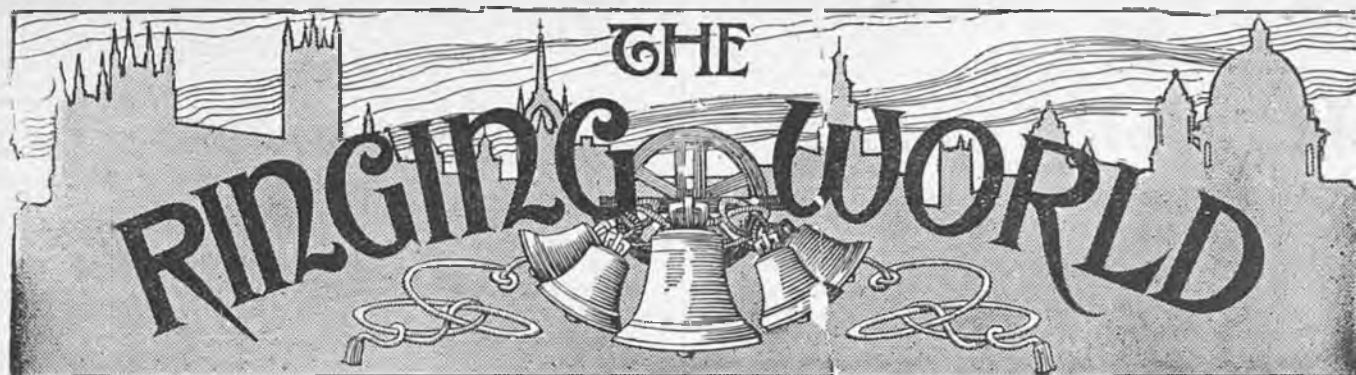


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BOW BELLS AND AN OPPORTUNITY.

The restoration of the famous bells of Bow Church in the city of London, which it is hoped will shortly be completed, leads to the hope that when once more they are ready for ringing something may be done to ensure their regular use in connection with the Sunday services. We have no doubt they will be in great demand for peals, but it will be a great opportunity lost if a serious effort is not made to establish a band responsible for service ringing. There are far too many silent peals of bells in London, and it would be a happy day if once more the bells of Bow were heard among the comparatively few peals that are regularly rung. London has its special difficulties in maintaining service ringing, especially in the city itself, which in these days is almost deserted on Sundays. A band of 'resident' ringers for any of these city bells is nearly, if not quite, an impossibility. When any of the bells are rung it means that ringers have to come in from the suburbs for the purpose, and this fact, together with the lack of any parochial interest in the bells and in some degree even in the churches themselves, accounts in large measure for the numerous neglected rings.

And yet it has been proved to demonstration that the difficulties may be overcome and the church bells regularly rung when the task is tackled in the proper spirit. Right under the shadow of the Guildhall, in the very heart of the city, the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry—once silent for over 30 years—are rung regularly for the Sunday services. When the bells had been put in order, a band was enlisted from among the men of the choir and others interested in the church, and Sunday by Sunday the bells are used for their primary purpose. What has been done at one church ought to be possible at another, especially at one so famous as St. Mary-le-Bow. The periodical visits which are paid to some of the other churches, where, perhaps, for one service a month the bells are rung, by ringers collected from other belfries, ought not to be sufficient for Bow; nothing short of a regular band ought to satisfy the authorities or the ringers of London. The difficulties may be great, but so is the opportunity.

Fortnightly peal attempts, monthly practices and state occasions should not be the limit of the ringing done at this tower, whose bells have been the most famous in all the world. There should be a company attached to the church, just as there is at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, and St. Andrew's, Holborn. Moreover, regular service ringing at such a celebrated church would probably have a considerable effect on the future of ringing in the metropolis, and eventually lead to some of the

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peals, at present derelict, being put in order. We can quite well understand that church authorities will not entertain the idea of expensive bell restoration when there is no prospect of getting the bells rung on Sundays if they are repaired, but if there were an inducement, if it were possible to refer to such a church as Bow as an example of what could be done to restore ringing to its proper place, not only might many of the city's silent bells be heard again, but the art of change ringing would be furthered in its earliest home. At Bow, the opportunity will be there for the ringers who practise in the metropolis. If they do not seize it when the time comes they will not only fail to render a service to the church in exchange for the personal pleasures which they will hope to gain from the privilege of peals and suchlike occasions, but they will be neglecting an example which might well bring about a revival of interest in many other peals of bells in and around the City of London.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*KENNETH NICHOLSON ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON 7
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 2	W. JAS. DAVIDSON 8
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3	ADAM DEAS 9
JOSEPH ROWELL 4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 10
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	RICHARD THOMPSON ... 11
R. ALDER GORTON 6	*JACK AMOS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
* First peal on twelve bells. The bells were muffled as a token of regard and respect for the late Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, for many years secretary of the association and afterwards president for three years.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
HARRY R. ROPER 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM P. GARRATT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
HORACE BELCHER 4	CHARLES S. BURDEN 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSER ... 6	HARRY TAYLOR Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD 1 Treble	JOHN CURREY 6
HORACE M. DAY 2	FREDERICK LEGGOTT 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 8
FRANK DEWEY 4	* ROGER W. DANIELS 9
JOHN G. AMES 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all but the treble and tenor ringers. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1 Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	E. HARRY STONELY 8
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
MAURICE SWINFELD 5	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD

This composition was rung as a compliment to Mr. James George for his seventy-ninth birthday.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

* PERCY GRINDEY 1 Treble	JAMES T. SMITH 6
* HARRY GRACE 2	* THOMAS ROGERS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	LESTER L. GRAY 8
† THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
G. RONALD EDWARDS 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Royal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. George Fisher, a ringer at this church for 50 years.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS,
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

* P.C. EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 1 Treble	P.C. DONALD BROWN 6
† P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 2	EX-P.S. WM. C. DOWDING ... 7
† P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 8
P.C. WILLIAM PYE 4	P.S. PETER CROOK 9
CH. INSP. JAMES MILDRED ... 5	P.C. JAMES TURNER Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by P.S. PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th are from Liverpool, 7th from Birmingham, 9th from Bolton, the remainder belong to Manchester. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Dean for allowing the peal to be rung and the Cathedral ringers for having made all arrangements.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* DONALD ROWE 1 Treble	† WILLIAM A. BOLTON 5
ALBERT MARTIN 2	* ERNEST MEASURES 6
FRED STANFORTH 3	* NIGEL W. BOLTON 7
* RICHARD W. HENSON 4	E. ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' All the above are Sunday service ringers.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER 1 Treble	JOHN BASS 5
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
HARRY GOODMAN 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALBERT E. GARRETT 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

Mr. W. Fisher has now completed the circle in this tower, and this was his 20th peal on the bells. The peal was specially arranged and rung for the festival of All Saints.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT 1 Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
STANLEY COPLING 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
GEORGE CURSON 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Cecil Walter Barrett, a member of the Redenhall company.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN 1 Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
FRANK G. RING 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK 7
* HERBERT DEVENISH 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALBERT COPPOCK 1 Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

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CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE CONDLICK 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
SIDNEY E. ROMANS 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	HENRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK LAWTON Treble	THOMAS COCKING 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY 2	HARRY MELLOR 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	HARRY PLATT 7
JOSEPH OGDEN 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. PLATT.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
JAMES POWELL 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
CHARLES LOVELOCK 3	GEORGE KING 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

First peal as conductor in the method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
GLYN SHAW 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDGAR PRAKE Treble	ERIC B. ALLMAN 5
REGINALD HARPER 2	†JOHN BRASSINGTON 6
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY 3	†ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
BYRAN FERNYHOUGH 4	†ROBERT MOSELEY Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal. † 70th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES WM. BAXENDALE Treble	*GEORGE WM. STEEL 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	JOHN AMBLER 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 7
WILLIAM BARTON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First 'touch' in the method 'inside.' Rung with the bells fully muffled on the day of the interment of the late Mrs. M. Myers, mother of Messrs. R. and S. Myers, and sister of Mr. J. E. Procter, who are all members of the local company.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN S. MORTON 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
*ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A. (Vicar of Erith) as Archdeacon of Rochester.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD G. HERBERT Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
*ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE 2	†LEONARD JOHNSON 6
*THOMAS BIRD 3	THOMAS CHINERY 7
SIDNEY GRIDLEY 4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE. Conducted by DAVID H. ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

G. H. Woodberry's 50th peal.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY J. CHARLES Treble	*WILLIAM J. CARTER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	†REGINALD CHANCE 6
*ERNEST CALCUTT 3	*NORMAN G. LEECH 7
JOHN BASS 4	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Barber, W. J. Carter, W. Potter and C. Skidmore.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, on Thursday, November 24th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 13 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Frisher 3, W. J. Bidnell (conductor) 4, W. Fright 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. Amos 7, P. W. Jones 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	Cecil Nice 5
GEORGE OLLIVIER 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANCES;

EDWARD MAWBY ... Treble	EVEREST FORD 5
*MISS ELSIE LAKIN 2	THOMAS JONES 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4	WILFRED J. MOES Tenor

Composed by W. BERRY. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bololph,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOSEPH FARMER ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
EDMUND H. LINDOP 2	KEITH HART 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
WILLIAM HILLMAN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT DEVENISH ... Treble	HARRY JOYCE 5
ALFRED TARBUN, JUN. 2	†ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 6
HENRY W. KIRTON 3	SYDNEY TAYLOR 7
*HERBERT EDWARDS 4	ALEXANDER H. BREWERS Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	*JAMES G. POWELL 7
HARRY BAKER 4	†GEORGE SIMS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* 25th peal and first in the method as conductor. † First peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5
JOHN T. DAVIES 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
†WILLIAM T. EDGE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
†JOSEPH P. POOLEY 4	RUBEN SIDEBOTHAM Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Davies and W. T. Edge.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, BRISTOL AND RUTLAND
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal contains 1,792 London, 1,536 Cambridge, 1,216 Bristol, and 576 Rutland. The figures of this peal were published in 'The Ringing World' of November 4th, and it is now rung for the first time. It is the first time these four methods have been rung as one peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	CHARLES TIPTON 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2	WILLIAM MAPP, SEN. 5
FORREST T. MASSEY 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Geo. Randle and Miss L. Jones, which took place at Bromfield on October 26th, 1932.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT ... Treble	*HARRY J. SANGER 4
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*FRANK LOOKER 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
DENIS R. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodhine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MISS CONSTANCE I. CLARK Treble	†ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE 4
OLAVE E. BROYD 2	†THOMAS BIRD 5
BERNARD W. PETITT 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (Rev. H. M. Greening).

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,760 Plain Bob (12 callings) and 2,280 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*CYRIL SAUNDERS Treble	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 4
†ERIC CRESSWELL 2	FRANK TURNER 5
WALTER BROWN 3	WILLIAM BRADFORD Tenor

Conducted by F. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers. The bells were rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George P. Johnson, one of the local band, who was laid to rest that day in the churchyard.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD BROCKETT Treble	LEWIS BYWATERS 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
REGINALD WEST 3	EDWARD FROSSELL Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect for H. Mortimer, who died suddenly on May 17th. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

TAXEL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wragby, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Willesden, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This peal contains seven true and complete extents, starting from and ending with rounds. It also contains bobs before and behind, viz., when the treble is in 5-6, there being also 144 calls.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	*HAROLD HARPER 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD RAINFORD Treble	†THOMAS W. VAREY 4
*ERNEST SWAIN 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 3	NICHOLAS NEWBY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal. Fiftieth peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Willis, for many years a lay reader connected with the above church, who was buried the previous day.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, November 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. D. Buckingham 1, B. C. Mann 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, G. H. Neville (conductor) 5, C. J. Mann 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 3 and 4.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)	
JOHN PERKINS Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	GEORGE L. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HUISH CHAMFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. PURCHASE Treble	G. ADAMS 4
A. TURNER 2	J. TOUT 5
MISS L. HAWKINS 3	W. J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. TOUT.

First peal by 3rd and 4th ringers. First as conductor. Miss Hawkins is the first lady in the deanery to ring a peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in O.

SMITH WOOD Treble	MRS. G. R. EDWARDS 4
*FRANK TICKLE 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
†FREDERICK W. DAVIES 3	JAMES F. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. F. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

GEORGE H. BISHOP Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
CHARLES SAUNDERS 2	HARRY BISHOP 5
THOMAS WARNER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STIELLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

JAMES CLIFF Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
RAYMOND THOMPSON 3	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESEMAN.

* First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. E. Ferry, past-president of the above association for a number of years.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH BURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
WILLIAM P. GARRATT 3-4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness—STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

A CORNISH RESTORATION.**VILLAGE SPENDS £300 ON TOWER AND BELLS.**

The Cornish village of Menheniot has recently completed the restoration of its church tower and bells at a cost of nearly £300. The work on the building entailed the repointing of the tower and the rebuilding of the 12 feet of the top of the steeple with Doulton stone, toned down to harmonise with the colouring of the local stone at the base. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the rehanging of the bells. The treble was recast and the rest cleaned and retuned. The old oak frame was removed, and the bells rehung in a modern frame with ball bearings. The arrangement of the bells in the tower has also been altered to relieve the strain on the fabric. Previously the fourth was carried above the rest and five of the bells swung in one direction. Now the treble and third have been placed above the other four, and 1, 3 and 6 swing east to west, and 2, 4 and 5 from north to south. The tenor is approximately 12 cwt. The bells and the clock have been lowered about 9ft. in the tower, and this has necessitated the construction of a new floor to the bell chamber. The 2nd, 5th and tenor were cast in 1739 by John Pennington. The fourth was recast in 1884 and the third in 1842.

The dedication of the work was performed by the Bishop of Truro (Dr. Frere), and the bells were rung by the local ringers, who expressed themselves delighted with the improved tone and easy manipulation.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, when members were present from Brighton, Crawley, Beeding, Heene, Lindfield, Lancing, West Hove, West Grinstead, Uckfield, Southwick and Shoreham. A short service was held, at which the address was given by the Vicar of Shoreham, the Rev. J. F. C. Glossop. Tea was partaken of at St. Mary's Parish Rooms, 34 being present, including the Vicar, who presided at the subsequent business meeting. No new members were forthcoming. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and presiding, the organist, and Mr. J. Cripps for making the local arrangements were accorded.

After this several members rang courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major on handbells, and another visit was then made to the belfry, where the bells were kept busy to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. A well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods was also rung.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION AND OTHER SOCIETIES FRATERNISE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society and the Doncaster and District Society at Rawmarsh on Saturday, and the policy of holding joint meetings was fully justified by an attendance of nearly 40 members being present from Rotherham, Eastwood, Treeton, Handsworth, Sheffield Cathedral, Rammoor, Doncaster, Arksey, Conisborough and the local company.

A short, bright and homely service was held in the church conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon F. Scovell), who has always something new to talk about. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company in the manner one always associates with Rawmarsh—good and plenty. As an example for other meetings, 38 sent in names for tea and 44 sat down, which was highly pleasing to the local secretary (Mr. F. C. Wilson).

The Rector presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Four new members were elected, viz., J. Tyas, L. Field and A. Fielding, of Hoylandswaine, and H. Chaddock, of Eastwood.

Doncaster was chosen for the annual meeting on March 18th.

The Secretary of the Southern District, in welcoming the kindred societies, thanked them for their co-operation, and hoped that the good feeling and friendship which existed would continue and, if possible, grow stronger.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, the ladies and to the local company were heartily carried and replied to by Mr. Mitchell for the local company and the Rector.

The tower was again visited for further ringing—after the Rector's supply of cigarettes had given out.

ST. CECELIA'S DAY AND MUSICIANS.

It is well known, even outside musical circles, that St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music, and she is, therefore, doubtless dear to many ringers. Yearly, on her day, November 22nd, a service is held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and it is attended by the Master, Court and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

The service is fully musical and, in addition, an orchestra is provided. By further arrangement of late years the noble ring of 12 bells peal forth, both before and after service, in honour of the saint. In reference to the ringing, the Master, Mr. J. H. Hes, expressed the pleasure with which he and those with him had listened to the bells—'a lovely background of musical tone.'

Two well-known ringers are members of the Musicians' Company, viz., Messrs. C. F. Johnston and E. Alexr. Young, the latter being present on the occasion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, Cheshire, is leaving England at the end of the year to take up an appointment in New York. As a result the Central Council will lose a valued hon. member and the Chester Diocesan Guild its treasurer.

We understand that Bow tenor is to be recast in connection with the scheme for the restoration of these famous London bells, and that others of the ring not included in the original proposals are to pass through the furnace.

'The Ringing World' would like to have the names and addresses of young ringers, under fifteen years of age, who are capable at least of ringing Grandsire Triples or Bob Major on church bells.

The London County Association's peal of Stedman Triples on Nov. 12th was rung at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City.

It is desired to associate with the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral, on Saturday, the name of Miss Parsons, a great worker in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, who was celebrating her 70th birthday on the same day. The ringers wish her 'many happy returns of the day.'

What we believe is the first spliced peal of 'Alliance' and 'Little' Minor has been rung at Lamberhurst. Alliance methods have a combination of Plain and Treble Bob hunting by the treble, and the Little methods fill in the missing changes to complete the extent.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band of local service ringers, including a lady, who are all members of the choir, was rung at Luton, Leicestershire, last week.

The river Misbourne flows past the church at Chalfont St. Peter, and it is understood that, after numerous inquiries at a recent ringers' meeting as to whether it contained tonic properties, the level was appreciably lower.

We have received a number of letters on different phases of the Minor controversy which limitations of space compel us to hold over.

CLOCK HAMMERS.

HOW RINGERS CAN PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

Minor mishaps frequently occur in towers through visiting ringers failing to realise that there are clock hammers to be removed before ringing. A warning notice conspicuously displayed is a safeguard against accidents of this kind, and the well-known clock-makers, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, will be pleased to supply, free of charge, a neat suitable card for the purpose to any ringers who may like to take advantage of the offer.

Messrs. Smith and Sons have recently executed a number of important clock contracts. In the past few months they have obtained orders for clocks to be erected at Redditch Parish Church, Adlington Parish Church, Lancs (four 5ft. dials), Birtton Church, Aylesbury, and Warsop Town Hall, as well as the following, which have been fitted with the firm's automatic electric apparatus: St. Andrew's Church, Derby (three 8ft. dials), Alloa Parish Church, Scotland (four 7ft. dials), Seacombe Ferry clock tower (four 8ft. dials), St. Swithin's Church, Worcester, Barrow-on-Soar School, Messrs. Crossley's, Ltd., Sheffield, and Walsall clock tower. It is interesting to learn that an hour-striking clock fitted with Messrs. John Smith and Sons' automatic electric apparatus consumes only about three units of current per annum.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NEW GROUND BROKEN.

Another well-attended meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at East Ardsley on Saturday, when new ground was broken and over 40 members were present from Almondbury, Armley, Barnsley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Holbeck, Hunslet, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Sandal and the local company. There were also visitors from Wakefield.

The bells were rung up soon after 3 p.m., and the first touch was led by the Rector (Canon J. Young, M.A.), who rang the treble. Ringers were given the opportunity to ring in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Surprise.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, when, at the double sitting, 34 members replenished the voids which ringing on the heavy but beautiful ring of bells had caused.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the president being in the chair.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local company for the other arrangements, and to the ladies who prepared the tea.

The Rector of East Ardsley replied to the vote of thanks, and suggested that the next visit of the society to East Ardsley should be in the summer, when the village and countryside were worth seeing.

FIRST SINCE THE FIRE.

At Howden, East Yorks, on Wednesday, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 50 mins. by the Thorne Parish Church ringers. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since the tower was destroyed by fire: E. Thorley 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, T. H. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, J. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (conductor), 8.

THE LATE MR. E. E. FERRY.

FORMER ASSOCIATION SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT.

As announced in our last issue, Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, died at his brother's house, Barkwith Rectory, Lincoln, on November 18th. He went there to recuperate, after an attack of pneumonia in September, but his health was completely broken down, and after five weeks of serious illness, most patiently borne, he passed away. He was laid to rest in East Barkwith Churchyard on November 19th, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. Stanford,

Vicar of Elkington South. The bearers were all members of the choir of East Barkwith Church. There were many beautiful floral tributes from his friends in the North and from friends and relations in Lincolnshire.

The officers of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association did not get the news till after the funeral, but a floral cross was immediately dispatched on behalf of the president and members.

Mr. Ferry was hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for eight years, when he was made president four years ago, retiring only in September last. He was a tremendous churchworker, and had helped to teach a large number of ringers in the two dioceses, his last great effort starting nearly

three years ago when he took in hand the belfry of Durham Cathedral. Where naught but call changes ever were rung before, now change ringing is constantly rung for services and practice.

Mr. Ferry started ringing as a youth at his father's church in Essex, but only took up the art seriously when he came to work at Armstrong, Whitworth's in Newcastle, as an engineer. He left them after a short while and started his own engineering works. His brother, Mr. S. O. Ferry, who was also a ringer, and at Armstrong's works, was the originator of the Sunday service ringing scheme for the above association, under which certificates are awarded at the end of each year for the best band on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, points being awarded for each touch rung for services only.

Mr. Ernest Ferry had taken part in 186 peals for the association, and had conducted 42. These peals ranged from Minor to Maximus in all the standard and in several Surprise methods.

He was of a most kindly and cheerful disposition and ever willing to help on the youngsters. A master, too, of heavy bell ringing, his place will be hard to fill, not only in this respect but in many other walks of life. He was a chorister at St. George's Church, Newcastle, for many years, and a member of many of the choral societies in Newcastle. In the loss of so kindly and sweet a personality the association is deprived of a keen supporter and loyal friend.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Newcastle Cathedral to the memory of Mr. Ferry, and is recorded in its proper column. Mr. Wm. Story, J.P., was present but was unable to take part in the peal. Mr. Jack Amos, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Surrey, who rang the tenor, was elected a member of the association before starting.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cecil J. Wood, Vicar of St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in an appreciation of the services of Mr. Ferry, says: 'By the passing away of Ernest Ferry the church has lost the help of a most valued ringer. In ringing he never failed, was always reliable, always ready. Latterly he would ring at St. George's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on a Sunday morning, then sing in the choir, then cycle or drive to Durham Cathedral to ring for the afternoon service, then return for his evening duties at St. George's. He had a ready wit and keen sense of humour, and was most acceptable at a speaker at annual meetings. To those who knew him he gave a happy friendship, and amid all the anxieties of daily life he retained a happy outlook.'

FORTY YEARS ON.

At Darlington, on Sunday, November 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. T. Simpson 1, Roland Park (conductor) 2, R. Busby 3, G. W. Park 4, W. N. Park 5, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 6. For evensong, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Busby 1, R. T. Simpson 2, R. Jeff 3, W. N. Park 4, Roland Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Thomas 6. Rung to commemorate the first 720 on these bells by a local band, which was rung on Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1892.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their annual meeting at Charlton Kings on Saturday. This fine old church, with a history of over seven centuries, was the rendezvous of quite a good gathering, and the bells were soon answering to the skill of those present. Short touches in various methods were rung, which left no doubt that the high standard of Cheltenham ringing is still being maintained.

The Rev. Edgar Neale conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Smith, of Charlton Kings. In his address, Mr. Neale emphasised the great work that lay in the hands of church bellringers, and said how deeply grateful the clergy were for the splendid way in which they carried out their duties.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, at the invitation of the Rev. Edgar Neale, and visitors greatly appreciated the hospitality extended to them.

To the delight of all, Archdeacon Sears was able to spare a few moments of his very valuable time to take the chair at the business meeting, at which six new members were elected.

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, Archdeacon Sears and Mr. Walter Yeend being especially thanked for their past services.

In reply, Archdeacon Sears said what pleasure it gave him to be associated with the ringers, and promised to do all in his power to help forward the interests of the association.

Mr. J. K. Armstrong expressed the gratitude of the company to Rev. Edgar Neale for his magnificent welcome, and to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

Mr. Neale, in his witty and amusing reply, said of all things near his heart, the ringers and their work was nearest, and he hoped it would be his pleasure to receive them on future occasions.

More ringing was then indulged in, and nine o'clock brought a very enjoyable meeting to an end.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LANTERN LECTURE ON BELLS.

The president of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) was the chairman at a most interesting and instructive lantern lecture given in the Cathedral Schools, Derby, on Tuesday, November 22nd, by Mr. Ernest Morris, R.F.Hist.S., general hon. secretary, the subject being 'The Founder's Art—Famous Bells of the World,' etc. About a hundred people were present, including ladies and gentlemen from the various parishes and a number of ringers and friends from the surrounding districts, including the district officers, Messrs. H. Fletcher, C. Draper, E. H. Clarke, and G. Freebrey.

The Chairman, introducing Mr. Morris, said that not only as a lecturer but in many other ways he was a gentleman of outstanding ability. He had rung more peals for the M.C.A. than anyone else, had written a most remarkable book, entitled 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' and as a further honour he had lately been made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He also mentioned that this is the jubilee year of the association, in which an extra special annual meeting and dinner took place at Derby on Easter Monday, and a special peal had been rung at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, where the association was formed. He also referred to the large number of hon. members who had become interested in the activities of the M.C.A., and he hoped that everyone present would enjoy the lecture.

During the lecture, to demonstrate change ringing, a course of Grandire Caters was rung on the association handbells by Messrs. J. Pagett, A. H. Ward, E. Morris, W. Wallace, A. Braines, and to complete the programme an exhibition of tune ringing was given, which was much enjoyed.

Mr. Wallace, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Morris for his kindness in giving the lecture, and Mr. Draper thanked the chairman for presiding. The arrangements were made by Mr. Geo. Freebrey, the district secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on Saturday, November 12th, when the members were entertained to a sumptuous meat tea kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Bedford.

At the meeting which followed, the Rector, who presided, again welcomed the members, and thanked them for their services during the past year. The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Norton) gave a glowing report of the work done by the Guild, and thanked the members for their support.

The election of officers for 1933 resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. C. H. Viller; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Bedford for their hospitality and their many kindnesses during the year. Music and song followed, also handbell ringing, and this brought another successful meeting to a close.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A USEFUL MEETING AT CHALFONT.

The East Berks and South Bucks gathering at Chalfont St. Peter was quite as cheery at its predecessors, a dozen different towers being represented. 'Go London' was the first item, followed by Cambridge and numerous other methods. The popular branch Ringing Master and his son were late in arriving, having got 'out of course,' and it has not yet been decided who was the culprit. The ambulance man waited ten minutes, too. Surely the secretary should have included this in the discussion on 'rows and changes.'

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Hobart (in the absence of the Vicar), a large number of voices harmonising in three hymns.

A tasty tea was well served in a cosy room adjoining the church, votes of thanks being passed afterwards to all concerned with making arrangements for such a successful meeting.

Regrets were expressed when it was learned that the Vicar, Rev. C. S. A. Whittington, is resigning through ill-health. An interesting fact discovered was that the Rev. Hobart had learned to rise and fall a bell as a boy, but had gone no further. It is hoped that the genial foreman, Mr. A. Swan, will not lose sight of this ready-made ringer.

The bells were then set going again, mention being made of special touches. One local man rang the treble to Grandsire Doubles with the 'non-stop all-talking' instructress behind him, and when asked if he would like another said, 'Yes, that one was a bit better than usual.' Another rang his first course of London at the first attempt. The 'diver' also had a course of London. Several spliced bits were rung, including some 'hot pot' or 'pot pourri,' not by Joseph Muscant. Quite a number of eligible bachelors turned up, but most of the ladies were missing—some dancing, some hiking.

A speedy recovery is the wish for 'Henry the Eighth,' his shoulder being still rather the worse for wear.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 12th, when over 60 members were present, including visitors from Reading, Abingdon, Englefield, Aldermaston and Newport, Mon. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), the address being given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

Tea was served in the Parish Room, where 54 sat down. The business meeting followed, over which the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, supported by the Master, general secretary and general treasurer.

The Secretary reported good progress during the year. Six peals had been rung in the branch. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £18 1s. 6d. A grant of eight guineas was voted from the branch to the Newbury Ten-Bell Fund.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. H. W. Curtis hon. secretary and treasurer.

Favourable reports were given from nearly every tower in the branch. Five new members were elected.

The next meeting was fixed for Thatcham in February, and the spring meeting is to be held at Peasmore in April, the dates being left for the secretary to arrange.

The Master, general secretary and general treasurer congratulated the Newbury Branch on its progress and balance. Mr. Hibbert appealed to those present to help the Newbury ringers in their effort to get the new trebles. £40 is now needed to complete this work.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), to the Master for his address, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. During the afternoon eight ladies rang Newbury bells in rounds.

WYCOMBE RINGER'S LOSS.

THE PASSING OF MRS. R. COLES.

The sympathy of our readers will be extended to Mr. Ralph Coles (foreman of the High Wycombe belfry) on the death of his wife. Mrs. Coles had been in failing health for some time, and recently had undergone hospital treatment in the hope of recovery. Despite careful nursing and skilled medical attention, however, this hope was not realised, and after much suffering, patiently borne, she passed away in the hospital on the morning of her birthday, November 26th.

Mrs. Coles was an active churchworker, and rendered valuable assistance to the various organisations with which she was connected. She was also an hon. ringing member of the belfry.

The bells were rung half-muffled for matins and evensong on the following day.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. In the early evening Stedman was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

'The Ringing World' of October 21st contained a description of the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn, and its bells, consequently it was expected that an association meeting at that church would be well attended. However, a cold, damp afternoon did not help much, but in spite of the cheerlessness of the weather some 40 members put in an appearance. As an example to the rank and file, most of the association officers attended, and it was a pleasure to see Mr. W. H. Hollier, almost fully recovered from his accident in July, as well as his successor in office, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. Father Atkinson), after welcoming the members, preached a very helpful sermon, taking his text from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. He likened the difficult times of to-day to those of the days of St. Paul, and just as the apostle urged the Philippians to look to God for a solution of their many difficulties, so it was with us to-day. The service concluded with Lyte's beautiful hymn, 'Abide with me,' appropriately enough on the eve of the anniversary of the composer's death.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) being in the chair. Four members of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Society were admitted to membership of the association, and the tower affiliated to the Guild. The Hon. Secretary congratulated three members of the local band on recently ringing their first peal, and said that he hoped the St. Augustine's band would prosper, and long remain loyal members of the association. He congratulated Mr. E. M. Atkins on the success attending his efforts to form a band at Kilburn, and strongly urged members of the association to support the practices on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 28th, this to be the annual meeting of the district.

It was announced that a special practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods had been arranged at Willesden, on December 13th at 7.30 p.m.

The Vice-President of the South and West District (Mr. J. A. Trollope) asked permission to 'say something,' and, after being warned not to introduce the subject of Spliced Minor and Doubles, he stated that a dinner would be held on Saturday, January 14th, in the South and West District, further particulars of which would be available later. In the meantime he asked all members to note the date and make up their minds to attend.

The Chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicars of Kilburn and Willesden for the use of their bells, to the organist, and to the ladies who had prepared tea. This was carried unanimously.

The new Ringers' Handbook, by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, was introduced by the hon. secretary, who stated that he would be pleased to accept any orders given by members. Ringing took place at St. Augustine's Church in the afternoon and evening, also at Willesden after the meeting, and many methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, were rung.

BOBS BEFORE AND BEHIND IN MINOR.

The following compositions by Mr. J. W. Parker were rung in the seven method peal at Taxot, which is recorded in another column, there being bobs both when the treble is in front and behind:—

Wragby.	Duke of Norfolk and Northury.	Willesden.
23456	23456	23456
54326 B	64523	54263 — B
63542 —	23564 —	32546 —
25463	45623	53624
64235 — B	36245	65432
52364	56234 B	46253
43652	46253 B	52436 — B
26435 —	53246 —	45623
34625 B	62453	64352
56234	53462 —	36245
42356	42356 — B	42356 — B
720.	720.	
London Scholars' Pleasure.	Sandal and Kingston.	
23456	23456	
56423 —	46325 — B	
63254 — B	25634	
54326	34562	
26354 —	62534 —	
54632	54326 B	
42635 B	26354 —	
25634 B	54632	
34562	32465	
62534 —	65432 —	
34256	42356 B	

All twice repeated.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO DOUBLES AND MINOR RINGERS.

The following 'open letter' to Doubles and Minor ringers, of the Essex Association in particular, and other associations in general, is from Mr. G. L. Joyce, of the Leytonstone band (one of the most accomplished six-bell companies in the country), who has already proved his knowledge of the subject by his articles under the nom de plume of 'Minormania,' published five years ago in these columns.

Gentlemen,—In presuming publicly to address you regarding the 'Peal Controversy,' I am emboldened by the belief that, when electing me to the Peal Committee at the jubilee meeting of the Essex Association, those present almost unanimously voted against preferable candidates solely because my proposer spoke of the need of a six-bell representative. There could be no other reason. The spontaneity of the response said much for the consideration shown by this representative gathering for the needs of five and six-bell ringers of its association.

While it is perfectly true that the Central Council and associations cannot enforce compliance with decisions, it behoves 'Minor' men to have something to say in the framing of rules which, no matter how ineffectually in practice, govern matters which lie within our particular sphere, to bestir ourselves at meetings and voice, in no uncertain manner, our views and desires in this direction, to prevail upon our Central Council representatives to press for early and decisive action in the amendment of the existing (and obsolete) definitions relating to 'peals.' To this end, and without desire unduly to thrust upon you my personal views, I should like to offer comment upon certain points in the controversy, to endeavour to set forth as clearly and concisely as is practicable with understanding, and to 'split' certain of those split straws which continually are brought into arguments of this kind.

ROUNDS AND 'TRUTH.' As an order in which bells sound, it has been decided (and properly, as everyone will agree) that rounds shall be rung both at beginning and end of a 'true and complete touch or peal'; the emphasis is on 'touch or peal,' without reference to any part thereof. This decision quite apart, rounds as a row alone has not the slightest effect upon 'truth,' other than that it should appear once only, if at all, somewhere within the touch or peal; but because of the decision mentioned, and only by reason of it, rounds is rung both at beginning and end, and not elsewhere; and, apart from the existing definition '... to start from and end with rounds ...' there is no logical argument possible as to which (first or last) shall be 'counted' in deciding 'truth.' Provided one is first and another last, both should be 'counted' in a true and complete touch or peal of so many changes, because:—

CHANGES AND ROWS. Broadly put, rows are (the sounds) produced by changes (the 'work'), and the number of rows is always one greater than the number of changes. 'Adsum' writes of omitting the last rounds, thus leaving the peal incomplete, but he is silent upon the question of the omission of the first rounds! Mr. Turner describes the last rounds as the '720th change,' and writes of the impossibility of the first rounds being a 'change.' Neither is a 'change'; both are rows, and both are part of one whole; without the first, the last cannot be the result of the '720th' change. No amount of argument can alter the fact that both are necessary to a completed whole.

'TRUE' CHANGES. It is wrong to contend that bells must run 'round' in order to produce a certain number of 'true' changes. Convention, and convention alone, demands this of a touch or peal; but so far as the cold 'truth of changes' is concerned it is an absurd and mischievous fallacy. Enter a red bus, change into a blue, and again into a green; two changes by using three vehicles. Convention demands that the final change be into a red, in order to complete the 'touch' of three changes. Can anyone doubt that there would have been three complete and true changes had the last bus been a spotted-pink? Commence a peal with rounds; produce 4,999 other rows, all to differ; let the 5,001st row be 87654321, and you have rung 5,000 'true and complete changes'; but you have not completed a conventional peal.

Furthermore, if any straw is to be split at all in the matter of the compulsory repetitions in a Minor peal, it actually is possible truly to change via rows which are repeated; but it would serve no useful purpose to labour this fine point here.

'REVERSED' LEADS. A lead of a symmetrical Minor method (and we repeatedly are told how necessary is symmetry) is like a piece of string—a thing with two ends, one of which is the 'head' and the other the 'tail.' Both ends 'work' towards the centre in exactly the same way, i.e., by way of similar changes (not rows). Rung either way 'up' a lead has the same rows; the succession of 'natures' and the 'work' are the same from either end. In an extent some leads are rung 'one way' and some 't'other'; the Bankes James' Cambridge has whole courses rung 't'other way.' Which of them are wrong side up, and which are right side down, goodness and Mr. Severn alone know! But the bearing of this 'reversal,' in itself, upon the truth of this, or any other extent, is absolutely nil.

ROUNDS FIRST OR LAST. If there be any quibble at all as to which shall be 'counted' the logical answer will be found in the

following. A Minor method shows itself to be truly symmetrical only if the lead be shown as printed in the 'Collection,' with rounds as the first row. Further, I have yet to learn that the 'Major' men prove their peals without using the backstroke rows of the treble's full leads as the beginnings. They speak of 'false course ends,' when these very 'ends' are not the ends of the false courses; they are the beginnings of the false courses which follow the so-called 'false course end.' Actually, of course, in matters appertaining to truth, the 'Majors' use these rows as course heads, but the 'Minors' may not!

Again, Mr. Severn insists that rounds is not the first row; he also insists that leads are reversely rung. Right! If any one lead can be rung the reverse way, the first lead also could be reversed. Now examine the first lead of Cambridge. If rounds be not the first row, then the backstroke (156342) must be the last. Reverse the lead and we now commence to ring 'from' 156342; at the first change we make second's place? No, when Mr. Severn reverses a lead he starts 'from' the handstroke row (153624), which now takes the place formerly occupied by rounds, which, in turn, has taken the place of the former handstroke! In short, Mr. Severn in practice uses the backstroke (rounds) and the handstroke (153624) rows as termini, and the lead is swung to fit. He tries to beat us with both ends of a stick at once. If the absurdity eludes you, I am sorry; it is very vivid to me!

SPLICING AND MIXING. Mr. Coles contends that, having accepted the Cambridge, all other peals which are 'spliced and mixed' must also be included, presumably because they are 'spliced and mixed.' Accepting his view that the Cambridge is as described, let us consider two separate (and true) 720's, one of London and another of Wells Surprise. Rung one following the other we have a 'true' touch of 1,440, in that each row appears twice therein, and twice only. Now—

(i.) Take parts of the London and truly splice them into the Wells, and vice versa. We now have a true 1,440 comprising two London-Wells extents, each of which is true within itself, and the whole fit for inclusion in a peal.

(ii.) Let parts of the London be taken, falsely to replace parts of the Wells, which, in turn, are falsely spliced into the London. Still a 'true' 1,440, each row appearing twice only, but some rows twice in one extent, and some twice in the other. Would Mr. Coles ring such in a peal? Would you?

So much for the acceptance of all and sundry 'splicing in' of any description. Let there be no equivocation on the question of 'methods v. compositions.' Different 'methods' are different arrangements of the same rows in an extent, as are different 'compositions'; the simile is quite good.

The question remaining: Is the Cambridge in one category, while the Law James and Turner peals are in the other?

THE PEALS IN QUESTION. Mr. Coles writes that the Bankes James' Cambridge cannot be justified without the Law James' London and the Turner peals. Well, I attempt to justify!

Everyone will agree that the nearest approach possible of a Minor peal to the Major standard is thus: 720 rows all to differ; another such; another, and so on. I set out to prove the Cambridge Minor, as given on page 121 of the 'Collection,' on exactly the same lines as I did with the Pitman 12-Surprise Major; and, very definitely, in the Cambridge the bells will sound as follow: 720 different orders before repetition; again; again; again; again; again; and again; with a final 'repetition' of rounds. Total, 5,040 rows and one.

The London, also as given on page 121 and in the same way: 312 different orders: 24 repetitions (the 8th lead again); 240 different: 72 repetitions (leads 1, 2, 3 again); 72 different. Total, 720. The rest of this 'peal' may be 'true' in the whole; probably it is, but I have not looked so far!

The Turner Kent of November 18th: 456 true; 24 false (12th lead again); 72 true; 48 false; 48 true; 72 false. Total, 720.

But why go on? I have attempted a justification; it is for you to decide.

THE DEFINITION. I have shown that the Cambridge differs from the others in at least one way; it remains now to decide whether it can be made to 'fit.' I contend that this peal is perfectly true in every practical way, whether judged by the sounds given forth in practice, or by the method used in proving such as the Pitman Major masterpiece. If there is a gentleman (other than Mr. Pitman, please) who thinks that he can show me that rounds is not used as the first row in this connection, I shall be delighted to meet him and take lessons; it will be a 'new one' on me!

I state, coldly and deliberately, that the Cambridge is robbed of its 'truth,' on a split straw, by an obsolete and lying jade called 'definition,' which misuses a little word ('from') to despoil a perfectly good peal. Further, that the London and the Kent cannot, by the largest of imaginative stretching, be described as 'true' in the sense of the term as accepted by the vast majority of Doubles and Minor ringers; and, that the acceptance of such peals automatically would lead to 'false' peals of Doubles and Minor of every description, especially so in method splicing.

ROUND PEGS AND SQUARE HOLES. I cannot conclude without mention of Mr. Turner's contemptuous dismissal of Mr. Smith's reference to the tables compiled by 'The Mad Hatter'; it needs

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AND SIX-BELL PROBLEMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter of 'Peal Ringer' is most opportune, though, personally, I think it a pity that he did not sign his name to his communication. Twenty years' experience of the Central Council has convinced me that the average member is quite out of touch with the problems of the six-bell ringer. After all, this is to be expected. Men are generally elected to the Council after long experience, and the larger part of them have forgotten all they once knew about Minor and Doubles ringing. Thus, with the best will in the world, they are liable to be led astray in their efforts to interpret eight and ten-bell conditions into those that apply to five and six bells.

A striking example of the really pathetic incompetence of many councillors to understand the very simplest of six-bell problems is afforded by a letter in your current issue on page 775.

The election of members to the Council will take place at association meetings during the next few months. At these meetings six-bell ringers should demand a pledge from candidates that they will support a proposal to the effect that a peal of Minor or Doubles is to be regarded as a single entity and not a collection of separate and independent entities. In other words, a peal of Minor is one performance and not seven. This is the root of the matter, and if a resolution of the Council can be obtained in this sense it should not prove beyond human ingenuity to find a way of applying it in practice. I am sure that in nearly every case it will be found that the desire to be sympathetic is present, and it will seldom be necessary for the six-bell men to run candidates especially chosen to support their views.

I do not think that those of us on the Council who have been fighting for years for the recognition of the idea that a 5,040 on five or six bells is to be accepted as a peal in exactly the same sense as peals on higher numbers are asking too much in expecting this support from the six-bell men themselves.

It ought to be unnecessary to add that these statements of claim take into account that in any peal of Minor every row must occur not less than seven times, and in this sense the peal can be described as conventional. With that proviso the Minor peal is to be accepted as on all fours with those on higher numbers.

Personally, I deprecate at this stage the specious though superficial inquisition suggested by Mr. S. H. Wood. On examination it will be found to be more than a rehash in other terms of the wearisome controversy in which we have been engaged for the past five years. In discussing whether this or that is to be allowed in a peal of Minor or Doubles we have got no nearer agreement. Is it not time to try to settle the general principle?

E. S. POWELL.

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MINOR RINGERS

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amplifying. While it may be true that the Cambridge (5-6's) extents were obtained long since, it also is true that the tables for all methods were available before the publication of the 'Collection' (wherein, curiously enough, one finds acknowledgment of the work of 'Ernest Seymour Turner'); and reference to these tables would certainly have saved the error or two on page 113, which deals with the subject of the 6-5's. (I believe they remain uncorrected, by the way.) I am led to remark that, had the undoubted genius of 'The Mad Hatter' (with his wholesale manufacture of methods, extents, splicing, and what not?) been used as the square peg in the very square hole of proof scrutiny, the book had been the better for the exclusion of the false methods and extents already acknowledged.

One correspondent writes that the 'Minor' folk get no consideration; perhaps this generally is so; but there is one place where he gets his 'say.' It is before your eyes! My acknowledgments to our Editor for his courtesy in finding ill-afforded space.—I am, gentlemen, yours Minor-madly,
Leytonstone.
GEO. L. JOYCE.

November 24th, 1932.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, December 7th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, December 10th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Applications for tea must reach the Hon. Sec. by Friday, December 9th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leics.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,

6, Tavistock Crescent,

Luton, Beds,

Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James, or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on December 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.). *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. —

The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimble (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Reading Room, 1s. each. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting (including nominations of District Officers) to follow.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUTCOMBE, near Holsworthy, Devon.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. by the Bishop of Crediton; service in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea at 5.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Benedict's bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by business. Further ringing until 5 o'clock. Bells at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs 5 to 6, St. Mary the Great 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Brentford, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (opposite the church) at 5.30 at 9d. each. Please pay outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay Bartlett). Meat tea, Greyhound Hotel, at 5.15. Meeting to follow. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6) and Loders (6). Loders only from 2.30 till 3.30.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treas., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coppul on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. The finest ring of 6 in Lancashire. Roll up and enjoy them.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance desired. All ringing visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert St., Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe Parish Church on Dec. 3rd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, before Dec. 2nd. Ringing after tea.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Paulinus', Crayford. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Cheap fares available.—Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meeting follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Dec. 8th?—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please make this meeting a success.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minhead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. To assist in the arrangements for tea it is important that you kindly advise me not later than Dec. 6th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Darke Street, Minehead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., when the Rev. A. Parkinson will dedicate the Haigh Memorial and Association Library. Tea will be provided for those who notify hon. secretary. All ringers and friends of the late Herbert Haigh are invited, and a good attendance is requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea after. All will be heartily welcomed. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waddesdon on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Rushmere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Garland at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington (Norfolk) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Cordial invitation to visitors. Very good bus service from town passes the church. Numbers for tea by Wednesday before. Special methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting at Banstead on Dec. 10th (both Epsom towers being unobtainable). Tower open at 3 o'clock and tea at the Victoria at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by Dec. 7th?—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3.30. Service 4.30. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and meeting after service at Harris' Restaurant, Corporation Street (Bath Place entrance). Those requiring tea please notify by Dec. 7th. — P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Will members intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Mount Osborne, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

JUBILEE DINNER OF THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, at 6.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Stoke (8), Hanley (10), Burslem (6), Bucknall (6). Service in Stoke Church at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Monday, Dec. 12th. All ringers cordially invited.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Barnwood Church on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know not later than Dec. 15th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Hailgate, Howden, by Thursday, Dec. 15th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

BARKBY, LEICS.—Ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough; special re-opening service on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The first district annual supper and social will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933. Tickets, available shortly, at 3s. each. Please book the date.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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