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**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

A recent correspondence in our columns raises a question which most associations have at one time or another to answer. Should instructors be paid? It is common ground that if an association is to do its duty, if it is to live a healthy life, it must try to help struggling bands and endeavour to start new ones. And for that there must be instructors. But should they be paid and duly appointed officials or should the job be left to voluntary workers? Some men are dead against payment. Paid ringing, they say, has always been the curse of the Exercise. It attracts the wrong sort of man, who works only for what he can get, and gives his service grudgingly and inefficiently. If you want good results, depend on the man who works for the love of the thing. Look at So-and-So, who has been taking money for years, and his band is no better now than it was when he began. Whereas Such-a-One who takes no money has always got a belfry full of ringers. That is an argument common enough, but it is a very shallow one. The success of a band depends on so many more things than the instructor. It depends mostly on the learners. We frequently find people (usually young people) who are quite willing to become ringers but who are not prepared to give the time and trouble necessary to learn the art properly. They think that after three or four visits to a belfry they will be able to take their places among the regular ringers, and when they find it is not so, they stop away. For there are few things which require so much preliminary technical learning as ringing does. If a man has a good voice and ear and a natural aptitude for music he can at once take his place in a choir and learn the art as he goes on. Or if you compare ringing to sport, a few boys and a ball in a back street can make a game of football of sorts. There are no gradations of that kind in ringing. The learner must be prepared to be only a learner for many months before he begins to realise what the thing is about. And so many of them, just as they are beginning to get over that stage, lose heart and interest, and the belfry sees them no more. And it is a sad and pathetic thing to think of the great number of young fellows who might have become good ringers and just at the critical time have gone courting. These are the things that hamper an instructor when he has got a supply of recruits to teach, and often enough he has got no supply. His success or failure does not depend on whether he is paid or not; it does not depend, except in a lesser degree, on whether he is a good instructor or not. If So-and-So and Such-a-One changed towers it is not at all likely that where the first failed the other

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would succeed, or where the second succeeded the other would fail.

Of course, the voluntary system is the ideal. Work done for the love of the thing is better than work done for money. But, fortunately, it is true that men can work for the love of the thing and still receive money for their services. If it were not so there would not be very much good work done in the world. There are such things as expenses, and not everyone can afford to give money as well as time and skill. The number of real ringers who ring for what they can get out of it is small and decreasing, but most would welcome any little honorarium that happened to come along. Weddings, for instance. You and I would resent being included among those whom Thomas Hearne called 'poor mercenary ringers,' but we will take our seven-and-sixpence and be glad of it. If it means no more than a couple of extra drinks it does mean that.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	ALAN SHORT ... .. 8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 10
JOHN NEAL ... .. 5	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 11
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 6
WILLIAM LIDBETTER ... .. 2	MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 7
†MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 8
‡J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... .. 4	WILFRED G. WILSON ... .. 9
MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... .. 5	†HARRY BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Treble	KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 2	RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 3	JAMES HARRIS ... .. 8
EPHRAIM RANDS ... .. 4	ALAN W. RANDS ... .. 9
FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 5	ROBERT J. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

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## LONDON.

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On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5247 CHANGES;

Containing six courses each of '57968 and '97568, and has all the 56's and 54's and 65's and 64's in the Tittums, and all the 65's and 64's in the handstroke home position. Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..Treble	HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 6
*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	*PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 5	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HARMSTON, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES Treble	†CECIL J. MAYER... .. 5
†MISS ESME A. STOKES ... 2	DONOVAN R. WHITE... .. 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Mr. F. W. Stokes' 150th peal.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT J. DAWE ... ..Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 5
*CHARLES A. LEVETT... .. 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... ..Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 2	HARRY RICHARDSON ... .. 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 7
CYRIL WILSON ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the treble man. The 5th ringer has now 'circled' the tower twice. This peal was very kindly arranged for the conductor, who was paying a week-end visit to the district.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Friday, September 21st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Claybrook 1, Miss N. M. Bibby 2, C. Valentine 3, George Cook 4, W. Bibby 5, G. H. Randles 6, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 7, B. Rutter 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells by a local band.

## OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Chad,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. F. Sperring, son of the conductor.

## LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Padarn,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
W. GLYN B. SHAW ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 6
HARRY HOWARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

NELSON ELLIOTT... ..Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
CECIL NICE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	*WILLIAM R. DIPLOCK ...Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal. Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. M. Nightingale, who was interred on September 24th.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 24, 1934, in Three Hours and ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, &amp; SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Containing 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, and 735 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
MRS. R. E. DEAL ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... ..Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church on Friday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): K. Simpson 1, S. H. Symonds 2, B. Cornell 3, H. Crick 4, B. Roper (conductor) 5. Longest length by K. Simpson, who hails from Shipley, Yorks.

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BURLEY, LEEDS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.  
On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

*FRANK ARMITAGE ... .. Treble	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 5
GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 2	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 6
†ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 7
†NORMAN SIMMS ... .. 4	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

\* First peal, the ringer being only 14 years old. † First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 6
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
*FRED LACEY ... .. 4	FRANK LORD ... .. Tenor

Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by F. LORD.

\* First peal of Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, September 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 25.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	JOHN HOPE ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 5
FRED RIGBY ... .. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 7
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
VICTOR COPELY ... .. 3	J. HYLTON SYKES ... .. 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. A. WOOLER.

First peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... Treble	†ARTHUR BUTLER ... .. 5
*FREDERICK W. STEMP ... 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7
HARRY S. SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	A. E. REEVE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	†ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*ALEC GENERY ... .. 4	*WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS AMY WALDOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	PERCY GREEN ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the dedication festival of the church and on the 61st anniversary of the opening of the bells by Mr. Leonard Proctor and his famous band from Bennington, Herts.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*ERNEST SWAIN ... .. Treble	*CAPT. L. J. ROYER ... .. 5
*JAMES RUSH ... .. 2	†JOHN PALMER ... .. 6
NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (158). Conducted by E. JENNINGS.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
JAMES ROSE ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHMAN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	†WALTER E. PRIDDLE... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 6
*HERBERT W. BURDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 4	JACK ROY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman 'inside.'

HIGH BICKINGTON, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN HOSGOOD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR L. TRUMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 2	GEORGE LUXTON ... .. 6
L. HARRY POOK ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... .. 7
A. GEORGE BETTS ... .. 4	*GEORGE SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

\* First peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

G. WRIGHT, SEN... .. Treble	A. HALLAM ... .. 4
MISS A. FREARSON ... .. 2	L. WYKES ... .. 5
G. HURD ... .. 3	J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

The ringer of the treble has now rung a peal from each bell in the tower.

DENVER, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS... .. Treble	*ALBERT MASON ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 3	*A. G. BACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BACON.

\* First peal in five methods.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Swithin,

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: Sandiacre, Lightfoot, Rossendale, London, York and Durham, Norfolk and Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9lb.

*JAMES H. MOSSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in ten Surprise methods. First Surprise peal in ten methods rung in North Lincolnshire.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Being seven 720's, called differently.

ALBERT DOWNES ... .. Treble	*ERNEST SALMONS ... .. 4
FRANK DOWNES ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
WALTER EVANS ... .. 3	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

EGERTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(St. James' Society.)

On Wednesday, September 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MRS. JEFFERY PACK ... .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 4
*MISS GLADYS PACK ... .. 2	*ALAN A. MISSING ... .. 5
*FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. 3	†WILFRED G. MISSING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 qr. 2 lb.

MISS BEVVS V. DOBSON ... Treble	FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STERLE... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 3	*HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss B. V. Dobson. It was her first peal and first attempt.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Being seven different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HOING ... .. Treble	*PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 5
*REGINALD A. BLABY... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5081 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

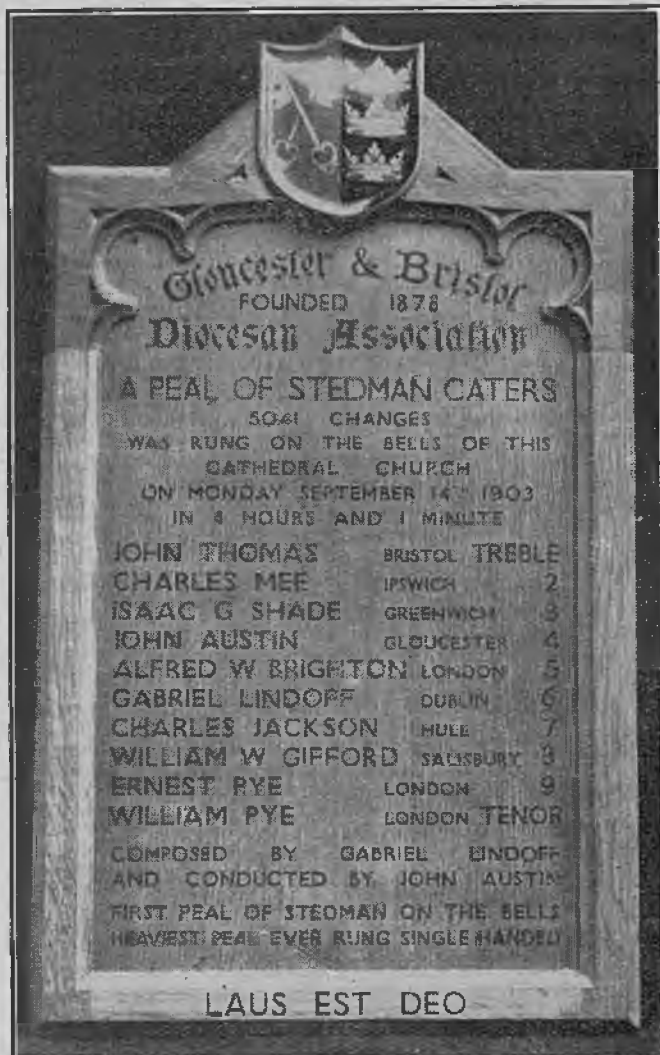
HAROLD J. POOLE... .. 1-2	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
JOSEPH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND SPLENDID EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The 'Delectable Duchy' was this year chosen for the annual ringing tour of Mr. Wm. Pye and his party. Several of the usual 'members were unable to take part in this year's 'week,' work keeping some away, wanderings to Australia and even more important matters being the causes of the absence of others. The newcomers, however, proved to be quite capable of keeping the ringing up to



Last week we recorded the unveiling ceremony in Exeter Cathedral of this beautiful peal board. Six surviving members of this famous peal are still alive in Messrs. J. Thomas, C. Mee, J. Austin, A. W. Brighton, Gabriel Lindoff and W. Pye.

its usual standard, and, as events proved, the tour became as much educational as otherwise. Not only were Cornish change ringers given as much help as was possible, but ringers in the 'prize ringing' and 'round ringing' districts were much impressed by the quality of the peals rung. Ringers in these districts excel in striking, and are exceedingly critical of anything that is badly done. The only criticism that one heard was during the ringing of a peal of Bristol Surprise. Said a Cornish call-change ringer, 'That was a nice change, but they can't hold it. We can!'

Saturday, September 15th.—The first peal was rung to-day at Yeovil, one of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The night was spent at Exeter.

Sunday, September 16th.—After a splendid run over Dartmoor, Ladock was reached at about 1.30 p.m. Here Messrs. A. S. Roberts and C. Sleeman (Truro), A. W. Brighton (London), E. W. Marsh and W. G. Hiscott (Plymouth) were met, as well as several local ringers. St. Ladock's Church contains a nice ring by Taylors, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise by the Truro Guild was rung. The village of Probus, on the way to Truro, was visited by the members of the band not in the peal, together with friends mentioned above, who rang on the six bells there. All met at the Cathedral, Truro, for evening service ringing.

Monday, September 17th.—In the morning, at St. Felicitas', Phil-lack, near St. Ives, a peal of Superlative was rung. These bells were augmented in 1928 by Taylors, when five were added. Only one peal had previously been rung here, viz., Grandsire Triples. St. Stephen-in-Branwell for the afternoon peal was 'off,' but the Rector had been kind enough to make alternative arrangements at Roche. The Church of St. Gomondas contains a good peal of eight by Mears and Stainbank, and London Surprise was the order. Supper was provided for the band by the Rector (Rev. J. Tarplee), who showed great interest in the peal which had been rung. The local ringers, not to be outdone insisted on ringing a peal for the entertainment of the visitors. A really excellent 'raise, rounds and fall' showed that they were masters of their job, but what was most interesting was the long loop of the rope which was fitted round the left elbow, evidently to get more power. It was apparent from some of these ringers that they never ring a great length of time, and they put a lot of energy into their ringing. They were astounded at peals of three hours' duration. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Kea, near Truro, by three members of the party with five Truro ringers. To the great disappointment of all, this attempt was lost after two hours' ringing.

Tuesday, September 18th.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, joined the party. At St. Enoder's Church, St. Enoder, a peal of Cambridge Major was lost after nearly 1½ hours' good ringing. A sleepy head, a sudden jolt, and a shift course! An inquest might have been held, but, as friend Dexter says, this is fine fun until it is fastened on yourself. At this church there are three bands of ringers belonging to the Mid-Cornwall Association. This is not a prize-ringing Guild, but certificates are given at ringing festivals, which are held about twice a year. The St. Enoder bands hold first and second-class certificates, which are displayed in the belfry. After some ringing at St. Kenwyn's Church, Truro, in the afternoon, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral. A long draught and new ropes made ringing difficult, but the striking was even all through, and it was good to see Wm. Pye in fine form on the 34 cwt. tenor. The names and weights of the bells are given elsewhere.

Wednesday, September 19th.—St. Anthony-in-Meneage is situated only a few yards from the sea, in a delightfully pretty creek. The name is evidently derived from Lantinn, or place of Holy Fire, connected with lighting ships. Three of the bells were dated 1674, but these were recast and augmented to six in 1924 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and hung in a frame for eight. The treble and second were added by Taylors only last year. The ringing chamber, on the ground floor, is very small, and the ringers stand close together. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 stand shoulder to shoulder, and the ringer of the third finds it difficult to move either way. The peal rung here was the first on the bells, it being London Surprise. Col. G. F. Jerram, who had met the party at Helston en route, invited the 'odd four' to Manaccan, where, with Mr. Ernest Cossentine, a six-score each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and 360 Bob Minor were rung. Mr. Cossentine, who is captain of the St. Anthony's band, was especially pleased, the Minor being his first in the method. Great interest was shown in the ringing of the peal at St. Anthony's by residents, including Lord and Lady Seaton. Lord Seaton was the donor of the 1924 addition and restoration.

At the invitation of Col. and Mrs. Jerram, the ringers partook of an excellent lunch, the Vicar of St. Anthony's (Rev. W. P. Gilpin) also being a guest. It fell to Mr. E. P. Duffield to thank Col. and Mrs. Jerram for their hospitality, and the Vicar for allowing the peal to be rung. He described the hospitality shown in Cornwall as amazing, and the tour as the most enjoyable they had ever had. The Rev. W. P. Gilpin said they were honoured by the visit to the county of such well-known ringers, and he wished them an enjoyable time for the rest of the tour. Col. Jerram also welcomed the ringers, and facetiously added that he differed from the Vicar on one matter. 'Cornwall,' he said, 'is not a county. It has never been conquered by the English, and it was not until County Councils were inflicted by an English Government that it could even be termed a county. It is a duchy.' The visit to this pleasant home, situated on a cliff overlooking a very fine creek, was all too short.

Helston was visited for the afternoon peal, when Superlative was rung. Here there is another ring by Taylors, dated 1904. One peal had previously been rung on these bells by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, but no record of this could be obtained.

(To be continued.)

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Disley, on Saturday, September 22nd, when in spite of the inclement weather a large number of members and friends attended. In addition to local towers, the following bands were represented: Stockport St. Mary's, Stockport St. George's, Norbury, Reddish, Ashton St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, Taxal, Knutsford, New Mills and Marple.

A variety of methods were rung on the bells, a light peal of six, until service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Musgrave), who in his address stressed the importance of ringers' work to the Church, and deprecated the efforts that were made from time to time to silence the bells. The local ringers and their ladies provided an excellent tea. A short business meeting followed, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the wardens, the organist and the local ringers, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing. Among the methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlewood Delight and Disley Delight. Several touches were achieved on the handbells, Boh Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples all being brought round.

### HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, September 15th, at the Parish Church, Stoke Golding, the wedding took place of Mr. Samuel A. Martin and Miss Doris I. Clifford. The bridegroom has for a number of years been a member of the local ringers at Higham-on-the-Hill and also a sidesman and choir member at the Parish Church. He is the son of Mr. William Martin, a member of the band who introduced change ringing to this tower many years ago and is still a ringer in addition to being churchwarden. The bride was in the choir at Stoke Golding. The Rev. P. H. Unwin (Rector of Higham-on-the-Hill) and the Rev. S. D. Middleton (Vicar of Stoke Golding) took part in the service, which was choral.

As the couple left the church the bells pealed out, and, following the usual firing, a good quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor was rung, those taking part being F. Kelham 1, L. Woodburn 2, K. R. Killiver 3, F. Hill 4, C. R. Clifford (uncle of the bride) 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. The ringers of 1, 4 and 5 belong to Stoke Golding, and 2, 3 and 6 to Higham-on-the-Hill.

The reception was held in the Schoolroom, after which the happy couple left for Llandudno, where they spent their honeymoon.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BAGSHOT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Punctually at 3 o'clock the ringing started, and standard methods were practised until 4.30 p.m. The church service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon R. W. H. Stuart), and the Rev. G. A. Ford, an honorary member from Yorktown, read the lesson and also gave an interesting address.

Following service, tea in St. Anne's Parish Room was enjoyed by a company of 36. At the conclusion Mr. P. L. Eldridge, on behalf of members, and Capt. H. J. Cann, on behalf of visitors, voiced hearty thanks to Mr. J. Corbett (Guild treasurer) and local ringers for providing such an excellent meal. Thanks were also expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Ford, the organist, choir and tea helpers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Messrs. J. Amos (Aldershot) and Hall (Bagshot) were elected ringing members. The Yorktown meeting, arranged for October 27th, was transferred to October 20th. The ladies' meeting at Pirbright on October 13th was announced, and a large gathering requested. A telegram sent by the Farnham District to their general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), wishing him a successful tour to Australia, was acknowledged for Mr. Goldsmith by Mr. Corbett, who saw the tourists off from London on September 15th. At the close of business the tower was revisited and more good practice put in despite the misfortune of a broken stay on the treble. The bells were lowered at 8.40 p.m.

Towers represented during the meeting were Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Seale, Farnborough, Pirbright, Wokingham, Yorktown, Stoke Poges, Ashton-under-Lyne and Beddington.

### SUFFOLK GUILD AT MONKS ELEIGH.

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, September 1st, when ringers attended from Sudbury, Groton, Lavenham, Hitcham, Bildeston, Preston, Newton, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Bromley (Kent), Shipley (Yorks), London, Bentley and Chelmsford (Essex). Various touches were rung to Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, including 720 of the latter conducted by D. Elliott.

Tea was provided at the Swan Inn, followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Rev. Jones, Rector. One new member was elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Acton on Saturday, October 6th. A hearty welcome was extended to the friends from afar, especially the Essex contingent. Votes of thanks were given the Rector for the use of the bells and presiding, and all others who helped to make this meeting a success. Before visiting the belfry again the handbells were rung to various courses.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An interesting ceremony will shortly take place when the Church of St. Andrew, which has been removed from Wells Street, near Oxford Street, and rebuilt at Kingsbury, will be consecrated. The bells are a notable peal in the history of bell founding, and it will be remembered that the Central Council approached the Bishop of London to ensure that they should not be broken up or dispersed. They will be rung by a picked band of the Middlesex Association, and afterwards the tower will be open to all, but as the church stands in a residential neighbourhood, and it is most important that a good impression should be created at the start, care will be taken to pick bands and to see that there is no bad ringing.

An interesting point has been raised by the peal of Grandsire Caters at Southampton appearing in our last issue, which was rung on September 19th and not September 12th as stated. The peal of 10 bells was conducted by Mr. John W. Faithfull, a one-armed ringer. Is this new to the Exercise? Several peals have been conducted by one-armed ringers, but Mr. Faithfull cannot remember a peal of 10 so rung. Mr. Faithfull lost his left arm in the war and has on several occasions rung peals with Mr. George Pullinger, who has lost his right arm up to the shoulder.

A correspondent sends us a photograph of East Bergholt bells, and asks us how it is possible to ring them up, seeing there are no wheels or ropes. The frame stands on the ground, and therefore there can be no ringing chamber. The bells are swung by handling the stocks, the ringers standing beside the frame. It is on record that changes have been rung here, but we have no information of the present state of affairs. Perhaps some correspondent will enlighten us.

In celebration of the 21st birthday of Miss Bevy V. Dobson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dobson, of Mears Ashby, Northants, a peal of Minor was rung on September 27th. Miss Dobson participated in the peal, and in so doing scored her first peal. Is there another similar record in the Exercise? The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal by the Rev. and Mrs. Dobson.

We notice a tendency among some ringers to pronounce the name of the well known method 'Grand-sire' as if it were the equivalent of grandfather. That is wrong. The traditional and correct pronunciation is 'Gransir,' the 'd' being silent and the 'i' short. The word was commonly spelt so in early days.

Mr. I. Emery, of 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, wishes to thank all ringing friends for their kind enquiries and good wishes during his recent illness and operation. He is now home, and trusts he is on the high road to complete recovery, and hopes to resume both work and ringing at an early date.

We are pleased to report a definite improvement in the condition of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, the popular chairman of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who has been lying critically ill for more than five weeks in Bristol Hospital.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have recently rehung the 150-year-old peal of bells at Egerton, Kent. The first peal on the bells was rung on September 25th by the St. James' Society of the Kent County Association.

In connection with the quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths at Staines, on October 20th, it is hoped to unveil a peal board of a peal of Bob Major rung by members of the society. A big attendance is desired.

We have received a peal from Haresfield, Gloucestershire, without the name of the conductor. Will the conductor kindly communicate with us so that the peal can be published in the appropriate column?

Congratulations to Frank Armitage, aged 14, who rang his first peal at Burley, Leeds, on September 25th. This was his second attempt: the first was lost through a rope breaking in the last course.

## RINGING MASTER'S SON MARRIED.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 25th, and recorded in our peal columns, was specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding at St. Martin's of Mr. Frederick W. Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, to Miss Marion Griffiths, of Hall Green, Birmingham. Canon T. Guy Rogers (Rector of Birmingham) officiated. Mr. Richard Wassell, director of the choir, presided at the organ, playing appropriate selections of wedding music, and the St. Martin's Guild rang the famous twelve bells as the happy couple left the church for the reception. Many friends of the bride and bridegroom attended the ceremony.

Referring to the wedding peal, the composition in the Tittums and handstroke home position in equal parts was known to the budding conductors in the band, thereby giving added interest and knowledge in the art of conducting. It is the fond hope of the Ringing Master that the day is not far distant when peals can be rung practically non-conducted.

## ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD-BOY RINGS QUARTER-PEAL.

On Wednesday evening, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) at St. Giles', Exhall, Coventry: Richard Beesley (first quarter-peal, aged 14) 1, Percy Stone (aged 13) 2, Ernest Stone 3, William A. Stote (conductor) 4, Malcolm Melville 5, Norman Beesley (aged 11 and longest length) 6.



# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The Editor's Impressions of Malta.

## ENTHUSIASM OVER FIRST PEAL.

In the following letter are some further details of the first peal rung by the tourists now on their way to Australia. The first report of this performance was received by wireless and recorded in our last issue. The Editor now describes the difficult conditions under which it was rung.

ss. 'Barrabool',  
Eastern Mediterranean,  
Sunday, September 23rd.

We are approaching Port Said, and the next mail to England closes on board at midnight.

The most important piece of ringing news that I have to transmit is that we have 'broken the ice'—if such a metaphor can be used in a temperature now in the nineties in the daytime. This afternoon we scored the first peal of the tour, and it is a memorable performance.



MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON,  
who conducted the first peal of the tour—  
the first ever rung on the Mediterranean  
Sea.

of a baby close to the conductor's ear. But we went on manfully and with some excellent ringing until after 2 hours 25 mins. the first peal of Bob Major outside the British Isles, and the first peal on the Mediterranean Sea, had been rung.

It was not, of course, the first peal ever rung on the water, for that was a peal of Stedman Caters rung between Dublin and Holyhead in the year 1901, conducted by Mr. William Short.

Nevertheless we are proud of our new record, which, as will already have been seen, was rung by Mrs. Richardson, Rupert Richardson, Rev. E. Banks James and J. S. Goldsmith. Rupert called a composition by the late Fred Holden, who, during his service with the Royal Marines, crossed these waters many times. The peal was actually rung while the 'Barrabool' travelled 36 miles, between 32.37 North Latitude, 28.28 East Longitude, and 32.28 North Latitude and 29.07 East Longitude. The bridge was open to passengers this afternoon, and when the bells ran round there came a cheer from those assembled there, led by our colleagues, who had taken up that vantage point to watch the finish of the peal.

Only three days have elapsed since I closed my last letter, but this intervening period has been full of interest to us and has included a visit to the island of Malta, where the ss. 'Barrabool' called on Friday (September 21st), and stayed sufficiently long to give us several

hours ashore. Although only sixty square miles in extent, Malta has a civil population of nearly a quarter of a million, and a very large naval and military contingent. Its land-locked harbour is one of the largest in the world, and is divided into several arms, some of which are entirely monopolised by the navy, and can accommodate a vast fleet.

Our vessel got in at 6 a.m., and we were all up to witness the animated and colourful scene. By the time we were anchored we were surrounded by dices—small brightly painted boats rowed by two men, and each capable of carrying six passengers—which form the only means of reaching the shore from the ship.

We reached land after breakfast by this means, and set out in two cars to see the island. We were fortunate in our driver, who spoke English well, and took us to all the places of interest that it was possible to see in the time at our disposal. We learned that out of an apparently barren soil the inhabitants raise three crops a year; they live frugally and, crowded though they are, they look a hardy race.

Among the places we visited were the gardens of St. Antonio, sub-tropical in nature, where oranges and grape fruit were growing, and flowering shrubs were a riot of brilliant colour. We spent some time in the ancient Cathedral of St. Paul at the old capital of Rabato, a treasure house of frescoes and pictures, whose floor is paved with the tombs of Bishops and whose apse is supported on columns of marble, brought in the eleventh century from the ruins of ancient Carthage. Malta, in fact, can boast of a place in history at the very dawn of civilisation, and all down the centuries her fine anchorages and her position in the centre of the Mediterranean on the highway from East to West, have given her a position of unique importance. One can see to-day—and we passed it on our tour—a fort which the Turks besieged in 1585; its present importance is impressed on one by the naval and military activities of which it is the centre, and we had pointed out to us underground granaries in which, we were told, were corn stores sufficient to feed the whole population of the island for five years.

Ninety-nine per cent of the Maltese are Catholics, and extremely devout people. Their churches are numerous, and most of them have three, four or five bells, in odd notes, hung out in the louvres of the towers. In some cases there are twin towers with bells in each. At noon bells were clanging in all directions—reminiscent, someone said, of Oxford on the annual occasion of the Guild festival. But it was not quite like that, for the bells sounded as if they had been cast in an iron foundry, with here and there just one of some fair tonal quality. The majority of them, however, appear to be beyond even the possibility of tuning.

The only bells that had any interest to us on the island were at St. Paul's Church in Valletta—the modern port, in appearance half Moorish—for all the buildings are of sandstone with flat roofs—and half continental. Originally St. Paul's was built by the widowed Queen of William IV., nearly a hundred years ago, as a garrison church, but it is no longer used for that purpose, and at present has, we learned, a diminishing congregation.

Canon Vincent received us very kindly, but time was pressing and we could not make a long stay. The organising secretary ascended to the ringing chamber, in company with the verger and found that the bells were chimed by ropes tied to the clappers. He treated us to a course of Original Minor. He ascertained that there are no wheels to the bells, so that in any event ringing would be out of the question.

Malta is the Melita of the New Testament, and one spot we visited has a special interest for Mr. Linter, who is a keen student of Bible history. From a near-by vantage point we saw the island upon which St. Paul was wrecked on his voyage to Rome. The island is marked with a monument, and it is also to commemorate this event that St. Paul's Cathedral in Rabato came into existence.

Some of our party did some shopping. Four of them left the island with a topee apiece in anticipation of the sun we expect to get in the Red Sea in a few days' time. Rupert, as the most suitable person, was sent to the market to buy fruit. He walked in, but by the time he had made his purchases he was ready to run out. He says the next time he goes there he will wear a gas mask. But we have thoroughly enjoyed the water melons he brought.

We returned to the ship by the means by which we had come—the dices, and found considerable entertainment from the merchants who came out in small boats to dispose of their wares, consisting largely of 'Maltese' lace goods and shawls—much of it, we were warned, having probably been made in Manchester. The diving boys were also an entertainment in themselves. The water hereabouts was thirty or forty feet deep at least. When they could induce a passenger to

throw a coin into the harbour, they dived off the side of their little boats and went down and down until they caught the coin—long before it reached the bottom—and came up with it between their toes.

It had been windy and dusty on the island. Once out of the harbour, heading eastward, we found the sea had got up to such an extent that many of the passengers went down, and there were significant gaps at the dining-room tables—ours amongst them. My cabin companions—Old Bill and George—however, have proved themselves able seamen in the manner in which they can sit up and take their nourishment.

On Saturday all trace of the bad weather had disappeared. We had a handbell practice in the morning, but when a band sat down for a peal in the evening the spot they chose—where Sunday's peal was eventually rung—was where a fire drill was to take place, and it (the peal, not the fire drill) had to be abandoned. But later a good touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples was rung by Rev. E. B. James (conductor) 1-2, R. Richardson 3-4, G. Martin 5-6, Mrs. Richardson 7-8, the longest touch brought round since we started.

All our party are sharing in the life of the ship. There are competitions in numerous games, and you come on these fellows assiduously practising. Mr. Sharples promises to become adept at deck quoits. He throws a very pretty quoit. During the week we have had a picture show, concert, 'dog' races and whist drives. Our difficulty is to crowd it all in. Rupert fills the swimming tank in the morning, and Mr. James sports the brightest bathing costume on the boat.

#### LATE NEWS.

The men have still apparently failed to be as good as they ought to have been. They have had nothing from the chocolate box for a week. They are beginning to think there may now be none left. The Editor has spent a watch down in the engine room. He has decided not to be a marine engineer. The temperature was 135 degrees, and it cost him a lot to quench his thirst afterwards. Incidentally, Chief Engineer Archibald once started to learn to be a bellringer at Workington. He omitted to let go the sally. He prefers to be a marine engineer.

#### LATER NEWS.

A peal having been rung, the chocolate box has just been produced.

#### A NORTHAMPTON BI-CENTENARY.

To celebrate the bi-centenary of St. Peter's bells, Northampton, a meeting was held at the church on September 22nd. The weather, unfortunately, kept many ringers away, but 37 were present to join in the ringing. The usual Guild service was used, and the singing of the hymns was accompanied by handbells rung by the lady ringers from Moulton, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Turner and Mr. L. Curtis. The Rector of St. Peter's gave an inspiring address, which was greatly appreciated. The celebrations were carried on for the Sunday services, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: W. Atterbury 1, A. Slade 2, J. Dean 3, E. Sibley 4, W. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. The Bishop of Peterborough took this service, and gave a very helpful address to a crowded congregation.

#### SOMERSHAM BELLS AGAIN IN ACTION.

The re-opening of the bells of Somersham, Hunts, after a silence of some months, coincided with the monthly meeting of the Hunts Branch of the Ely Association on Saturday, September 29th. It was a splendid meeting, over 40 ringers attending, and the presence of visitors from the Ely and Central Branches was greatly appreciated.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Good use was made of the bells, everyone being looked after by the Ringing Master, rounds to Surprise methods being rung. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

#### A NEW LINCOLN BAND.

Welcome to the new band of ringers formed on September 12th at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln. The inaugural meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. R. Olsen, priest in charge of the parish, was attended by 24 members, about 50 per cent. of whom, including a small percentage of ladies, can handle the bell in the approved manner.

From the members present the following were elected officers: President, the Rev. R. Olsen; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. G. Clarke (Vicar's warden); hon. secretary, Mr. B. G. Hooseman; Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Marion; conductor for tune ringing on handbells, Mr. A. Brawn.

As there is a strong blend of experience in this new band, practically all the members being well known in ringing circles in Lincolnshire, ringers will watch with interest the new band from St. Giles'. Before long the band hope to be ringing the old bells of St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, in their new home at St. Giles'.

#### NEWS FROM HEREFORD GUILD.

##### SEVEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The Bridgnorth District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Chelmarsh on September 22nd. Twenty-five members attended from the towers of Highley, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth (St. Leonard and St. Mary Magdalene), Madeley and Coalbrookdale.

The bells of St. Peter's were raised in peal at 3.15 p.m., when instruction was given to young ringers in Doubles ringing until the service in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Newill). The Rev. E. G. Benson (Quatford) read the lesson, and Mr. H. Moore-Williams (Bridgnorth) presided at the organ.

After the service an excellent tea was provided in the schools, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. S. Newill presided. Seven new members were elected—five from Highley and two from Chelmarsh. The Rev. E. G. Benson was congratulated upon his recovery from illness, and the wish expressed that he would soon be ringing peals again. The secretary was instructed to write and welcome the Rev. Prebendary R. Gillenders to the Bridgnorth district.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service in church, and for the kind reception all visitors had received. The Rev. Newill, replying, said that he thought these meetings were what was wanted to improve the knowledge of the art of ringing. Small parishes, if left on their own, were not able to advance, and the interchange of ideas between members and also the instruction given was to everyone's advantage.

At the conclusion of the business an unusual item of interest was the playing on the piano by Mr. H. Moore-Williams of a plain course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples were also rung on handbells, and tunes rung by Mr. Brown (Highley) and Mr. Stanier (Madeley).

The tower was revisited for further ringing, methods rung including Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, this terminating a very enjoyable meeting.

#### UTTOXETER RINGERS' LOSS.

At the request of the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Charlton), the silent sympathy of the North Staffordshire Association was extended, at their monthly meeting on September 22nd at Uttoxeter, to the local band in the death of their late leader, Mr. Charles Smith, who had been a ringer for over 50 years.

Over 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Stoke, Leek, Norton, Alsager, Kingsley, Cheadle, Burslem, Tutbury, Burton, Heanor, Birkenhead and Gloucester. The beautiful bells were put into action at 2.30 p.m., and kept going with only an interval for service and tea until 8.45 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served in Elkes' Cafe. A vote of thanks to the Uttoxeter ringers was proposed by Mr. E. A. Ridgway (Leek), seconded by Mr. H. Carnwell (Kingsley).

An interesting feature in the afternoon was the unveiling of an illuminated scroll recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which was rung here on July 28th. The scroll had been designed and executed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton tower, and was much admired and appreciated.

Numerous methods were rung during the course of the meeting, and the writer noticed only one face which showed any anxiety—the Ringing Master (Mr. R. C. Lewis), whose job on these occasions is to please everybody. That many more similar meetings may be held in the future is the wish of J. E. W.

#### STAFFORD SOCIETY'S AUTUMN MEETING.

There was a good muster of members and friends at the autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held at St. Michael's Collegiate Church, Tettenhall, on September 22nd. The musical ring of eight bells was raised at three o'clock, and was kept going in a variety of methods until 4.45, when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. G. K. Walton (senior curate), who also gave a helpful address.

After a capital tea at the Rock Hotel, handbells were brought into use in the form of tune and change ringing. An apology for absence was received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer). Further ringing on the tower bells was indulged in, but had to be curtailed on account of illness nearby.

The next meeting is provisionally fixed for January 12th at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, R. Hall (first quarter-peal) 2, L. Greenhow 3, H. Tourle 4, W. S. Smith 5, C. Potheary 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, L. Briggs 8.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Brawn 1, G. Temple 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, F. Corko (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, W. J. Prescott 7, A. E. Baverstock 8. Ringers of 4, 5 and 6 hail from Uxbridge, Middlesex.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A YEAR OF GREAT ACTIVITY.**

The 57th annual meeting of this association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 29th. There was a large attendance at the festival service in the Cathedral, and the Rev. F. R. Hedley, Vicar of Gosforth, gave a very thoughtful and instructive address, in which he referred to the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.' Would it not be well if we made this the motto of our lives? he asked.

Ninety-one members and friends then gathered round the festive board at the County Hotel, the party including the president (Mr. J. Anderson, Newcastle), the Rev. F. R. Hedley, Canon Stephenson, Gateshead, the Rev. A. W. Lister, South Shields, Councillor Arthur Payne, J.P., and Mrs. Payne, and Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. W. Parker and W. H. Barber.

The annual meeting followed, and after the chairman had welcomed the visitors, the secretary (Mr. G. S. Taylor) read his annual report, which showed that the year had been one of great activity. There had been three cases of bell restoration—at South Shields, Allendale, and Cranlington, and the bells of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, which had been silent owing to the re-building of the church, would be ringing again in a few weeks. A special meeting had also been held at Chester-le-Street on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board to record a peal rung to commemorate the 1,050th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert. The certificates for Sunday service ringing, 8-12 bell towers, had been won by Christ Church, North Shields, 1,812 points, and St. John's, Shildon, 1,557 points.

The certificates for six-bell towers were awarded to Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1,583 points, and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, 341 points. Thirty-two peals had been rung during the year, an increase of four on last year, 20 of these being Minor.

Mr. W. J. Davidson, Newcastle, headed the list of conductors, with 12 peals, Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, coming second with four. The number of men taking part in the peals was 58, and seven men had rung their first 5,000. It is very rare for a member to ring his first peal and conduct another within a year, but this had been done by Mr. T. W. Dodd, of Benfieldside. Photographs of Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals and Hexham Abbey and the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, had been sent for inclusion in the albums to be presented to the Cathedrals of Melbourne and Hobart from the ringers of the homeland.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Councillor Arthur Payne, J.P., of Gateshead, was elected president, Mr. J. Anderson being heartily thanked for the hard work he has put in during his two years of office, and the treasurer, secretary, editorial secretary, auditor and four district vice-presidents were re-elected.

The association meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent, Shildon; pre-Whitsun, Allendale; summer meeting, Whitely Bay; and a special meeting at Bishop Auckland in May, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. B. Parry-Evans.

The treasurer's statement showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, and Mr. W. Robson, of South Shields, was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for writing up the peal book, which had been neglected for some years.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The September meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Tickhill on September 22nd, when the attendance was small, probably on account of the wretched weather. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the ringing generally was good, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the afternoon, when the passing of two old and valued colleagues—Mr. R. W. Jenkinson, of Keighley, and Mr. J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe—was reported. The members stood in silence as a tribute of respect. As the annual meeting is due to be held in the Southern Division, Doncaster was chosen as the venue. It was provisionally arranged to hold the annual committee meeting at Leeds on December 1st at 3 p.m.

Tea was served in Wombwell's Cafe, and the general meeting was held in the Parish Room with the president (Canon C. O. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Tickhill (the Rev. H. E. Booty). Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and these were suitably acknowledged. Mrs. J. Bray, of Scunthorpe, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

**BANBURY 'PEAL' CHALLENGED.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal(?) of Grandsire rung at Banbury on September 9th, and published in 'The Ringing World,' I was close to the church when the peal ended, and the bells certainly did not come round, but were forced into rounds after the treble had lead full. Perhaps the conductor can explain?—Yours faithfully,  
16, Church Lane, Banbury. MAURICE SMITH.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.****A BIG DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PEALS.**

After 16 years the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was again held at Rochdale on Saturday, September 29th, about 60 being present, a fair attendance considering the wet day. The choir rendered the bell anthem, and the Vicar (Rev. S. Hutchinson) gave an appropriate address rather off the beaten track.

Tea, in the Schools, was nicely arranged and served by the ringers and lady friends. The business meeting followed. The committee in their report deplored the falling-off of peals for the year (154 to 98), and also the poor response at the monthly meetings, and suggested that each tower should have a fund to assist at least two members to attend meetings. Some towers already had such a fund. The financial statement was not quite ready, and two auditors were elected in the Liverpool area to audit the books and balance sheet for the annual report. The president and general secretary retired by rotation, and were asked to retain office for another two years.

After discussion the rules relating to the financial year were altered from August 31st to July 31st, and also the rule regarding the personnel of the committee, so as to allow a branch, however small, to have one member, and branches with over 80 members to have two members. Two towns were proposed for the next annual meeting—Bury and Preston—Bury getting the most votes. The meeting closed by the president voicing thanks to those who had helped to make the gathering a success.

Most of the branches were represented, and the standard methods were rung with Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. The secretary has still a few tickets left for the annual dinner, so hurry up with your P.O.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DUFFIELD.**

The grand ring of 10 bells, recently restored, at Duffield Parish Church were made good use of during the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 29th. The heavy downpour did not damp the enthusiasm of some 40 members and friends, and methods were essayed for the benefit of everyone concerned.

At the committee meeting it was stated eight photos (in duplicate) of certain cathedrals and churches in the area were now on the way to Australia for presentation at the forthcoming centenary celebrations. The new rules would be distributed shortly to the members.

Tea served in the schools was followed by a general meeting, presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by Mr. Russell (churchwarden of Duffield and hon. member), Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (hon. secretary). The president gave a brief resume of the past quarter's work, commenting on the fact that only 17 peals had been rung, which was far below the average. One peal, however, was interesting from the fact of its having been the completion of 700 peals by the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. No other member of the association had rung so many. He had conducted 350 (exactly half), and these peals were on all numbers from 5 to 12 bells in a huge variety of methods. The president also referred to the lamented death of Mr. C. Severn, of Killamarsh, a valued member and well-known authority on six-bell ringing. He also welcomed the Ladies' Guild at that meeting; their numbers, although few, were valued, and all were pleased with their presence.

Mr. Russell apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Duffield, and gave the assembled company a hearty welcome, trusting all would enjoy their bells, of which they were justly proud. Later on, however, the Vicar (Dr. W. M. Irwin) came into the belfry and spoke a few words of welcome to those who were present. New members proposed since the previous meeting, viz., nine ringing, one rejoinder, one life and one honorary, were duly elected. After the meeting further ringing closed a very successful afternoon's entertainment. Thanks are due to the local society for their arrangements.

**LEEDS SOCIETY AT ROTHWELL.**

Only the staunchest of supporters braved the heavy rain on Saturday, September 29th, at Rothwell, the venue for the September meeting of the Leeds and District Society. The president presided at the business meeting, and one new member was elected, Mr. J. Wormald, of Rothwell.

Mr. J. Moorhouse brought from the Provost of Wakefield Cathedral an invitation to the society to hold a ringing meeting at the Cathedral. Thanking Mr. Moorhouse, the President promised that the invitation would be remembered.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed, and Miss O. Renton seconded, that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Rector and churchwardens of Rothwell for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements. Mr. T. Strangeway replied. A vote of thanks to Mr. C. Lawson for his services as secretary at the Calverley meeting was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior.

Further ringing followed, when the methods practised were Plain Bob Major, Spliced Kent and Oxford Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise.



**DEATH OF MR. LAZARUS PAYNE.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Lazarus Payne, an old member of the Henfield, Sussex, Parish Church ringers, at Southlands Hospital, on Monday, September 24th. He had been a member of the Sussex County Association for 40 years, and had rung about 60 peals in different methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques.

Mr. Payne was ringing for the harvest festival service on September 20th. He was later taken seriously ill, and it was considered advisable to move him to Southlands Hospital, but he was beyond medical aid and passed away as stated above.

The Vicar (Canon R. J. Lea) officiated at the funeral on September 28th, when the ringers were represented by Messrs. W. J. Alliss and C. Tyler.

The bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday for all the services. By special request 504 Stedman Triples from Thurstans' were rung by: F. Brown 1, E. Morey 2, G. Payne 3, C. Barnes 4, F. E. Baker 5, W. J. Alliss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

**YORKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.**

A party of ringers from Sutton-on-Hull, Hull (Holy Trinity), paid a visit to Thornton Curtis on Saturday, September 22nd. They were met by members of the local band, and after tea were joined by ringers from Ulceby, Killingholme and Barton-on-Humber. In spite of the inclement state of the weather, a very happy and interesting afternoon and evening was spent.

The ringing, which was of a very high standard, included touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, several six-scores of Stedman Doubles, and most of the party had a pull in Cambridge Minor. This combined meeting of ringers proved such a success, both socially and practically, that it was unanimously agreed to make similar arrangements in the future.

Thanks are due to the Vicar (the Rev. Park) for the use of the bells, to Mr. G. Atkinson for making such efficient arrangements, also to Mrs. G. Atkinson for entertaining the visitors.

**A WELSH PEAL RE-OPENED.**

The five bells at St. Mary's Church, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire, have been rehung with certain new fittings and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The bells were re-opened on Saturday, September 22nd, when a special service was conducted by the Rev. Morgan, Vicar of Pembrey, who gave an address, and the Rev. M. R. Lewis, curate-in-charge, of Burry Port. Ringers were present from Llanelly, Morriston, and also the local band, the bell foundry being represented by Mr. Fred Collins. The bells were kept going during the afternoon to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.**

A very successful joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at Hunsdon, when a good number of ringing friends attended from many places, enjoying the lovely summer weather amidst the quiet country surroundings. The towers represented were Bromham (Beds), Fakenham (Norfolk), Streatham, Enfield, Edmonton, Sawbridgeworth, Walthamstow, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Harlow Common, Little Munden, St. Albans, Hatfield, Loughton, Melbourne, Royston, Much Hadham, beside the members of the Hunsdon band.

Tea was served at the Turkey Cock, all enjoying a real country spread. Ringing was kept up in various methods and all enjoyed the visit.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, St. Andrew's on the 11th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ALFORD, LINCS.**—To day, Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. —W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. —James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at St. Oswald's, Winwick. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Vicar, the bells of St. Peter's, Newton, will be available for ringers at 6.30 p.m. Will all members do their best to support this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —A by-meeting, with the object of bringing the Newington band into the Association, will be held at Newington (Folkestone) on Oct. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Paragon Café, High Street, at 5.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4. Tea (by kind invitation of St. James' Society) 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Standlake on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Towers: Northmoor and Bampton.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch. —The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open 3.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (9d. per head). Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. G. Foster, Branch Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — West Norfolk Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Elmham bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR.**—St. Peter's (10 bells) will be open as usual from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday evening, Oct. 6th. Visitors very welcome.—H. A. Cobbin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Don't despise 'Doubles.' Please come! Names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells just restored by Mears and Stainbank.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burghfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, by Thursday, Oct. 11th, number for tea.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. Anyone requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, 10th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. Will those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 9th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, together with the bells, will be consecrated by the Bishop of London on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing after the service. Nearest station, Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 9th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of the respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea provided *only* for those who notify Mr. W. Palmer, Manor Farm, Badsworth, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 10th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Swanwick on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 9th.—P. Merson, Hon. Local Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 10th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is hoped that a good number will try and attend to make the meeting a success. Please try.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. Please let me know if you want tea by 9th inst.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The last meeting for the year will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Business meeting follows. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 10th?—Charles E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at White Posts. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Kippen, Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be supplied only for applicants notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 8th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.** — The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Monday, Oct. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Peal restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The first meeting of term will be on Monday, Oct. 15th. The secretary will be glad to give any information to prospective new members, whether already ringers or not. Special attention is given to the teaching of beginners.—Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Names for tea by Wednesday previous to meeting. Half fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, 16th. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Memorial. — By the kindness of Miss Moore, Principal of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, members of guild and subscribers to memorial fund are invited to hold a ringers' service in the School Chapel, Henley Road,

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington (5 miles north of Banbury) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Philcote Street, Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**ANDOVER, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Saturday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. New 1, A. Cottle 2, N. Lunnley 3, B. Marchant 4, W. Butt 5, G. Greenaway 6, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 7, F. Padwick 8.

**LYDIARD MILLCENT, WILTS.**—On September 19th for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): E. Hoare (first quarter-peal) 1, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, R. Shales 5, F. Wheeler (first quarter-peal) 6.

**GORTON.**—At Brookfield Church on September 5th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Rushton 1, H. Jones 2, W. Brammer 3, A. S. Fearnhead 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, P. Rushton 6, E. F. Mawby 7, C. Ollier (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the 5th, 7th and tenor ringers.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION'S BIG GATHERING.

An exceptionally good attendance of 55 members and friends were present at the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, September 29th. Ringers came from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chelsea, Chiddingfold, Esher, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Merton, Hillingdon, Streatham (St. Leonard's and Immanuel), Woking and Crayford. A good variety of methods was practised during the afternoon, and tea was served at the Victoria.

The business meeting, presided over by the District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot) followed, at which six new members were elected, and the election of six members previous to peal attempts was ratified. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss for making all arrangements.

After some handbell ringing another move was made to the tower, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and it was very encouraging to see so many youngsters at this meeting.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify the Secretary by Thursday, October 11th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 27th. Further details later.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. John the Baptist Church on September 23rd for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Rose 1, C. P. T. Brice 2, S. E. Wright 3, H. H. Beechey 4, H. E. Little 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 7, Alf Joyce (late of Bethnal Green) 8.

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