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The celebration of the Silver Jubilee of 'The Ringing World' has brought us, in addition to many congratulations, intimations of the loyal and unbroken support of numerous readers from the first number to the current issue. When reflecting on the twenty-five years of the paper's existence, we said that the thing we valued most of all was the many friendships we had made from end to end of the country. Among those whom we call friends, surely none are more deserving of the name than those who have stuck to us through thick and thin from the very beginning. Of those who gave 'The Ringing World' support from the first number, all too many have passed on. Many of them there were who never failed us while they lived. Others there are who have only come into the art in later years. They in their turn have shown the same loyalty and will, we hope, continue to do so.

But those who have subscribed to all the thirteen hundred and more issues of 'The Ringing World' must be a comparatively small circle, and we have received from several of them a suggestion that we should endeavour to find out how many there are. We are very pleased to fall in with the proposal, and we invite all those who have been subscribers to this journal without a break from the first number up to now to send us their names and addresses. It will form an interesting 'Roll of Honour,' which we shall be delighted to publish. Not only are we indebted to their constancy, but it is such as they who have made the continuation of a ringers' journal possible.

It has been a source of gratification to us to know that the interest which the silver jubilee of 'The Ringing World' created has led to a renewed realisation in many places of what a ringing paper means to the Exercise. We hope this realisation will be translated into action by a more widespread endeavour to increase the circulation of the paper. It is our present readers who can best bring new supporters. They are the people who are in touch with the non-readers, and it is their steady persuasion which, almost alone, can spread the circle of subscribers. May we once more ask our friends, therefore, to stress among their fellow-ringers the importance of maintaining a paper devoted to the interests of the art, which deserves the best that can be given it. That best, however, is limited by the amount of support that is forthcoming among the ringers themselves. But for all that has been done by our friends during the last twenty-five years, we once more express our deep thanks, especially to those who through the whole of this quarter of a century have so staunchly and unfailingly supported what many correspondents like to describe as 'Our journal.'

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING	Treble	*E. RALPH MACKRILL... ..	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	JAMES GEORGE	8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	9
HARRY HOVERD	4	*FREDERICK G. COLE	10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ...	5	JACK A. WAUGH... ..	11
THOMAS NEWMAN... ..	6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6055 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND	Treble	*FRANK VARTY	6
JAMES MARSH	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... ..	8
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LESTER L. GRAY	9
JOHN BOOTH	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, and a
birthday peal for J. Booth.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN... ..	Treble	JOHN KENYON	6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ...	2	*CLIFFORD BIRD	7
*R. WILLIAM BARBER... ..	3	HENRY TOOKE	8
GEORGE MAYERS	4	GEORGE BAILEY	9
ALFRED J. MOY	6	WILLIAM CLOVER	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a ten-bell peal. First peal by all in the method
on ten bells, and on ten tower bells for the association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE	Treble	GEORGE KIMBALL... ..	5
MRS. R. WARRIOR	2	CECIL ROBINSON	6
MISS E. GARNER	3	THOMAS LANCASTER	7
*CECIL BARNES	4	RALPH W. JACKSON	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, March 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
E. MADRICE ATKINS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of J. Parker.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
PERCY NEWTON 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE W. JEFFS Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
*SIDNEY MUNTON 2	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 6
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3	CYRIL WILSON 7
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH OWEN Treble	ARTHUR HEYWOOD 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
ALBERT E. SANDFORD ... 4	OWEN OLIVE Tenor

Conducted by MISS G. ANNIE CROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in token of respect to John Henry Sharples, a former church officer and school superintendent for over 50 years at this church.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
*HAROLD CHANT 3	†DAN SMITH 7
*ARTHUR FIRTH 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Spiced Major. † First peal of Major.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 8LPICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, EALING, LONDON, RUTLAND,
SUPERLATIVE AND WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	*THOMAS J. LOCK 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	*JAMES H. RIDING 7
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	*FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in seven Major methods. This peal consists of 960 Ealing, 768 Bristol, 768 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, 576 Rutland and 576 Wembley, and is the first time that a peal in these seven methods has been rung. There were 137 changes of method.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSE HARRISON Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung after the christening ceremony, which took place at the above church, of Clare, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. M. Bennett, of Chartridge House, Chesham, and a granddaughter of Sir Charles A. Bennett, chairman of the branch.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE
AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5
JOHN H. ARBON 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN

* First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JAMES H. C. MASSEY ... 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*JAMES OGDEN 6
HAROLD HAMER 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	*ABRAHAM OGDEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthdays of John Hollowes and James Arrowsmith. Ringers of 3rd and 5th from Milnrow, the rest belong to the local band.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD	1	Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2		SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3		HAROLD V. COOPER	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4		CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, except 6th and tenor ringers.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*LATIMER WILLIAMS	1	Treble	JOHN W. JONES	5
*GILBERT HOWELL	2		GEORGE POPNELL	6
WALLACE DOBBINS	3		ERNEST STITCH	7
*JOHN H. HARRISON	4		*CYRIL PETTIT	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the ringers of the 3rd. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM CARNWELL	1	Treble	JAMES A. MILNER	5
*JOHN E. WHEELDON	2		LIONEL CLOUGH	6
KENNETH LEWIS	3		WILFRED STEVENSON	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4		JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	1	Treble	JAMES DURRANT	5
JAMES ROSE	2		CHARLES SHEMMING	6
KRITH W. WHITTELL	3		WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7
WILLIAM KINSEY	4		GEORGE E. SYMONDS	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	1	Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2		J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
FRANK W. PERRINS	3		RICHARD F. ROE	7
*ALBERT WALKER	4		FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	1	Treble	HORACE L. WAITE	4
*JOSEPH HOBBS	2		*GEORGE DANIELS	5
WM. J. PUDDIFOOT	3		WILLIAM J. RANDALL	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

* First peal of Minor and belong to the local company. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER EVANS	1	Treble	LESLIE EVANS	4
TREVOR JONES	2		WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
JABEZ PREECE	3		THOMAS ECKLEY	Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Guild, on March 22nd, 1886.

BLACK TORRINGTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores spliced into blocks of 840 changes each.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

W. SLEZ	1	Treble	*W. H. R. SMALE	4
*R. HILL	2		F. SANGWIN	5
†F. JENNINGS	3		*A. WARD	Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

ST. MARTIN-BY-LOOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. HENRY MORCOM	1	Treble	EDWARD SANDERS	4
CYRIL E. LANXON	2		HAROLD J. CLARKE	5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN	3		PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

First peal on the bells.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) London and Wells; (2) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (3) London Bob and Double Oxford; (4) St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) Double and Reverse Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	1	Treble	HORACE L. WAITE	4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL	2		FRANCIS TOMPKINS	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3		WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First spliced peal in 14 methods by all, and by the association. There were 137 changes of method; 76 bobs and eight singles. The conductor's 400th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. N. Agg-Large, B.A.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. E. HUBBARD Treble	*H. MORTON... .. 4
J. A. TALBOT... .. 2	G. T. H. WALKER 5
J. W. UDALE 3	G. S. COLES Tenor

Conducted by G. T. H. WALKER.

* First peal and first attempt.

MURSLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

HORACE JACKMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SAYERS 4
REV. JOHN M. TREDENNICK 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 5
JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK ... 3	CHARLES DICKENS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK.

First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung and two recast by Messrs. Bowell and Sons, of Ipswich. First peal by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	JOHN BASS 4
JOSEPH SOUTHALL 2	PERCY RICHARDS 5
JOHN H. PAGETT 3	†HORACE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

WELTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*JACK PEARSON Treble	*CECIL J. MAYER... .. 4
†G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
HAROLD MARCON 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

*MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method rung on handbells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
JACK BRAY 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER... 1-2	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3-4	EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First attempt for Stedman Triples on handbells. † First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells and 100th peal for the Middlesex Association. First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells as conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ANOTHER METHOD OF DOUBLES.

The construction of regular methods of Doubles very severely limits the number available, and Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire are the only methods with two bells in the hunt. Of other 'regular' methods there are only five with one bell in the hunt. We dealt with one of them, Reading, in conjunction with Reverse Grandsire last week. None of the other four are pure Doubles from end to end of the plain course. Either when the treble is leading or lying behind, two other bells have to lie still, leaving only one pair, instead of two pairs, to change. Whereas in the three varieties of Grandsire and in Reading all the changes in the plain course are pure Doubles, and the full extent of 120 can be obtained by the use of two singles, substituted for bobs, in these other four methods the place-making referred to has the effect of a single in every lead and consequently the actual calls employed are bobs only.

One of the methods of this type is called Union and is really like Grandsire with a bob instead of a plain lead, coupled with a 'single' when the treble is behind. This 'single' is made by the bell that takes the treble off lead, making 3rd's and going back to lead again, while the bell that the treble turns from behind makes 4th's and turns the treble.

You can set out the work in a convenient table thus:—

Pass treble in 3-4, double dodge in 4-5 (up), lie whole pull behind, make 4th's (under the treble), lie whole pull behind, double dodge 5-4 (down).

Pass treble in 2-3, make 3rd's and lead, 3rd's and lead, 3rd's and lead.

You can summarise it thus:—

Double dodge up, make 4th's, double dodge down; after leading make 3rd's and lead, three times.

In other words, you make 3rd's after turning the treble from lead and passing it in 2-3 and 1-2. After the third time you will find the treble, coming down through 4-3, will prevent you making 3rd's again.

The plain course runs to four leads. A bob causes the bell that would have double dodged in 5-4 (down) to run straight in; the bell that would have dodged 4-5 (up) to lie a whole pull behind and have a single dodge in 5-4 (down), and the bell that passed the treble in 2-3 and should have made 3rd's, to run out and dodge in 4-5 (up).

The extent of 120 can be obtained by calling a bob at any one of the four leads in the first course, and at the corresponding lead in the two succeeding courses. The best place actually to call the bobs is when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down. Below are the figures of a plain lead and bob lead of Union, and we recommend beginners to write out the figures of the full course, draw a continuous line over one of the figures, other than or in addition to the treble, and study the diagram which is thus produced.

A diagram is a great aid to ringing a method. Advanced ringers nearly always learn their methods in this way, and if you begin now, ringing by diagram will become a habit with you. Learn the outline of the diagram by noting, when you hunt up or down, where the place making and dodging occur, and noting, too, where you pass the treble. When you can do this it is astonishing how easily you can learn new methods, one reason being because in all regular methods one-half reverses on the other, and you find similarity and symmetry in the work.

Well, here are the figures of Union Doubles:—

Plain lead	Bobbed lead
12345	12345
21354	21354
23145	23145
32415	32415
34251	34251
43251	43251
42315	42315
24135	Call bob 24135
21453	21453
12435	12543
14253	15234
41235	51243
42153	52134
24513	25314
25431	23541
52431	32541

AN OPEN LETTER.

TO AN OLD FRIEND.

Dear Tom,—I must say that I enjoyed the jubilee issue of our paper more than usual, especially the articles. 'J. A. Trollope' is always worth reading; and so is 'W. W.' in his way—even to that little dig at you! It was the latter, coupled with the fact of the jubilee, that reminded me. It must be getting on for five-and-twenty years since Reuben and you engineered my first peal, and I suppose this is why I resent others 'giving you one,' while I am perfectly prepared to 'have a go' at you myself! However!

You know, if I were one of the 'leading lights'—a master or secretary of a large association, on the C.O., and all that, one whose opinion carried weight—I'd put up a scheme! I'd suggest a 'tax' on associations, or something, toward the production of a larger paper—a sort of insurance against its lapse in, I hope, the far distant future. I think something like it could be done, if everybody got together, because the associations would be lost without some means of broadcasting; and, I believe, with the Editor, that a great part of our ringing life lies in the reading of what others do and say. I do know that much of my own interest would wane without this privilege.

Oh, by the way! That £720 cheque of yours in 'W. W.'s' dream! As usual, he's got it all wrong, hasn't he? You see, that cashier paid you from a bundle of notes which were numbered XYZ 0-999. I feel sure that he gave you the first note. Of course, No. 720 was left on his own pile, and you must have had your eye on that one. You got the lot, old man; the trouble is that you didn't count 'em. Of course, if he kept back No. 0, and spoilt the sequence, you've been diddled; but, take it from me, no self-respecting cashier would be such a fool!

Well—here's to increased circulation; or, that scheme!

GEORGE.

THAT ELUSIVE POUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cashed a cheque for £x the other day, and the cashier insisted on paying me £x+1, explaining that in that particular bank it had always been the custom not to count the first pound at all.

I had already sent in my resignation to my employers and was in the act of drawing a few small cheques to 'Self' when, like Mr. Willson, I awoke.

Oxford.

W. COLLETT.

MR. WILLSON'S DREAM.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Willson's memory has played him false. What happened at that street corner was this: We had decided on good and sufficient grounds that a drink was necessary, but could not find between us the price of one round. Tom, however, had his watch left and so he went round to the pawnbroker's to raise something on it. He came back counting a handful of silver, and as he drew nigh he said, 'Dash it all! He has given me one bob short!' But Mr. Willson, overjoyed at the sight of so much wealth, grabbed the money out of Tom's hand, and, bursting into the Latin tongue, as is his wont when even poetry cannot express his feelings, called out, 'Ad infernos unum! Ecce pubbum! Quod habes amico? Mildum et bitterum? Pintum?' But it was Tom's money. And Mr. Willson is not awake yet. J.A.T.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION ELECTS 22 MEMBERS.

The Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association held its annual meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. The Vicar (the Rev. F. P. Hughes) conducted the service and gave a very appreciative and manly address regarding the use of church bells and ringers' duties relating thereto.

Tea was partaken of at the Pitman Institute, and 41 members sat down to an excellent repast, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, occupying the chair, the whole of the outgoing executive were re-elected, and 22 new members were elected—a very creditable addition to the division. The election of Mr. J. P. Polloe, of Oxford, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

The secretary (Mr. A. O. Pankhurst) again called attention of members to the necessity of those desirous of attending these meetings sending a postcard intimating that fact. At that meeting he had only made arrangements for 30 teas.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's for the use of the bells at those towers; to Mr. A. Piper for his generosity regarding the cost of the tea, which he partly defrayed, and to Mr. Butcher for presiding at the business meeting.

The members then went on to St. Saviour's tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock. During the day touches in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Surprise methods were rung.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Sunday, March 8th, at St. George's Church, Stockport, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 69th birthday: R. B. Tapp 1, C. E. Tompkinson 2, P. Laflin 3, G. L. Burgess 4, F. Twigg 5, A. E. Jones 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, H. Ashton 8, A. F. Bailey 9, O. Bell 10.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD GATHERING AT STEPNEY.

The Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting at the ancient and historic Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

Stepney bells have the reputation of being one of the finest rings of ten in the country, a reputation with which most of the 50 or more people present at the meeting fully agreed, after having heard and rung them.

The newly-formed local band, known as the Guild of Stepney Scholars, set the bells going to Grandsire Triples shortly before the advertised starting time, and subsequently some of them rang in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters in a manner which promises great things for Stepney ringing in the future. The band is a very young one and it is very gratifying to see change ringing firmly established in what has for many years been a stronghold of 'stone' ringers. It is to be hoped that they will very soon achieve their ambition of ringing an entirely local peal.

Various methods were rung by the visitors until 5 p.m., when tea, which the local band very generously provided, was served in the Parish Hall.

Following this, a short business meeting was held, at which the usual routine matters were speedily dealt with.

St. John at Hackney was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in May. St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, being adopted as an alternative.

The secretary pointed out that the district would be celebrating its 25th anniversary later in the year, and it was decided to leave the matter for the committee to settle in what way this event should be commemorated.

The District Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. French, M.A., M.C., for the use of the bells, to the local band for the arrangements made and for the splendid welcome extended, and to the ladies who prepared and waited at tea. In responding, the Rector assured the society that the visit of the association to his church had given him and his ringers a great deal of pleasure, and he assured them that so long as he was Rector of St. Dunstan's they would always be welcome.

A return was then made to the tower, and, except for a break between 7.30 and 8 p.m. for a short service, ringing was carried on until about 9.15 p.m.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples and rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Visitors were present from many towers, and the District Master extended a special welcome to Messrs. F. Warrington and B. Wayman, of Over, Cambridgeshire.

This was the association's first visit to St. Dunstan's, and that the opportunity was appreciated was demonstrated by the fact that the attendance was a record for a meeting of the district.

CRAYFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8
1 2 5 3 7 4 8 6
2 1 3 5 7 8 4 6
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3 1 2 4 5 6 7 8
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8
1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6

5,184.

BY EDWIN A. BARNETT.

23456 W. B. M. H.

23456	W.	B.	M.	H.
42635	—	—	—	3
23845	2	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	2
32654	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	2
62345	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	2
32546	—	—	—	3
35426	—	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	3

The first peal in this method was rung at Crayford on December 21st, 1935.

Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6

A LONDON RINGING SOCIETY.

HAPPY GATHERING OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

The ringers of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, held their annual dinner at Slaters' Restaurant, Knightsbridge, on March 21st, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. Brooks Johnson, M.A.) presided, supported by the Rev. G. A. Jackson (curate), the Rev. Colin P. Cowley (formerly of St. Mary Abbot's, now Rector of Shenley, Essex), Mr. H. V. Kenyon and some thirty members and friends. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, and that of 'St. Mary Abbot's Guild' was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. Kenyon, who is churchwarden and an old friend of the Guild. It was responded to by the Master (Mr. W. E. Judd), who gave a short account of the year's work and peals rung, and mentioned the increase both in methods and standard of practice which had marked the year.

The toast of 'The Church' was given by Mr. G. J. Strickland, who recounted briefly the historical aspects of the Church, its numerous beneficent activities and its close association with ringers, which he trusted would have a long and happy continuance.

After dinner, Mr. J. A. Dart and Mr. D. A. Roberts Thomas at the piano conducted an excellent programme of music and song, in which all present joined. Handbells were also being rung, and there was tune ringing by Messrs. J. R. and H. Mackman, whilst a song by Mr. Roberts Thomas in his native language brought a very successful evening to a close.

5,088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY J. S. WILDE, NEW ZEALAND.

234567	B	M	W	4	H	56342	B	M	W	H
647853				—		56423		2	2	1
357624				—		25463				
427365				—		64352				
567432				—		84523				
237546				—		42635		2	2	
23564 In				—		23456				3
62534				—		Composed in 1934				
35426				—		and first rung at St.				
35264				—		Thomas', Norbury,				
36642				—		for Chester Diocesan				
43652				—		Guild, conducted by				
56234				—		John Worth, March				
56342				—		7th, 1936.				

HALF PEALS.

At Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancs, on March 24th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 18 minutes: D. Waterworth 1, C. L. Sykes 2, G. Elwell 3, H. Casson 4, L. Rawlinson 5, N. M. Newby (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except ringers of 4th and 6th. All are local ringers except the conductor.

At St. Mary's Parish Church, Ashford, Kent, on Monday, March 16th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Goldup, who was 77 years old on that day, and who rang his first peal on the previous Saturday at Rolvenden, a half-peal of Stedman Triples (2,520 changes) was rung, there not being time for a peal: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, H. O. Castle 2, J. Parsons 3, F. Conley 4, P. Page 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. E. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

OVER RINGERS' RECORD.

Ringling at Over, Cambs, on Monday, March 23rd, for the customary weekly practice was just a little out of the ordinary. Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and three separate courses of London Surprise Major were rung as well as Double Norwich Major. Those taking part were J. Parish, M. Ginn, R. Smith, C. Robinson, F. C. Ginn, A. W. T. Ginn, W. I. Ginn, A. J. Ginn, F. G. Gleaves, B. Wayman and F. Warrington. It is believed that this constitutes a record for any one local company, both in the Ely Diocesan Association and in Cambridgeshire.

BACHELORS.

SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE.

The bachelors in several places celebrated their freedom on Leap Year Day in peal attempts. Some were rung, as our peal columns testify. Some were not, and the party who defied Kate four years ago (and only one of whose number has seen the error of his ways in the meantime) were among the unsuccessful.

Their meeting place was kept a close secret. They arrived at the church, so we are told, in various disguises, but, with anxiety weighing heavily upon them lest they should be discovered by one or more eligible females, they were unable to concentrate sufficiently, and the peal 'went west' after about two hours.

One at a time they slipped out of the belfry door into the night, and separated as quickly as they could, in the hope that, at any rate, some would escape. Their plans were successful. 'Not one of them was considered worth capture,' a lady correspondent tells us.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells for Hobart Cathedral are now packed and ready for shipping from the Loughborough Bellfoundry. It is not expected, however, that the tower will be ready to receive the bells until the summer.

With a 5,040 of Minor in 14 methods, spliced into seven 720's, Mr. Walter Ayre, president of the Herts County Association, rang his 400th peal on Monday week. Of these peals, 247 have been rung on tower bells, of which 194 have been conducted, and 153 have been rung on handbells, of which 81 have been conducted.

On March 22nd, 1886, the Hereford Diocesan Guild was founded, and on Saturday week six members, belonging to the Presteigne District, celebrated the jubilee by ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyonshall. The ringers represented six towers, and after the peal were entertained to tea by the Rev. Ellison.

A peal of Doubles, rung at Mursley, Bucks, last week deserves special notice. The Rector (the Rev. J. M. Tredennick), who is 70 years of age, and his son, Mr. J. E. F. Tredennick, rang their first peal together. In addition, it was the first peal on the bells of their own parish and was conducted by Mr. J. E. F. Tredennick. It was the first peal by three others of the band. The bells have recently been rehung and two recast by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

We understand that a new 'Bow Bells' interval signal is shortly to be put into use by the B.B.C. The one which has done duty up to now is a record made some years ago of the old bells. A record has now been made by the Columbia Graphophone Company of the recast bells, and this will be substituted for the earlier record. Ringers will be interested to contrast the effect of the old and the new rings broadcast in this way.

The meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at Feltham to-morrow, has been cancelled, as has also the meeting of the Sheffield District Society.

The ring of eight bells of Alresford Church, Hants, is to be rehung with new fittings in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

Mr. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln, who was to have taken part in a peal at Welton, Lincs, on Saturday, met with a serious accident while at work. The gap in the peal band was filled at the last moment by Mr. Jack Pearson. Everyone will wish Mr. Mayer a speedy recovery.

WILLENHALL BELLS.

COMPLETE RESTORATION PROPOSED.

For some time past, the condition of the ring of eight bells in St. Giles' Parish Church at Willenhall, Staffs, has been causing anxiety to the Parochial Church Council, and, after taking the opinion of leading bellfounders, the Council has decided that the time has now arrived when the rehanging, recasting and repairing of the bells cannot with safety be any longer delayed. The approximate cost will be £750.

The parish is already faced with heavy expenditure for other purposes, including schools, organ and church fabric, and it is hoped that ringers generally will support the fund for the restoration of the bells, which have been frequently used in past years for practice and peal attempts, while many learners have rung their first touch or peal at this church.

The Council, therefore, appeals for generous support to enable this work to be proceeded with. Contributions will be gratefully received by the Vicar, the churchwardens, or Mr. Chris. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall, captain of bellringers.

BELL ROPES' LONG LIFE.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Henley, Suffolk, last Saturday, and it is interesting to note that it was the 177th peal on the bells, with the original ropes made by John Pritchard and supplied through John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, 34 years ago, when the bells were augmented to eight.

Although the bells are a light peal, the longevity of these ropes is a remarkable tribute to John Pritchard's product and the attention bestowed upon them by those responsible for their care at Henley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful and enjoyable joint meeting of the Warwickshire and Staffordshire Societies was held at Tamworth, Staffs, on March 21st, and, in spite of the fact that the tower is on the boundary of both societies, about 35 members attended during the afternoon and evening.

The very fine ring of eight bells was made good use of during the afternoon, after which a move was made to the schools for tea. Among those present were the Vicar and churchwarden of Tamworth. The welcome the Vicar gave to the ringers was replied to by the Rev. G. H. Barker and Mr. F. W. Perrens, on behalf of the Staffordshire and Warwickshire Societies respectively.

Before returning to the tower for further ringing, change ringing and tunes on handbells were given by Messrs. J. B. Fenton, H. Knight, F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, C. H. Webb and J. H. W. White.

The best thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. S. G. Chaplin, of the local company, for his valued assistance in both making the meeting possible and a success.

A 'ROLL OF HONOUR.'

OF SUPPORTERS OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Silver Jubilee of 'The Ringing World' has prompted several original supporters of the paper to suggest that we should publish a list of present readers who have been subscribers without interruption from the first number.

This suggestion we gladly accept, and we invite all those ringers who have so loyally supported 'The Ringing World' throughout these 25 years to send us an intimation on a postcard, with their names and addresses.

Do it to-day!

RINGING AT GLOUCESTER.

A REVIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

It is gratifying to learn from statements made at the seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association that there is promise of a real ringing revival at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, with which years ago the Rev. H. L. and E. B. James were actively associated, and at which the St. Michael's Juniors Society flourished.

The dinner, which was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, was presided over by Councillor W. R. Eggleton, who was supported by Mr. S. E. Romans (Master of the association and chairman of the branch), Mrs. Romans, Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), Mrs. Harris, the Rev. E. C. Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Guise and visitors from Bristol, Mangotsfield, Cheltenham, Ruardean, Newent, Westbury-on-Severn, Stonehouse, Minchampton, Swindon, Ross, Lydney, etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Eggleton proposed 'Church and State,' to which the Rev. E. C. Prichard responded. He said he was greatly impressed by the fact that the ringers at St. Michael's Church always prefaced their ringing with a prayer. In regard to the bells at St. Michael's, he said it was his intention that the belfry of his church should speak. The ringing of bells, he said, recalled the real joy and happiness of religion.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. H. Knight, who said he was grateful for the support which the Gloucester ringers gave to the Bristol ringers. Gloucester, he added, was known all over England for its history in ringing.

Mr. Jack Clarke, giving the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said he had never mixed with an association that was better or more true. Some years ago he thought that ringing in Gloucester was nearly doomed, because apparently the clergy were not in sympathy with it. Ringing in Gloucester at one time, he said, used to be second to none in the kingdom. It was a great pleasure to him to hear now that the Rector of St. Michael's would do his utmost to forward bellringing. If bellringing were carried on as it used to be in Gloucester, no one could grumble about it.

Mr. S. E. Romans, responding, said there was a shortage of young ringers in the city, and he appealed for new members. The clergy, he thought, might help them in that way and encourage young men to take an interest in bellringing. His ideal was to get a separate band of ringers for each tower in the city. At present they had to divide up to make a band for each church. He was glad that they had the use of the bells at St. Michael's Church, and they had been able to ring for Sunday services at least twice a month. Eight bells had been used, and they hoped in the future to be able to use ten. It had been found unsafe to ring the ten bells until some structural alterations had been made. Unfortunately, funds were not forthcoming for that at present, but the association might be able to contribute a donation towards the fund.

Mr. Romans proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Eggleton and Mrs. Eggleton, Mr. Prichard and representatives of the various districts responded.

Mr. G. Pinnell said there were some boys in the Bible Class at St. Michael's Church who were prepared to learn bellringing.

Entertainment was provided by Messrs. F. T. Harris, L. David, J. Austin, J. Williams, R. Benfield and G. H. Pinnell.

During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Michael's, St. Mary de Crypt and St. Mary de Lode Churches.

COMPLIMENT TO NONOGENARIAN.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, on Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Lovell (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, F. Hammond 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. Lewry 4, F. H. Hicks 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rochester, of Court Farm, for his 90th birthday.

GOOD FRIDAY.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual.

All notices and other communications for that issue must reach us not later than Monday next.

REOPENING OF TAMERTON FOLIOT BELLS.

BISHOP WELCOMED WITH HANDBELLS.

The six bells at Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth, were rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter at a special service on Saturday afternoon, March 21st, and the old Devon village church was filled to capacity by a congregation numbering about 450, of whom 100 were visiting ringers. They came from belfries far and near—from St. Budeaux, Cornwood, Brampford Speke, Plymstock, Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton St. Mary, Buckfastleigh, Wembury, Ermington, Bickleigh, Botus Fleming, Egg Buckland and Bere Ferrers.

The visiting clergy included the Rev. R. H. Lucas, R.D., of Plympton and Vicar of Yealmpton, who acted as Bishop's chaplain; Prebendary S. R. Carden, Vicar of Egg Buckland; and the Revs. T. A. Hancock, Vicar of St. Budeaux; C. E. T. Wills, Vicar of Plympton St. Maurice; E. V. Cox, Vicar of Brampford Speke (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers); A. Calder, Vicar of Modbury; Leigh Murray, Vicar of Bickleigh; H. Leigh-Lye, Vicar of Maristow; S. M. Campbell, Vicar of Ivybridge; E. J. Burt, Vicar of Crown Hill; E. J. Davies, Vicar of Ilburton; B. Bonskin, Vicar of Maryfield, Torpoint; and R. C. Alexander, Vicar of Shaugh Prior.

Prior to the service the Bishop was met at the church door by a band of handbell ringers, who rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples as he entered the church, the band being S. R. Roper (Croydon) 1-2, T. G. Myers (Plymouth) 3-4, G. H. Myers (Plymouth) 5-6, L. E. Collins (Croydon) 7-8. The Bishop expressed his appreciation of the handbell ringing, and said it was the first time that he had been welcomed to a church in this way.

During the service his Lordship, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and clergy, proceeded to the west end of the church at the base of the tower, and performed the dedication ceremony in full view of the congregation. As the procession returned to the chancel, some well-struck rounds were rung on the tower bells by the local band.

NEW RINGING GALLERY.

Immediately after the service rounds and call changes were rung, in the real Devonshire style, by the St. Budeaux band of ringers, and then followed two perfectly struck touches by a mixed band, one of Kent Treble Bob Minor and one of Bob Minor, the ringers being S. R. Roper (Croydon) 1, G. H. Myers (Plymouth) 2, T. G. Myers (Plymouth) 3, E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke) 5, L. E. Collins (Croydon) 6.

The bells were subsequently kept going to call changes and the four standard methods until 9 p.m.

The bells have been retuned and rehung with up-to-date fittings, with all the latest improvements, in a massive new iron frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have also erected an oak ringing gallery about 12ft. above the ground floor. The new position of the ringers, with the consequent shortening of draught of the ropes, has brought about a great improvement in ringing conditions in the tower. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also overhauled the clock and added to it a Westminster quarter chime section.

Mr. S. R. Roper, who represented the firm, received congratulations from all sides on the excellent work throughout of the Croydon Foundry.

It is interesting to note that during the four years of his incumbency at Tamerton Foliot, the Rev. F. B. Soady has successfully completed the restoration of the tower, the installation of a modern heating apparatus and electric lighting, and the restoration of the bells and clock.

During the afternoon some 300 visitors and parishioners attended a public tea.

UNITY IN THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir:—It was not my intention to enter into this correspondence at all, as in my opinion the position was capably stated by Mr. W. Spice, sen., in the first paragraph of his letter. Unfortunately, he then proceeded to discuss the subject right away, and I must take exception to his last remark about the need of a Ringing Master. As one who helped to start this question in the Lewisham District, I must say that the idea of appointing a Ringing Master to quell 'that undesirable spirit' never entered into my calculations. I would remind Mr. Spice that the greater the unity and brotherly feeling, the greater the attendance at meetings, the more ringers to be accommodated, and, therefore, the greater need of a competent Ringing Master to keep things on the move. T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

LANCASHIRE OCTOGENARIANS HONOURED.

James Arrowsmith, retired 52

John Hollows, not out 60

This is the excellent record of years of service put in by two veteran Lancashire ringers at St. Leonard's Church, Milnrow. Both have recently reached the age of 80, Mr. Hollows' birthday being on February 24th and Mr. Arrowsmith's on March 24th. In honour of the double event, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Milnrow last Saturday, in which Mr. Hollows took part.

For upwards of 60 years John Hollows has stood in the band at the treble bell for service ringing, and has taken part in a number of peals rung on historic occasions. He also rang in the first local peals of Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and in the only peal of Minor on the bells at Milnrow.

James Arrowsmith had upwards of 52 years' continuous service ringing to his credit up to his retirement 10 years ago. He, too, rang in the first peals of Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Both veterans are life members of the Lancashire Association.

On February 28th the ringers of Middleton Parish Church with their wives and friends met at Miss Nall's Cafe to celebrate Mr. Arrowsmith's 80th birthday. Tea was served and afterwards whist was indulged in.

During the evening Lancashire dialect recitals and songs were rendered, and Mr. Arrowsmith's health was honoured with the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.'

During the evening Mr. John Hollows was presented with a pipe in appreciation of his long and faithful services. He acknowledged the gift in a very humorous speech, in the course of which he thanked his friends and said how glad he was the band was again showing sign of a happy future.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION MEETING.

The society's annual nomination meeting was held at Bramley on Saturday, March 28th. The bells were rung up about 3.30 p.m., and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in a nearby cafe. Further ringing took place after tea until 7 p.m., when owing to the smallness of the tower the business meeting was held in the choir vestry. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Hey (vice-president), the president being unavoidably absent owing to business.

The following were elected new members: The Rev. A. G. Harper, Messrs. P. Cole and J. Marsh, of Bramley, F. Davison, of Idle, J. J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, and N. Chaddock, of Eastwood.

Nominations for officers for the coming financial year were received as follows: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Davison; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; auditors, Messrs. F. Raymond and F. Hutchinson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Raymond and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—The Rev. A. G. Harper (curate of Bramley) replied for the Vicar and churchwardens, and Mr. S. Helliwell for the local ringers.

Members were present from Armley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Sutton and the local company.

The next meeting is the annual general meeting, and is to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 25th.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

NEW PEAL IN SEVEN METHODS BY E. C. S. TURNER.

The following is the composition of the peal of 5,088 Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, London, Rutland, Superlative and Wembley Surprise Major by E. C. S. Turner, which was rung for the first time on March 28th at Staines, conducted by the composer:—

23456	M	W	Methods
35642	—	2	W C B L
43652	3	—	E B B C L
56234	—	—	L C L
26435	—	3	L C B B E
35264	2	—	L B O W
25463	—	—	E O R
64352	—	—	W S L
53246	—	—	E O W
42635	—	—	W C E
36524	—	—	L S W
56423	—	—	R C R
62345	—	2	R S B E
52643	2	—	E B S R
46325	—	—	E C E
23564	—	—	R C E

Twice repeated.

G = Cambridge or Superlative.

The same figures can be used for four methods by ringing London instead of Ealing, Rutland and Wembley. The peal as rung contained 960 changes of Ealing, 768 of Bristol, 768 of London, 736 of Cambridge, 704 of Superlative, 576 of Rutland and 576 of Wembley.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CHRIST CHURCH, DUBLIN, WIN SUNDAY ATTENDANCE SHIELD.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Limerick on St. Patrick's Day. Considering the great distances travelled by those present, 72 must be considered a good muster. The following towers were represented: Dublin (three towers), Bray, Arklow, Waterford, Cork and the two local towers, St. Mary's Cathedral (eight bells, tenor 24 cwt.) and Mount St. Alphonsus' (eight bells, tenor 27 cwt.). The majority made the journey by car, and the weather, proving all that could be wished for, made travelling pleasant.

Luncheon was served in the Stella Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting. The president, the Very Rev. Dean Mayers (Waterford), occupied the chair, and the Dean of Limerick gave a cordial welcome to the members to that old city.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. D. McNeice, Mount St. Alphonsus', Limerick; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. Messrs. G. Lindoff and R. S. F. Murphy were elected representatives on the Central Council.

Dublin was selected as the place of meeting next year, and about 40 new members were elected.

The Sunday Ringing Attendance Shield was carried off by Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, with 100 per cent.

The Murphy Cup, presented by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., for a contest in striking at the annual meeting, was won by Waterford Cathedral, St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork, putting up fine opposition. The sum of one guinea was voted to the William Pyc Memorial Fund. Both rings of eight were made good use of during the day.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PROPOSAL TO REVIVE ANNUAL DINNER.

A quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday at Gravesend, when about forty members were present. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

The service was a shortened form of evensong, and the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Southgate), who took as his text, 'Have faith in God.'

Tea, which was provided through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Beer, was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the curate (the Rev. H. W. Dunn).

Six new members were elected, viz., Miss E. E. Hardcastle, Miss B. M. Mills, Messrs. W. J. Eric Peartree, A. Durling, J. R. Dyke and George Naylor.

It was decided that the society should contribute £1 ls. towards the William Pyc Memorial.

Mr. J. E. Bailey proposed that the annual dinner be revived, and, after some discussion, it was agreed that a small committee, consisting of the Master, treasurer and secretary, should look into the matter, and that this committee should have power to co-opt members.

Mr. A. Hardy referred to the loss that the society had sustained by the death of Mr. R. K. Knight, who was for nearly 70 years a member. All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. S. J. T. Shellock proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, to the organist, to the Rev. H. W. Dunn for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. W. J. Beer for so generously providing the tea.

Handbell ringing followed, and a passable course of Stedman Cinques was rung. The members then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing took place until nine o'clock. The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Bristol, London, Double Norwich and Duffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT STURRY.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Sturry on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when the members attended service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lambert). An interesting address was given by the Rev. Father Reeves, of Westbere. Over 70 members, representing 17 towers, sat down in the Parish Hall to an excellent tea, provided through the generosity of the local ringers and their friends. The Vicar, the Rev. Father Reeves and Mr. W. Prosser (churchwarden) were present.

At a short business meeting which followed, with the Vicar in the chair, five new members were elected, and, amid much applause, the Rev. Father Reeves was elected an honorary member. The applause was renewed when Mr. Prosser said that he would also like to become an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service; the Rev. Father Reeves for his address; to the Sturry ringers and friends for their welcome and hospitality; also to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ.—The Vicar and Mr. Slingsby replied.

A return was made to the tower, where ringing continued until late in the evening, everyone being catered for, from rounds for the beginners up to London Surprise Minor for the more advanced.

STONHAM ASPAL TOWER.



The peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, recently, recalls that the top of the tower was removed so that the bells might be installed. Most of them hang above the tops of the walls and, as our picture shows, they are covered by boarded timber framing which supports the roof.

The masonry taken from the top of the tower was used, it is said, to make up the path to the church, and ringers who do not know this are sometimes mystified when they are told that at Stonham Aspal one has to walk a hundred yards over the top of the tower to reach the ringing chamber.

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

POINTS FROM NEW ORGANISATION'S RULES.

The new London University Society of Change Ringers, which has received permission from the university authorities to use this title, will, it is hoped, take its place in the Exercise with those other University Guilds associated with Cambridge and Oxford.

The rules provide that the officers of the society shall consist of a president, vice-presidents, chaplain, secretary and treasurer, who with three other members will constitute the committee. The annual subscription is to be 2s. 6d. for ordinary members in residence, and a life membership subscription of 5s. for those who have completed their term. Members of the society are to become members of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild, if qualified in accordance with the rules of the Guild. The 5s. life membership subscription of this Guild is payable through the treasurer of the University Society and is due on election.

The annual meeting is to be held in May.

The rules also provide for a fortnightly practice at All Hallows', Lombard Street, alternating with the London County Association practice at St. Clement Danes.

At the moment, however, the tower of All Hallows' is closed, owing to the condition of the fabric, and it is unlikely that any further ringing will be possible on the bells for a long time to come.

SURPRISE RINGING IN DEVON.

FIRST MAJOR BY RESIDENT BAND.

The first course of Surprise Major ever rung in Devon by a resident band was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on Tuesday, February 25th. Cambridge Surprise was the method, rung by eight of the regular Sunday service ringers: A. Weatherley 1, W. F. Oatway 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchellmore 4, A. W. Myers 5, R. Overy 6, G. H. Myers 7, T. G. Myers 8. On Tuesday, March 3rd, two courses of Cambridge Surprise were rung, with Messrs. W. Hiscott and J. Lukins ringing their first course of Surprise Major.

NEW TREBLE BELL AT HAMPSHIRE CHURCH.

A 'COMING OF AGE' GIFT.

An event of rare interest to the parish of Wootton St. Lawrence, Hants, took place on Sunday, March 15th, when the Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. A. B. L. Karney, D.D.) dedicated the new treble bell which has been added to the existing five, and given by Col. A. S. Bates and Mrs. Bates, of Marydown Park, to commemorate their daughter's 21st birthday.

During the service and afterwards the local ringers rang a few rounds on the new six under the guidance of Mr. H. Balaam, who is tower captain and has a good hand in the making.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank carried out the work and a very good peal has resulted. With the younger ringers, who are very keen to learn the art of change ringing, much good work should be done.

On Tuesday, March 24th, the actual birthday anniversary of Miss Anne Bates, the first 720 on the bells, an extent of Bob Minor, was rung by W. J. Marlow (first 720) 1, R. Hickman 2, B. Hunt 3, C. Ostler 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6. Touches of various other methods were also rung. Everyone was very pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and a very useful six has been added to the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

EFFECTIVE MUFFLING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have had many diverse opinions expressed on the subject of muffled ringing. Perhaps I may be permitted to suggest a procedure which would satisfactorily solve all problems. In a certain country tower of my acquaintance, not far from a noted Bucks village where they thatch the pond to keep the ducks dry, the worthy steeple-keeper muffled his bells with sections of car tyres. Result, the bells were completely inaudible and no one's susceptibilities were affronted.

C. ELLIOT WIGG.

High Wycombe.

JUBILEE PEAL BOARD AT WALSALL.

On Thursday evening, March 5th, a peal board commemorating the ringing of a peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques for the Silver Jubilee of the late King George V. and a peal of 5,017 Stedman Caters by John Carter for his 70th birthday was very kindly unveiled by Miss A. Windle, J.P., in the ringing chamber at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, in the presence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., R.D.), the ringers and friends. The board is polished black and lettered in gold.

Miss Windle gave a very interesting short early history of the bells at the church, the earliest known being in the year 1540. At one time the largest bell was taken away and used for the repairing of bridges.

Mr. T. J. Elton remarked that he hoped that would never be the fate of the present tenor of their now excellent ring of twelve.

Both the peals recorded on the board were rung by service ringers of St. Matthew's.

THE BROADCAST FROM PORTSEA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to say how much I appreciated the broadcast ringing from St. Mary's, Portsea, on Sunday week. The bells came through excellently and the striking was of a high order.

As there has been so much recent correspondence on the subject of the broadcasting of bells, I certainly think that bands who are entrusted with the opportunity to broadcast should place striking above everything. Rounds well struck is infinitely better than indifferent change ringing. I was one of the band who broadcast the opening of the bells at Boston Stump a few years ago, and it was decided to ring rounds only in an effort to get the best striking, rather than attempt any sort of change ringing, although every member of the band was a change ringer of some experience and had rung peals.

R. W. DANIELS.

Leekhampton.

'YOUNGER THAN HE THINKS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Re footnote to peal of Minor at Hoc, Kent, recorded in your issue of March 20th, the treble ringer took part in no less than four peals with me in 1927, the last being a peal of St. Clement's Triples at Sittingbourne, Kent, on September 27th.

'Laurie' is apparently three years younger than he thought.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

THE COUNCIL AND ITS BUSINESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the leading article in your last issue, the new rules of the Council, which, so far as they relate to representation, come into operation this year, contain the following: 'For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial and diocesan societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members, and resident life members.'

Your article does not make this clear. It states that non-resident ringing members do not count for purposes of representation. This is obviously incorrect. The rules admit for representation all members of territorial and diocesan societies who pay an annual subscription, whether they reside within the territory of the society or not. Only non-resident life members are excluded.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[Our correspondent has quoted the rule correctly. Our reference to non-resident ringing members was intended to apply to those who, living outside a society's area, pay one sum for life membership, but that, as Mr. Coles points out, does not exactly cover the position.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BELLS SILENT AT DISTRICT MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Alton. Those present included the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin (district auditor), and ringing members from Alton, Blackmoor, Hawkey, Petersfield, Privett, Steep and one unattached. On account of the death of His late Majesty King George V., the bells were kept silent as a token of respect, with the exception of a short service touch with clappers fully muffled. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin), who also said a few words of welcome to those present, and spoke of the loss the country had sustained by the death of King George. Tea was served in the Parish Room, to which 26 sat down.

Before proceeding to the business meeting, the chairman called for a short silence as a mark of respect to the late King, and spoke of his appreciation of the action of the members in letting the arrangements stand under the circumstances and yet giving up a certain amount of pleasure by keeping the bells silent.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1935 were read. The latter showed a balance in hand of £6.

The district officers for 1936 and the committee were re-elected. Five new ringing members were elected from Bramshott.

The next annual meeting was fixed for January 23rd, 1937, at Petersfield. The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 25th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

Attention is drawn to Rules 7 and 10, i.e., "All nominations (president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and hon. auditors), and all resolutions to be proposed, shall be sent to the hon. secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting."

Will all persons holding a stock of publications on "sale or return" kindly send me particulars, and return any unsold "Laws affecting Church Bells"?—G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Curtis 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss N. Shorter 3, J. Loveridge 4, H. Batty 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, F. J. Dodson (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 7, W. Mills 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Percy 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, R. J. Filsell 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Fisher 5, C. Savage 6, D. Thorpe 7, W. Eridge 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3 and 6 and first attempt. First quarter-peal by Sunday service ringers at this church for at least 19 years. With the exception of the conductor, none of the band knew anything of change ringing until about a year ago.

WOODFORD.—For a special service at St. Mary's, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): B. Weaver (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, S. Webb (conductor) 4, W. Chalk 5, C. Morss 6, E. W. Pyo 7, C. Petty 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) for evening service at St. Andrew's Church: A. Weatherley 1, A. W. Myers 2, T. G. Myers 3, R. Philpott 4, W. Oatway 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, R. Overy 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, F. Collins 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters for ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Arranged for Mr. Raymond Philpott, of Portsmouth.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. D. Barker (conductor) 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, W. J. Dean 3, *C. M. Meyer 4, H. Mance 5, *P. A. Carter 6, H. H. Mance 7, *R. Kemp 8. * Local service ringers, for whom it is first quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells for many years.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, E. Chapman 2, A. Tout 3, William Knight 4, C. Carr (conductor) 5, A. Andrews 6, W. Cross 7, W. Norman (first quarter-peal) 8.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.—On January 28th, with the bells fully muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Berry 1, F. S. Price (conductor) 2, L. Middleton 3, R. Hill 4, E. Gray 5, S. Joyner 6, K. Lee 7, A. Berry 8. First quarter-peal by 1, 5, 6 and 7.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COBHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, March 29th, for Confirmation service by Bishop Golding-Bird, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor before and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor after the service: A. Holden 1, A. Roberts 2, J. Mills 3, W. Holden 4, E. Matthews 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. James' Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Loveday (first 720) 1, E. Harding 2, F. Bolton 3, E. G. Stephens 4, F. Piner (first 720 'inside') 5, C. E. Nicholls (first 720 as conductor) 6.

FRINDSBURY.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for the parade service of the Ancient Order of Druids, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. E. Smith 1, T. Beaumont 2, R. Humphries 3, A. Bloxham 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, L. Crouch 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

SEDBERGH.—On Sunday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): H. Dawson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, E. Jennings 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8. On Sunday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,296 changes) by the same band, and on Sunday, February 23rd, 1,024 Superlative, to celebrate the conductor's birthday.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—For evensong on Sunday, January 26th, 1,152 changes Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss May Dickinson (longest length) 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, Miss Betty Stewart 3, T. E. Denyer 4, E. J. Gower 5, W. Denyer 6, C. Denyer 7, Roland Eldridge (first as conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who left for Ireland on January 27th.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The meeting arranged to be held at Feltham to-morrow is cancelled, but you can still come to Ealing on April 25th!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting that should have taken place on April 4th is cancelled.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The postponed meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, April 4th. Other particulars as already announced. Please notify me early.—Frank Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —A meeting of the branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3.30, and a change of programme gives us a meeting for 6.30 p.m. in the tower. Anyone interested in ringing heartily welcomed. Branch members earnestly requested to be present.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Carpenter. Tea and meeting to follow in the School. Subscriptions now due. For tea, 9d. per head, please notify Mr. J. Fisher, 15, Park Road, Coppull. All ringers welcome. These bells are worth a visit.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. —The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall, Notts, on April 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Frequent buses from Western Boulevard.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch. —A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Horsham (8 bells) on Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Drayton Parslow on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CODSALL, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON. —The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford on Sunday, April 5th, at 6.30 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for April: Service ringing, April 5th, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 10 a.m.; April 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.; April 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices, April 27th, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting to follow, 8.15 p.m.; April 28th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Wednesday, April 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newnham-on-Severn, Easter Monday, April 13th. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (provisional; see next week's announcements). Election of officers and Central Council representatives. Proposed alteration of rules concerning peals. Please notify for tea by April 9th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1-2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Peter's (8) open from 11 a.m. all day, subject to weddings. Cathedral (10) from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Committee meet at St. Andrew's Schools 2.30 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head), Pierpont Restaurant, Midland Road. Admission by ticket only, to be had from Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than April 9th. Ticket holders to be in room by 5 o'clock. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —A meeting will be held at Ewell on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 6 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, not later than Saturday, April 11th.—F. W. Housden, Hon. Sec., 134, Park Lane, Carshalton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 in the Village Club Room. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting at Wisbech on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 o'clock in Smith's Cafe, price 1s. each, followed by business meeting. Elm and Leverington bells available from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and in the evening. No ringing allowed during service and meeting.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Abbey (12), St. Peter's (10), St. Michael's (6), and St. Stephen's (6) available from 2 p.m. Will ringers desirous of ringing at the six-bell towers advise me, so arrangements can be made with ringer in charge? Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Please do not be late. Tea and business at the Abbey Institute close by. Notification of attendance is necessary if ample tea arrangements are to be made.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open at 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the church at 12 noon, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle; preacher, the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in St. Mary's Hall following the service. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets for luncheon free to practising members, visitors 2s. 6d. All pay for their liquid refreshment. Owing to limited accommodation, application for tickets, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by last post Wednesday, April 8th, after which no application can be entertained. Other towers open for ringing: Cudham (10), Sevenoaks (8), Edenbridge (8), Brasted (6), from 10 to 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Sundridge (6), 10 to 11 a.m. only.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 19, Gill Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, by Thursday, April 9th?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) from 10.30, St. Peter's from noon. Luncheon at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 16th and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Balaam, Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, by April 15th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryyn View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Unitarian Church, Garton, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER.—The Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Ring of five restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing during the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The postponed luncheon of the Guild will be held at Trinity, on Tuesday, April 28th. Will all those non-resident mem-

bers wishing to attend inform the secretary as soon as possible?—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for divine service has been definitely arranged for second and fourth Sundays in each month at 5.30 p.m., commencing in April. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

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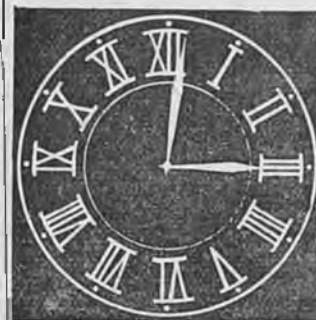
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