F. Matthews, J. Smith and S. Stubbings, all of Sawston.—Mr. F. Hurry said help from visitors would be very welcome at Sawston on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the organist, who made a special journey from Shelford, also to those who provided tea and worked so hard to make the meeting such a success.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Kent Treble Bob Minor to London Surprise Major, thus catering for the needs of everyone.

**CORBY BELLS AUGMENTED.**

The bells of Corby, Northants, have recently been augmented from four to six and rehung in modern fittings. On Saturday week a meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the village and attracted a large attendance of ringers.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. A. Brooke Westcott, Rector, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, of Cranford (president of the branch). In his address, the Rector welcomed the ringers to Corby and spoke of the enthusiastic way in which the local ringers were learning the art.

Mr. Abbott, leader of the ringers, and a number of ladies, had prepared an excellent tea in the Mission Hall, and subsequently the usual business meeting was held, the branch president being in the chair, supported by Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Miss Thursfield (Ladies' Guild secretary) and the branch secretary. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Weekley.

The Corby ringers, to the number of nine, including the Rector, who is taking up the art, were then elected as members of the Guild.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Woking, Surrey, on Saturday, in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Admiral and Mrs. T. P. Walker. The Admiral, who is churchwarden at Woking and hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is keenly interested in change ringing, and takes part regularly in the service ringing at his church.

Mr. Alfred J. Turner, who last Saturday rang his 150th peal on the bells at Southover Church, Lewes, is one of the best known among Sussex ringers. He began ringing at this tower over 40 years ago, and there are few towers in the county which he has not visited, while he has rung peals on almost all the eight and ten-bell rings. He is still a keen cyclist and in his leisure hours loves to roam the countryside.

In our peal columns we record a peal of Doubles by a band whose average age is only 20 years 9 months. This was rung at Wychbold, Worcestershire, by the local ringers as a quarterly peal of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association. They are the youngest band who have rung such a peal. They desire to tender thanks to members of the Bromsgrove band for their assistance on practice nights when trying to achieve a peal of Minor for this occasion.

## FAMILY'S RINGING RECORD.

### OVER 100 YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

A long family connection with the bells at Bretforton, Worcestershire, can be claimed by Mr. J. C. Perkins, whose silver wedding has just been celebrated by a peal at his Parish Church. Mr. Perkins has been a ringer at Bretforton for 40 years. His father rang there for 57 years and his great-grandfather rang there when the bells were installed in 1823. Further, he has two sons who are ringers and two who chime for Sunday services. It is also interesting to note that the great-grandfather of Raymond Jelfs (who took part in the silver wedding peal) also rang at the same church in 1823.

## YEOVIL BELLS.

### A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION.

The restoration of the fine ring of bells at Yeovil by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have recast the trebles and tuned the other eight, has provided the Somerset town with a glorious ring of ten. In the 'Western Gazette' Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has given an appreciation of them, in the course of which he says:—

'Yeovil bells! I knew them first twelve years ago. They were a good ring, but easily surpassed by others in the county. The lightest bells had not the power to sound on even terms with the sonorous notes of the heavier bells. The whole ring was "lumpy" and uneven. The individual bells were exceedingly good, but all were not a happy family. The frame holding the bells in the tower, too, was weak. Constant ringing had loosened its joints. And it had a job to do. It had to hold steadily something like eight tons of moving bell metal, when all the bells were ringing. Yeovil people felt that something had to be done, and that meant that very shortly it was done. The eminent firm of Mears and Stainbank was called in, and on its advice the bells were removed to London for tuning. The two lightest bells were found to be much below the standard of the other eight, and were consequently recast. The older eight, however, were capable of being tuned. Although to the founders who had the work in hand the task of tuning the bells was easy, albeit highly technical, I felt that even with their skill and long experience they would be unable entirely to get rid of the unevenness which was the unfortunate characteristic of Yeovil bells. But they have done it!

Inside the tower, or outside it, the ten bells are absolutely even. What a ring of bells it is! In the county, Wrington bells, by the same founders, are rightly famed. Wells Cathedral bells, with a tenor of over 52 cwt., are a glorious ring. Wrington bells are soft and mellow, Wells are sonorous and grand, but Yeovil possess the qualities of both, and are withal pleasing. Further, the "go" of Yeovil bells is the last word. Hung on carefully fitted ball bearings, it is no exaggeration to say that they could be rung by means of a piece of string. Yeovil people can be proud of their bells, the best ten in the West. No less can they be proud of their ringers, who, under Mr. J. E. Baker, are making wonderful strides in change ringing. Those Yeovil people who are responsible for the great work just completed are to be congratulated. They have left a heritage for future generations, and it is a goodly heritage.'

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN SEVEN COURSES.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Through an oversight, the word 'Oxford' was omitted in the claim of the first peal ever rung of Treble Bob Royal in seven courses at Ipswich on August 29th, 1931.

Mr. B. Thorp does not mention whether the peal at Manchester Cathedral was Kent or Oxford; if the former, then the peal at Ipswich is still the first of Oxford Treble Bob Royal to be rung, consisting of only seven courses.

I submit that the Exercise consider these two are different methods.  
—Yours truly,  
Ipswich.

G. F. SYMONDS



**THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.****COMMEMORATION DATE.**

As already announced, the commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman and the reopening of the bells at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, will take place on Saturday, December 5th. The special service will be held in the afternoon, but it is hoped that the bells at other churches in and around Cambridge will be available for ringing throughout the day. Details of the arrangements will be published as soon as they are completed.

While a very large gathering is expected at Cambridge, ringers throughout the country who cannot attend the celebration will doubtless desire to share in the commemoration in their own districts, and a suggestion is made in our leading article that special ringing shall take place wherever there are bells to ring and ringers to ring them.

It will add also to the interest of the event if peals of Stedman—Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques—are rung during the week before or the week after the celebration, if they cannot be rung on December 5th.

Those who have promised donations to the tercentenary fund and have not yet forwarded their contributions should do so without delay. They may be sent either to

The Editor,  
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Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn,  
Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

**DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is evident from his last letter that Owen Kay is not seeking information. Presumably he is anxious to tell us that in his opinion the six scores on page 15 of the 'Collection' are not Double Grandsire. Well, speaking for myself, I am ready to acknowledge that I should have no objection if he thought they could more appropriately be called Double Original.

At the same time, it has to be remembered that on principle there is no obligation in Grandsire for the bell in the hunt to follow the treble: it could equally well precede her. And, therefore, there is no reason why in Double Grandsire the hunt bell should not sometimes precede and sometimes follow the treble.

However that be, these six scores are demonstrably very well worth ringing, and there is probably more hope that five-bell bands will try them under the name of Grandsire than Original.

There are at least 24 three scores with bobs alone, and as there are numerous places where singles can be inserted, the number of possible 120's is practically limitless.

No doubt for actual practice in the tower it will be found more convenient to treat the method as Original, that is with Bobs called whenever an internal place has to be made.

The only serious criticism that can be raised consists in the number of calls thus required, viz., 28 or 30 bobs and two singles in a 120.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

**WEDDING OF WELL-KNOWN LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.**

An interesting little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of SS. Mary and Nicholas' Church, Spalding, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, after the usual weekly practice, when Canon Nicholas (Vicar) presented Mr. T. Brown with a convertible oak table on the occasion of his marriage. The Vicar, in making the presentation on behalf of the local band and associates of the tower, referred to the many years of service of Mr. Brown as a ringer and chorister at the church, and wished him many years of happiness in the step he was taking for the second time in his life.

Mr. Brown is a well-known Lincolnshire ringer and is the representative of the Elloe Deaneries Branch on the Committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Until recently he was in charge of the Spalding tower.

The wedding took place on Thursday, October 8th, at Swineshead Church, when he was married to Miss Holland of that village. After the ceremony the newly-married couple left for Skegness, where they will spend a week or two before taking up residence at Sinclair, Pennygate, Spalding.

**BEDFORDSHIRE GETS ANOTHER OCTAVE.****HUSBORNE CRAWLEY BELLS AUGMENTED.**

Husborne Crawley, Beds, where the Rev. Arthur Rust, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is Vicar, is now in proud possession of a ring of eight bells, two new trebles having been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and dedicated on Sunday week by Bishop Lauder. There was a large congregation at the ceremony and many ringers from the county attended. After the service various touches were rung, and everyone was very pleased with the new bells.

The old six are a mixed lot, as will be seen from the following details of the ring:—



THE TOWER OF HUSBORNE CRAWLEY CHURCH.

Treble: 5 cwt. 27 lb., Taylor, 1931.

2: 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., Taylor, 1931.

3: 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., 1637, recast by Taylor 1820.

4: 7 cwt. 23 lb., Newcome, 1611.

5: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., Emerton, 1779.

6: 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., Newcome, 1616.

7: 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., Taylor, 1820.

Tenor: 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., 1613 Newcome, recast 1911 by Taylor.

In 1911 the six bells were rehung by Taylor and Co. in a new iron frame, which was constructed to take the complete octave.

The tower of Husborne Crawley Church is one of the finest in the country. It is built of blocks of brown and green sandstone mixed together, and the colour effect is very beautiful. No one can trace the source of the green stone, which is very uncommon.

**DEATH OF CAPTAIN OF THE OSPRINGE BAND.**

After a great many years of suffering, Mr. Herbert Baker, who had been captain of the Ospringe, Kent, band of ringers for about 20 years, and a ringer in the same band for between 30 and 40 years, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, October 6th, at the age of 59 years.

After the funeral on Saturday at the Parish Church, which the ringers attended, the local band rang the bells half-muffled. Among the many beautiful wreaths were one from the past and present ringers of the Ospringe band, and one in the shape of a bell from the Ospringe handbell ringers.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****RESOLUTION ON PAINSWICK 'PEAL' TABLET.**

A meeting was held at Cavendish on Saturday week. After ringing a 720 and several touches on the church bells, lately rehung and enlarged in a very pleasing way by Taylors, of Loughborough, a short service was held in the church, with an interesting sermon by the Rector, the Rev. J. D. Barnard. Tea was at the George, and the meeting followed, at which Mr. C. E. Fisher was elected to the chair.

It was decided to leave the election of a new district secretary to the next district meeting, to be held in a month's time.

The secretary, the Rev. H. Drake, then proposed that 'This meeting recommends the annual meeting to take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words "17,867 changes," being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church.' He said that when the feat was first accomplished there was much praise for it on all hands, but later, when the figures were published, it was found that, after ringing 16,000 odd changes, some of the rows were repeated, and, therefore, were not changes. Nevertheless, a tablet had been put up in the church saying that these 17,000 odd changes had been rung. They might have described it in several ways which would have only been misleading. For instance, they might have called it a peal. It certainly was a peal, though a false one. But they had carefully chosen the only description which was not merely misleading, but actually untrue. He did not know who were the actual ringers, and he hoped no names would be mentioned, for it was not a personal matter: but he did not want to belong to any guild or association of which those who approved of these untrue words were members.

It might be said that such a Guild as theirs was in existence to raise the standard of ringing, or to improve the position of ringers as church workers, and this was true; but, after all, it was not their first and chief work, which was to witness to the truth. Other people could do all these other things, but they only knew what was the truth in such matters, and their chief duty was to guide those who were trusting them. The church authorities at Painswick were ignorant of these things, and they had to rely on those who know. For them what was done was merely a mistake. It was, however, very different for us who knew what was true, and deliberately approved of what we knew to be untrue. If we do not witness to the truth in these matters, for which we exist, and for which people rely on us, it were much better not to have such a Guild as ours in being.

This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, and there was considerable discussion. It was pointed out that the ringing so long was a wonderful feat of endurance which all must admire. It was also pointed out that, although the feat was a failure, it was a glorious failure. There was, however, no opposition to the resolution, and, on being put to the meeting, it was carried.

Afterwards there was more ringing on the bells, the 'go' and tone of which were pronounced excellent. Some members also rang at Glemsford and at All Saints', Sudbury.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Parish Church, Bldmere, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. The day was fine and about 40 members attended from various towers in the diocese. The bells, a handy peal of eight, were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea, kindly prepared by Mrs. Eaton, wife of the people's warden, and her lady friends.

The Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being unable to attend, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. A. Eaton, who, in addition to being a churchwarden, is also master in the belfry.

The secretary at the commencement of the proceedings remarked how pleased they were to have Mr. James George amongst them again, and wished him a speedy and complete restoration to good health.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner as usual on Saturday, February 27th, 1932, and that the officers of the Guild make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. G. F. Swann gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose an alteration to rule re subscription of life members.

Mr. H. J. Turner, of Northfield, was elected a full ringing member, and the tower elections of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. C. E. Lawson, of Leeds, Mrs. P. Humphrey, Miss F. Humphrey and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, of Folkingham, were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting, being the annual, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1932.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the meeting and making the necessary arrangements for tea, etc., to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their services was proposed by the secretary and seconded by Mr. J. George.

The handbells were then brought out and some good touches of Stedman Triples and Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung. Further ringing on the tower bells was brought to an abrupt finish owing to the breaking of the wheel of the second bell.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.**

On Saturday last the memorial erected by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the belfry of Barnet Parish Church to the late Mr. F. A. Milne was unveiled and dedicated, in the presence of a large congregation, who attended to pay their respects to the memory of one who did much towards the founding of this association. Amongst the company were the Rev. W. E. Moll (Rector of Barnet), Canon Overton (Rural Dean of Barnet), Mrs. Rowlands and Mr. H. W. Milne (daughter and brother of the late Mr. F. A. Milne), the Rev. R. E. Priestley (curate), Mr. M. E. Case (churchwarden), and several relatives and friends of the Milne family. The many ringers included Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope (vice-presidents of the Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), W. Pye (Master), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), A. W. Coles (District Master), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), G. B. Lucas, G. R. Pye, C. H. Martin, J. Parker, W. Bowden, J. E. Miller, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, etc.

Mr. W. Pickworth asked the Rector to receive the tablet from the members of the Middlesex Association, who had placed it in the belfry as a memorial to their late president and treasurer.

Mr. H. W. Milne having unveiled the tablet, which was dedicated by the Rector, the congregation descended to the church, where a very impressive service was held. The lessons, Ecclesiasticus xlv., 'Let us now praise famous men,' and Revelation xxi., 'I saw a new Heaven and a new earth. . . . And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,' were very appropriate, as was Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.'

The tablet is of white marble, on a black marble base, and records the last peal in which Mr. Milne took part, rung on February 4th, 1922, exactly eight years before his death, by Barnet and Southgate ringers. After the record of the peal the tablet contains the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P., President of this Association, the members have erected this tablet, recording the last peal in which he took part. He died, at the age of 75, on February 5th, 1930. "The memory of the just is Blessed"—Proverbs x., 7.'

After the service some 36 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the Red Lion Hotel as the guests of Mrs. Rowlands, who was afterwards cordially thanked by Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the members of the association, for so kindly entertaining them that day.—Amid applause, Mrs. Rowlands briefly replied, thanking the ringers for coming in such large numbers, and expressing pleasure at meeting them.

The ringing arrangements during the afternoon were in the capable hands of Mr. A. W. Coles (Master, North and East District), who saw that no time was wasted, and that the whole of the large company of ringers were able to take part. Needless to say, a great variety of methods were rung, including the now inevitable touches of Spliced Surprise Major, which are becoming quite a popular feature at meetings nowadays.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 3rd. This tower contains a beautiful peal of eight bells with a tenor 32 cwt. The bells of Christ Church, a comparatively new peal of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) and very musical, were also available for ringing. Ringing commenced in both towers soon after 3 p.m., and at 4.45 all assembled at Holy Trinity for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. M. Clarke). The organist very kindly attended and the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) read the lesson. Tea followed in the Church House, to which 41 sat down, including the Vicar and representatives from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Trowbridge, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Urcfont, Westbury, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bath Abbey, Weston, Wootton Bassett and Aberdare.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), who extended a hearty welcome to all, and especially to the visitors. The chairman also spoke of the success of the lecture on 'Ringing' given by Mr. C. F. Andrews at Melksham on September 21st, which was well attended. After this lecture some of the members present decided to hold a weekly practice in the more advanced methods at various eight-bell towers in the branch area, the first practice being at St. John's, Devizes, on September 28th.

Three lady ringers were elected members of the Guild: Miss E. M. Slade, Miss M. Slade and Miss B. Candy, all of Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon.

It was provisionally decided to hold the next monthly meeting at North Bradley on November 7th. The branch secretary (Mr. F. Green) announced that he wished to resign from that office at the next annual meeting on the first Saturday in January.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and ringing was continued till about 8.30 p.m. The following methods were rung both in the afternoon and evening: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATION'S COMING JUBILEE.

The second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday at Staveley, near Chesterfield. The weather was ideal—a chip off the long lost summer—and this added considerably to the enjoyment of those who attended. Ringing commenced soon after 2 p.m., and was carried on during the afternoon and evening, methods from Grandshire to Bristol and London Surprise being rung, although Treble Bob seemed to go best. Perhaps the bells know this time, for numerous tablets record many peals of 'Yorkshire Glory' there.

The committee met in the Church Hall at 4 p.m. and carried out their routine work, in addition to making grants from the Bell Repair Fund to Ratby, where two new troubles are being added to make a ring of eight, and Market Harborough, where the bells are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings. A number of schemes for commemorating the jubilee of the association next year were discussed, such as a dinner and entertainment, special Cathedral service, peal by original or old members, photos of past officers in annual report, display of Surprise ringing by special bands, etc. This matter was left for local districts to discuss, and is to be finally decided at the next meeting in January.

Tea was served at 5 p.m. and some 50 or more members and friends sat down. These came from Bolsover, Belper, Burton, Colgrave, Chesterfield, Derby, Leicester, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Loughborough, and the association was delighted to have friends from Sheffield Cathedral, Ecclesfield, Kilnmarsh and elsewhere.

## PRESIDENT'S SURVEY.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the president, Mr. Denison Taylor, who was supported by the vice-president, Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. It was a pleasure also to have the Rector of Staveley, Sir Josiah Court and Mr. W. J. Kittridge (churchwarden) present. The Rector, having to go early, first welcomed such a good gathering to Staveley, and trusted they would enjoy their visit. He stressed the ideal of the ringer, and spoke of their calling as being equal to the parson in the pulpit.

The president then gave a survey of the last quarter's working. The most important event was, of course, the dedication of the mural tablet and silver chalice in Littleover Church, near Derby, to the respected memory of the late president, Alderman Chambers. He regretted that owing to business ties he had been unable to be present, but they all had read the account of the service in 'The Ringing World,' and knew that it had been a very impressive and appropriate one. He would ask Mr. Willson later to give his impressions on this. Mr. Taylor then mentioned the recent ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, so successfully organised and carried through by the vice-president. Full accounts had appeared in 'The Ringing World' of this most impressive tour, and it made one regret inability personally to go on such a memorable visit to the battlefields. Peal ringers had been successful in over 30 performances from Minor to Yorkshire and London Surprise, and the Leicester company had rung Stedman Caters and Cinques 'in hand.' Then there was that unique record accomplished by Mr. Maurice Swinfield in conducting 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples. He was sorry to note the passing away of several well-known ringers who were life members of this association, and especially noted the death of Mr. A. Markwell, of the local company. He tendered the sympathy of the members to his family, some of whom were present. In concluding his remarks, the president asked all branches to consider the coming jubilee celebrations, and to be ready to make final arrangements.

New members elected since the last meeting, viz., eight ringing, three rejoins and three life, were confirmed.

The hon. treasurer informed the members of the committee's grant to Ratby and Market Harborough, and this was ratified.

## TWO MEMORABLE EVENTS.

The vice-president, Mr. William Willson, gave a vivid impression of the memorial service to the late Alderman Chambers, and said how fitting it was to thus commemorate one who had worked so hard for the association's welfare, and who alone had placed the finances on such a sure foundation. He was glad the members had revered his memory in such a way. Speaking on the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, he said that for long he had thought over a scheme whereby they could commemorate and revive the memory of ringers of England who fell in the Great War in a different way to the mere tangible memorial. This visit had been the outcome and would ever be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to take part in it. Everyone should go and see for themselves the dreadful results of war, and on hallowed and holy ground feel the awful yet wonderful emotion too deep for words. There would be no more war then. He was afraid the younger generation who had not known its horrors were apt to forget all that their fathers and elder brothers had gone through. There had been the pleasant side, and the enjoyment of visiting cities of the Continent, and the handbell peals successfully rung. The latter would remain as historic events, and the M.C.A. would thus always be connected with the pilgrimage.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUCCESS OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Hartlebury.

Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and the service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. D. Noel Paterson), assisted by his curate, the Rev. — Dukes. The Rector gave a very inspiring address and drew the members' attention to the names carved on the ends of the pew of the at one time pewholders. They date back to the 15th and 16th centuries.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall, at which some 80 members were present. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. Dukes, Miss F. Gibbons (the first lady honorary member of the association), Mr. R. G. Knowles (association ringing master), Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary), Mr. C. Skidmore (ringing master of the Northern Branch), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representative).

Arising from the minutes, the Rector explained that unfortunately the Bishop of Worcester, who resides at Hartlebury Castle, could not give a date in September, although he would very much have liked to address the ringers. The officers were unanimously re-elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them for their splendid services. The officers suitably replied.

The Ringing Master of the association (Mr. R. G. Knowles) and the general secretary congratulated the branch upon the successful meetings which had been held, and it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Kidderminster.—Mr. T. J. Salter, in a humorous speech, explained that although the bells did not at present go 'extra grand,' he would do all in his power to make the meeting successful.

The Hartlebury ringers were proposed as performing members, and Miss F. Gibbons, in seconding, said she did so with great pleasure, and hoped they would take full advantage of the association's help to learn the beautiful art of change ringing.

The Rector and his colleague were then proposed honorary members.

Mr. T. Hemming proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Hartlebury, and the Rector readily gave his permission.

Mr. R. G. Knowles spoke to the members of the work of the Central Council, and strongly advised the members to read the reports in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. R. Newman congratulated Miss Gibbons, on behalf of the association, on having been raised to the magistrates' bench, and said he thought she was the first member of the association to attain the honour.—Miss Gibbons thanked the members sincerely for their congratulations.

The secretary said they had within the last few months lost by death a very old and honoured member of the association in the person of Mr. H. Oldnall. He had been a Sunday service ringer for 60 years at Hartlebury Church, and moved that a vote of condolence be passed with the family, the members agreeing by standing in silence.

Mr. C. W. Cooper, librarian, produced one of the volumes of 'Bell News' for the members' inspection. The whole series are now handsomely bound, and will be for the use of any member of the association.—Mr. H. Mason was warmly thanked for his beautiful gift.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Paterson for entertaining them to such a bountiful tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, arranging the service and his address, which had been quite interesting, also for presiding at that meeting.—This was seconded and carried with applause.

The Rector, in reply, said it had been a real pleasure to him and Mrs. Paterson to entertain the branch and he thanked them sincerely for their very kind vote of thanks. He wondered why he had not been a member before. He said the association would be celebrating their jubilee next year. It was formed in his old parish of Bromsgrove, and he hoped he would be with them.—The Rev. Dukes also returned thanks for his election to the honorary members' list.

This closed a very successful meeting.

The collection in church for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 17s.

Mr. W. Turner, towerkeeper, wishes it known that his address is The Village, Hartlebury.

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Sir Josiah Court then spoke a few words of the pleasure it had given him to be present with such a good number of ringers, and wished them happiness in their calling. He hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them all again 'ere long.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for arranging this most successful meeting, and to Mr. Parsons and helpers for providing tea.—Mr. W. J. Kittridge, the churchwarden, replied in a pleasing speech, and Mr. Parsons also said a few words on behalf of the local company.

Further ringing was indulged in and the parties present broke up to wend their several ways home, pleased with themselves and all concerned at such an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. E. M.



## THE IRISH TOUR.

## FIRST PEALS ON 'UNKNOWN' RINGS.

(Continued from page 656.)

By W. H. F.

By Mac and O you'll always know  
True Irishmen, they say;  
For if they lack both O and Mac,  
No Irishmen are they.

Friday.—The two towers for to-day, Ballymena and Coleraine, were previously unknown to change ringing. No peal had ever been attempted at either and the 'go' of the bells was an unknown 'quality.' Both churches are dedicated to St. Patrick, the famous early Irish saint, who was buried at Downpatrick, the capital of County Down.

Ballymena, the geographical centre of County Antrim, is midway betwixt Belfast and Portrush, called the 'City of the Seven Towers.' We regretted leaving Belfast without seeing Mr. Kimber, late of Hughenden, who wrote us on seeing the report of the 'English bell-ringers' visit to Ireland' in the local Press. Our train left at 9.30, and a scenic railway ride of an hour revealed the farming practice in Ireland for economy of labour. All the crop of the newly-mown hay-fields was stored in large haystacks evenly spaced. The Ballymena district is noted for famous men—Sir George White, hero of Ladysmith, was born near, also Sir William Brown and Lord Kelvin, chairman and engineer of the Atlantic Telegraph Co. At the Parish Church we were welcomed by the Rev. M. Robb (in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cullen), Mr. Montgomery, churchwarden; Mr. V. C. Patterson, hon. secretary; and local ringers.

In the belfry it was found the bells had already been placed the 'right way up' for us to call 'go' at once, so a touch of Stedman Triples was rung just to record in this tercentenary year of Stedman that his method was the 'first ever' on Ballymena bells. It was rung by Messrs. Barnett, Lindoff, Wooler, Martin, Shepherd, Riding, Horan and Simpson. On the tower walls is the record that 'These bells were placed here to ring in memory of Rev. J. W. Murray, LL.D., Dean of Connor. "He being dead yet speaketh." They are a fine peal of eight, tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.—in tone and weight the exact replica of St. Mary's, Slough—cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1895. A fine ringing room, good circle and draft of rone, bells going well, all that conduces to a good peal. On leaving this church we were heartily congratulated by all who had listened to the ringing and escorted to the Clarence Hotel, where a substantial hot luncheon had been generously ordered. We should have preferred to have spent an hour or two with the local company to add to the figures, rules and addresses that were scribbled on pieces of paper for their enlightenment, but the 4.18 p.m. train for our next parish could not be missed. Again our thanks were given for hospitality and kindness, and as we went to the station 'tears of the mountain' began to fall for the first time since our landing.

At Coleraine is a beautiful stone church, with battlemented tower of graceful proportions, surmounted by four handsome corner pinnacles—the only church of twelve we had visited without a spire. It has some choice stained glass and a beautiful veredos; the Communion chalice—rare and valuable—was the gift of the Honorable Irish Society 300 years ago. Its bells are equally beautiful, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1893, tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat, all hung in an iron frame, and now, after nearly 40 years' constant use, in good going order to-day. The base of the tower forms an entrance porch to the nave, and herein a tablet records: 'This church dedicated to the Glory of God, in memory of His servant, St. Patrick, was founded in the 5th century after the birth of Christ, was rebuilt by the Honourable Irish Society of London in the year 1614 and was again rebuilt in the year 1884. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., placed this tablet here, Governor of the Honourable Irish Society, in August, 1884.' In the church is a drawing in letters of gold and suitably framed which gives a list of the leading British clergy on duty abroad—a new feature to me—headed quite simply with the happy title, 'Our People Overseas.'

Coleraine is pleasantly situated in the valley of the River Bann, noted for its fishing, the Banbridge being almost in the centre of the borough. Its name owes its origin to St. Patrick himself: it is a word-poem meaning the corner of the ferns; whilst the Book of Leinster contains a detailed account of a feast held here almost 2,000 years ago. According to the Venerable Bede, the Rivers Bann and Bush were full of salmon in the year that Christ was born, and the supply never seems to have failed. The town has a good harbour and regularly maintains services with Glasgow and Liverpool and other ports in Scotland and England. It has always been the spoilt child of London—its beneficent mother—and has enjoyed a Charter since James I., 1612.

Our party were met at the railway station and escorted direct to the cafe, where a substantial tea awaited them. Mr. W. Jackson (churchwarden), as host, deputising for the clergy. Mr. J. Bishop (hon. secretary), and the only one remaining of the band who opened the new bells in 1893, kindly assured us we could ring till 10 p.m. and that several ladies had been inquiring when the English ringers were going to begin their music. The local band muster eleven—two of

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 2, S. Bragg 3, H. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, J. Bragg 6, R. Bragg 7, H. Smith 8. Rung for the harvest festival evensong. This is the first quarter-peal on the augmented ring.

WEST DIDSBUY.—At Christ Church on Sunday, October 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Whitelegg 1, H. Jones 2, \*W. Maycock 3, A. Frost 4, D. Brown 5, T. Timperly 6, R. Davies 7, F. Page (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's R.C. on Sunday, October 4th, for evening service for the reception of the Bishop of Leeds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Harrison, sen., 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, C. H. Lake 3, Tom O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, J. Myers 6, J. Greaves 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the Parish Church for matins, 720 Kent Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. Whybrow 2, B. Wayman 3, M. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, R. Smith 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday morning, October 4th, for the patronal festival at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): A. Butler 1, R. Pickering (conductor) 2, J. W. Taylor 3, K. C. Taylor 4, H. J. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to B. Dalton.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On October 4th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor for morning service and for the harvest festival: G. H. Bishop 1, L. A. Newman 2, T. Warner 3, T. Saunders 4, L. J. Honess 5, A. P. Cannon (first 720 as conductor) 6.

LOUGHTON.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P.S. J. Thorpe (conductor) 6, F. Corney 7, G. Carter 8.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Barnabas on September 27th for the harvest festival, the day was started with 360 Bob Minor for the 8 a.m. Communion service. For the 11 a.m. service, 1,344 Bob Major in 49 mins., and for the evening service, 1,456 Bob Major in 52 mins., the latter touch being also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthday was on Saturday. To conclude the day, 240 Bob Major was rung after the evening service. The ringers taking part in the Major ringing were: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Pipe 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Saviour's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cooke 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. Wharton 3, W. Hughes 4, E. Glenville 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Mosten 8. Rung for the evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, J. Herbert 2, W. Scott, sen., 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, W. Malins 5, C. Moody 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. Hendy 8. Arranged for W. Scott, sen., of Newport, I.O.W.

LAVERHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for matins, on September 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, W. Jarvis 3, J. Nash (London) 4, L. Offord 5, A. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING AT LUDGVAN.

A meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at Ludgvan, was attended by ringers from Madron, Phillack, St. Hilary, St. Anthony, Manaccan, Gulval, Zennor and Truro. The ring of six was kept going during the afternoon and evening, and in the evening many also made their way to Gulval, which church possesses a very musical ring of eight cast by Warner.

Owing to the indisposition of the Rector of Ludgvan (the Rev. A. T. Bescarwen), the service was conducted by Canon T. F. Maddrell, Vicar of Gulval, who gave a very forceful address and told those present some reminiscences of the early days of his ministry at Truro. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

Dr. Symonds proposed a vote of thanks to all the helpers, and asked that a message of thanks be conveyed to the Rector.

Ludgvan Church is pleasantly situated on a hill and overlooks Mounts Bay and St. Michael's Mount.

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whom sat in the belfry whilst we successfully brought home one more 'first peal in the method in the county.' With thanks to the Rector, the Rev. L. V. Upprichard, M.A., and to Mr. Jackson, we left Coleraine in the rain, and rushed on to Portrush (70 miles from Belfast) to the Finvola boarding house that Mr. Bishop had arranged for us to spend the night in. Our landlady received us at 10.30 p.m. and packed us off at 7.30 in the morning; she was evidently well used to emergency meals and was a real 'mother' to two ladies of our company from Low Moor.

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**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on 22nd, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting, Pirbright, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Glover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Shirenewton, near Chepstow, on Saturday, October 17th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Next meeting at Tideswell Saturday, October 17th. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Uphill on Saturday, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by business meeting, when arrangements will be discussed for the second annual dinner, to be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, some time in November. Date to be announced later.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for October and November: October 19th, practice 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; November 1st, service ringing 10 a.m.; November 2nd, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those members requiring tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) should notify me not later than Monday, October 19th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 21st. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.

to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 20th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than October 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A monthly practice meeting at Ufford at 6.30 on October 24th.—C. E. Fisher, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, October 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. each will be made, should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, October 20th. Will intending visitors who would like to stand in a peal of Stedman Caters on the morning of the 24th at Bradford Cathedral, please send in their names without delay? On the afternoon of the 24th, the rings of eight at Headingley St. Michael's and Far Headingley, Christ Church, Upper Armley, together with the two new rings of eight at Burley and Holbeck, will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Langham (6). A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham Church on Saturday, October 24th. Service at 4.15 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at Dedham Gun Hotel, price 1s. each. Will any members likely to be present please notify me by Tuesday, October 20th? Stratford (6) and Higham (6) will be available. Suffolk ringers living near district will be welcomed.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Those intending to be present are kindly requested to notify me not later than Tuesday, October 20th.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—Dedication by Bishop Price at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th, of new trebles to complete octave, by Mears and Stainbank. Group photograph 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing after service and tea. Please notify W. I. Ginn, Local Sec., Chain Road, Over, Cambs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Chiseldon. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary before 21st inst.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Sun Hotel 4.45, 1s. 6d. each, for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Hearty welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Norton (by Gaulby) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Eight bells. Red bus leaves Hind Hotel (L.M.S. Station) at 3.10 for Great Glen. Meet there 3.30. Proceed to King's Norton by car as arranged. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be guaranteed, and should be sent to me as soon as possible. Please make it your duty to attend and make it a good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh (Ashburton not available). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Luke's. Tea 5. Please advise Mr. A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh, those coming for tea, not later than previous Wednesday, or H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.**—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., to mark the completion of the fund for the restoration of the old six bells and the provision of two additional trebles. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30. Bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 and after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea will greatly assist by sending their names as soon as possible to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake, Ambrosden Vicarage, Bicester.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor and Liss on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available in both churches from 3 p.m. Service in Blackmoor Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, Blackmoor, at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will those who require tea please notify before Thursday, 22nd?—W. Read, Heather Park, Blackmoor, Liss.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—(Established 1672.)—A meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, October 24th. Buses leave Millstone Lane (Platform No. 4) at 2.20 p.m. and every hour after. Will those requiring tea please advise Mrs. Harrison, Barton-in-Fabis, Notts, early.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business

meeting. All those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, October 20th. Swanmore (6) also available before and after meeting. All ringers welcomed.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Tea will only be provided for those who apply not later than Wednesday, October 28th. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surlfleet, near Spalding.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Those intending to be present kindly advise by 27th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15. Will those requiring tea please send card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 28th inst.?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Elmley Castle (near Pershore) on Saturday, October 31st. Service with an address by the Rev. Harcourt Fowler at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday, October 27th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 28th. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by the 28th inst. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me on or before Thursday, October 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**STANWICK, NORTHANTS.**—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, November 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

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