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PEALS IN 1935.

Peal ringing in 1935 recovered the ground, in numbers at any rate, that it lost in 1934, but it is still more than three hundred peals short of the 1932 total. The figures for the past four years have been: 1932, 2,002; 1933, 1,833; 1934, 1,784; 1935, 1,863. But mere numbers are by no means all that matter. Probably the most gratifying thing that will be found in the report of the Analysis Committee, which is published elsewhere in this issue, is the fact that there has been a substantial increase in the number of ringers who scored their first peal. The year 1935 saw the resumption in a rising total, after a slight setback in the preceding year, and the present number is one of the highest, if not the highest, ever recorded. No fewer than 643 'first peals' were rung, against 503 in 1934, 523 in 1933, and 480 in 1932. It was probably helped by the Silver Jubilee celebrations when, in the desire suitably to honour the event, many ringers took part for the first time in a peal.

One of the most interesting points in the report is that emphasised by the committee, that, although there continues to be rung a number of new methods, mostly Surprise—true, they were fewer in 1935 than in 1934—very few, comparatively, are in common use. The old methods still hold the field, and, among the Surprise variety Cambridge is claiming an increased popular ascendancy over Superlative. Apart from Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples—the four 'standard' methods—Cambridge is the only method in which more than a hundred peals were rung. It goes to show that ringers still cling to tradition. The standard methods have come down to us through the centuries—they still provide the major portion of the ringing done in our belfries.

The reasons, of course, are not obscure, but with all the variety which is now at the disposal of the Exercise, it shows the strong conservatism of ringers. There are many more interesting things to ring, for instance, than Plain Bob, and they are available, through the publications of the Central Council, to all who seek them, but year in, year out, Plain Bob more than holds its own. In higher spheres, Cambridge, Superlative and London continue to show the way. Bands in various parts of the country ring new methods, but they seldom ring more than one peal before going on to a fresh method; and yet among these newer things are methods well worth ringing. For instance, we believe that one of the reasons for the loss of popularity of Superlative is the monotony of its work. It is just a quarter of a course turned in four different ways. Now, Painswick Surprise is a

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method which produces all the music that Superlative is capable of, but by having a different arrangement of the work in front, the monotony is swept away. Painswick is a method which deserves the growing practice now being accorded to, say, Yorkshire, and ought to have an established place in the general repertoire of all Surprise ringers. And there are other methods which should have equal attention. The trouble apparently is that there are too many to choose from, and, perhaps, a not unnatural desire of capable bands to ring 'the first ever.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 7
ALFRED BUCKLEY... .. 2	ARTHUR J. DUTTON 8
DANIEL T. MATRIN 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
HOWARD HOWELL 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

First attempt for a peal on twelve bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
*REGINALD AMOR... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
CHARLES BUTCHER 3	CHARLES RAISON 8
JAMES BILBY 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
JESSE FRANCIS 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to Adjutant and Mrs. Fensom (Salvation Army), who are leaving the district for Leeds. The Adjutant raised the money for the treble bell in the new peal of twelve, the bell being named 'The Salvation Army bell.'

BRIGETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	EDWARD T. CHARMAN 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 8
KENNETH SNELLING 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

E. DENNIS POOLE... .. 7 treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER 6
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	EDWARD V. RODENEURST 8
HARRY HUBBALL 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Saunders.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*GEORGE NAYLOR 6
*HARRY SPRINGETT 2	GEORGE KENWARD 7
†TOM SAUNDERS 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 8
FRANK BRISLEY 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 9
THOMAS E. SONE 5	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. † 150th peal. The composition, No. 291, is rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... Treble	*KENNETH ARTHUR 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	JOHN ANDERSON 6
*THOMAS W. CROWE 3	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 7
WILLIAM SHERATON 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRID STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
KENNETH LEWIS 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOHN H. GRENBY 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
LESLIE W. STEVENS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

A birthday compliment to L. H. Whitehead.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Monday, May 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MRS. C. W. EVERETT ... Treble	†GEORGE SWAFFER 5
THOMAS TABRETT 2	PERCY PAGE 6
†JOHN PARSONS 3	WALTER EVERETT 7
FRANK CONLEY 4	DANIEL GODDEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. Sinclair.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church on Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung by the following: G. Page 1, G. Palmer 2, W. Palmer 3, W. Cross 4, F. Lasbury 5, W. Page 6, J. H. Howell 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringer of the 7th, who hails from Hull. It was rung after failing for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	PERCY W. WITHAM 5
*MISS F. M. CHILDS 2	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	PETER CROOK 7
*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4	WILLIAM HOULTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Stedman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	†JAMES E. BAILEY 5
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
†ALFRED G. HILL 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Superlative.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*BENJAMIN COPPIN Treble	ERNEST FURBANK 5
*ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE ... 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
LOUIS CORDELL 3	*EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	†BERNARD G. SADDINGTON... 7
*GEORGE LINES 4	†P.C. ALBERT E. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* Eightieth peal. † First peal of Stedman and first peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal.

WRAYSbury, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	*JAMES A. GLASS 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Adapted from J. REEVES'.

Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung to mark the dedication of a new altar and other pieces of church furniture by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, which took place on the Sunday previous, May 10th.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5536 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	JOHN A. BREARLEYTenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8008 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGETreble	CHARLES CAMM 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWISTenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas. T. W. Lewis has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

CLIFFE AT HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15 cwt.

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK...Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER HAMMONDTreble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL... .. 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERSTenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and, it is believed, for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTINTreble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
MRS. P. M. MAYNE 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 4	ROLAND BIGGSTenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung after meeting short for 'Burton,' Mrs. Mayne kindly standing in at the last moment.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTESTreble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 250th peal. This is the first peal in the method, which is Berkshire Surprise without 7th's. It was rung without previous practice. A birthday peal for the daughter of the ringers of the 4th.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

HORACE BELCHERTreble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPINTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*REV. FRANCIS BURNE ...Treble	CHARLES H. HORTON 5
*ALFRED O. WOOLTON 2	†WILLIAM GILKS 6
*STANLEY JONES 3	†EDWARD SOUTHEY 7
CRCIL EVANS 4	WALTER INWOODTenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. HORTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Aldenham.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RAYMOND H. MAILE ...Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	PERCY PAGE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	FREDERICK R. WELLER 7
†FRANK CONLEY 4	A. PATRICK CANNONTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt for Major. † First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the first peal of Plain Bob on the bells. Mr. W. E. Pitman's 160th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents, tenors right way.

OLIVER J. KIDBYTreble	CECIL H. ALDOUS 4
WALTER E. LAZZELL 2	EDWIN E. SIMPSON 5
ERNEST C. KIMM 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 20 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland and Abbeyville; (2) St. Werburg, Combermere and Vale Royal; (3) College Exercise, Morning Star and Ockley; (4) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (5) Wragby, Braintree and Neasden; (6) Charlwood and St. Albans; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4
WILLIE GREEN ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
†MOSES PERRY ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal of Spliced Minor. † First peal in 20 methods.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE GUNNELL ... Treble	†EDWARD MAUND ... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	CHARLES YOUNG ... 5
HARRY PRICE ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY BINGHAM ... Treble	NORL B. THURLEY ... 4
MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
JOSEPH A. LUNN ... 3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

First peal of Minor as conductor and quickest peal on the bells.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DONALD A. LONG ... Treble	†R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 4
*THOMAS W. DE VILLE ... 2	†ARTHUR G. KING ... 5
*STANLEY W. GALL ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in five Minor methods. First peal on the bells.

BARNBY, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	JAMES RAITHBY ... 4
RICHARD HARVEY ... 2	*THOMAS VESSEY ... 5
FRANK VERNON ... 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods by all except the conductor and ringer of the 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for morning service on Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: H. Bull 1, H. Bird 2, F. G. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, R. Hayden 5, H. M. White 6, E. Ansell 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 48 methods, viz.: (1) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunottar Delight; (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight; (3) Cambridge, Ipawich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Algarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Oldwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 2	*CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

* 50th peal. There were 161 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	D. REES JAMES ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	WILLIAM J. PRING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
GEORGE POPNELL ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

By special request of the Vicar, this peal was rung in honour of the King's Accession.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	FREDERICK LASBURY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A CHANGE OF DIET.

The report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which tabulates all the peals rung during the year, has a pertinent note on the fact that comparatively few methods are in common use, and an examination of the tables will show that what used to be known as the 'standard' methods—Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire—still hold all the attraction that they have done for generations. It is not because there is not plenty of material available. It is due, for one thing, to the fact that ringers, beginning to learn methods, seem to turn naturally to the old-established things, by which their fathers and grandfathers were taught.

Another reason, probably, is that many ringers are averse to breaking away from the traditional groove, because they imagine there are in their way difficult barriers to overcome. In fact, they do not relish that change of diet, which, in the long run, would be good for them. We hope, in the next few articles, to try and show that these barriers are largely imaginary and that the beginner who has got his foundations well and truly laid can pass on to other things by easy stages, which will greatly increase his interest in the art.

The Central Council last year published a little volume, priced at a shilling, which gives all the worthwhile methods on seven bells, at least, in our opinion, all save one. If a man can ring Grandsire and understand what he is ringing, he can with a little study and practice soon go on to other methods.

Among those with two hunts, that is to say with a bell in the hunt in addition to the treble, like Grandsire, there is Oxford Bob. It has not got a very long history as far as peal ringing is concerned, for the first recorded peal was rung at Horsham, Sussex, only in 1882.

Like Grandsire, it starts with 3rd's place being made as the treble strikes in 2nd's place going up, but the bells behind, instead of parting after a dodge, continue to dodge until the treble separates them; that is, until the bell dodging down strikes over the treble, when that bell has reached 5th's. The reason is that the same two bells dodge together behind (actually a three pull dodge) from the time the bell in the hunt leaves them, until and the treble gets back again. This dodging is created by two bells in 4-5 each making 5th's place, with a dodge between, this dodge, in turn, being caused by the 3rd's place.

A quite easy table can be made up for the five working bells, thus:

- Pass treble in 5-6, 3-pull dodge in 7-6 (down).
- Pass treble in 4-5, 3-pull dodge in 6-7 (up).
- Pass treble in 3-4, make 5th's, dodge 5-4 (down).
- Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 4-5 (up), make 5th's.
- Pass treble in 1-2, make 3rd's, and lead.

Each bell that makes 5th's, of course, returns to lead. The work does not occur in the order given above, but the table shows how the pairs of bells work together.

Between the 6-7 (up) dodging and the 7-6 (down), in ringing the method, the 3rd's place is made and after the 7-6 dodging the two 5th's places come in, first the one with the dodge in front of it and then the one with the dodge after, so that the two actual 5th's places are joined by unbroken plain hunting down and back again.

A bob is made exactly as in Grandsire. The bells dodging behind are not affected, neither is the 3rd's place bell.

Only three bells, therefore, are interfered with, the bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt. The bell coming out of the hunt has a double dodge in 5-4 (down), and, after leading, goes up behind to dodge in 6-7 (up). The remaining bell, which, but for the bob, would have made 5th's and dodged 5-4 (down), has a double dodge in 4-5 (up) and then makes 5th's, before hunting down.

We wonder whether any of our readers can write out the figures of a lead of the method? All the information required for its construction is included in this article. Just try it!

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEDDBURY DISTRICT ENTHUSIASM REVIVING.

The quarterly meeting of the Ledbury District was held at Cradley on Saturday, May 9th, and proved to be a great success. For some time past enthusiasm in this district has been lacking, owing, no doubt, to one or two peals of bells being out of order and the difficulty in getting together in a country district. The six bells at Cradley have been recently relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Some 25 ringers, including visitors from Worcester, Upton-on-Severn and Bredonbury, took part in a varied selection of methods, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Some excellent striking was noted by many enthusiastic listeners. A service was conducted by the Rev. Preb. Warner, who gave a very encouraging address. Tea was partaken of in the Old School, by the kind hospitality of the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome to members and visitors alike.

Mr. H. Allen, of Colwall, thanked the Rector for his kindness and support given to the Hereford Guild.—Mr. A. Jones, hon. secretary of the district, gave particulars of the annual meeting, to be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, the jubilee festival of the Guild, and impressed upon those present that a special effort should be made to attend the festival and rally round the general secretary, who has done great work for the Guild.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

HEADQUARTERS.—ANDERTON'S HOTEL, FLEET STREET.

Members and friends are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. A notice board will be erected in the hall, and usually one member of the undermentioned committee will be present.

Bed and breakfast can be obtained at 8s. 6d. per night. Applications to the manager.

SATURDAY.—For particulars of the arrangements regarding the dedication of the William Pye Memorial Bells, see other notices in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells of St. Magnus', London Bridge, will be available 7-8 p.m.

SUNDAY.—Service ringing—St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes, Strand; and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City, all at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Notification as to other towers will be posted at headquarters.

MONDAY.—Ringing—St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 9.30-10.45; St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 11-12; Westminster Abbey, 12.15-1.15; Imperial Institute, 2.30-3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, 6.30-7.30.

Tour of the Tower of London, 4 o'clock

Standing Committee meeting at 8 o'clock at the Coffee Pot.

TUESDAY.—Standing Committee meeting, 9.45, Council Chamber, Guildhall. Council meeting, 11. Members are asked to be in their places by 10.50.

Ringing after the Council meeting, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30-7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Clement Danes, 7-8; St. Paul's Cathedral, 7.30.

Social at headquarters, 8 o'clock—Mrs. Hughes will give old and new favourites, Mr. R. Richardson will show well-known and other ringers, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith will demonstrate his unique ringing machine.

COMMITTEE.—Mr. A. A. Hughes (chairman), Messrs. E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, G. H. Cross, C. H. Kippin, F. M. Mitchell and T. W. Taffender.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, May 16th, when a large gathering of members and friends were present from various towers in the branch. The Elloe Deaneries Branch was represented by Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild), Mrs. Richardson and Mr. George Ladd.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's were available during the afternoon and evening. The ringers joined in the 4 o'clock evensong at the Cathedral, after which between ninety and one hundred members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Co-operative Cafe.

The business meeting followed, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Northern Branch president) presided.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1935 were accepted. The former showed that the amount received from subscriptions, etc., was £30 4s. 6d., and the expenditure £39 13s. 10d., leaving a deficit of £9 9s. 4d., which arises from a grant of £10 10s. having been paid towards the bell fund of St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

Thirty-seven new members (two honorary and 35 performing), said the report, were elected during the year, while 32 (five honorary and 27 performing) have lapsed, the number of members on the register at the end of the year being 328 (16 honorary and 312 performing).

Owing to Mr. Edmund Dawber having very reluctantly tendered his resignation as treasurer, Mr. George Chester was elected as his successor.—The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd.

The following resolution, passed at a Gainsborough District meeting held the week previous, was brought before the members: 'That it is the opinion of the Gainsborough District that the annual meeting of the branch should be held on the third Saturday in May; if the third Saturday is Whit Saturday, then the fourth Saturday to be substituted.' As an amendment it was proposed and seconded that 'the meeting be held on the fourth Saturday, and should that be Whit Saturday, then the third Saturday to be substituted.' After discussion the amendment was carried.

Votes of thanks to the Cathedral authorities and the incumbents of St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's for the use of the bells, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry for presiding, and the caterers (Mr. George Chester and Mr. J. A. Freeman) for making the necessary arrangements, brought a successful meeting to a close.

MR J. GEORGE IMPROVING.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I desire most sincerely to thank all my ringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy regarding my recent accident. I am thankful to say I am gradually improving, although not yet free from pain.

JAMES GEORGE.

44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

MASONIC HONOUR FOR RINGER.

Hearty congratulations will be extended by the many members of the Masonic craft in the Exercise to W.Bro. Francis S. Wilson, of Wineanton, Somerset, upon the high honour conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset on Thursday, May 14th, when he was invested with the Collar of the 'Past Rank' of Senior Grand Warden of Somerset.

It is interesting to note that his Masonic career has been in three provinces. He was initiated on October 15th, 1917, in Lodge St. George No. 900, Tewkesbury, in the Province of Gloucestershire. In January, 1920, he joined Montgomerie Lodge No. 1,741, Diss, of which he was installed Master in January, 1926, and was appointed to the rank of Past Grand Deacon in the Province of Norfolk in June, 1929. He thus has the unusual record of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge honours in two provinces.

W.Bro. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Bro. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, were present at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
DOUBTFUL PLEASURES AT HAWLEY.**

While a cricket match was in progress on the village green, the bells of Hawley Church, Hants, on the other side of the road, were ringing on Saturday. Whether they pleased the cricketers is doubtful; the pleasure of the ringers was equally doubtful, for some of the bells badly need attention; the 'circle' of ropes is by no means round, the tenor ringer has to stand in a window recess a couple of feet above the floor level, and the acoustics are bad. Nevertheless, the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild was a happy gathering. Seven of the district towers were represented—Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Seale and Yorktown, and there were welcome visitors from Godalming (represented by the Guildford District Ringing Master), and Hillingdon and Uxbridge, Middlesex. Aldershot contributed a round dozen of the party, and they came by push bikes, tandem, motor bike and Rolls Royce.

The singing, accompanied by the organist, was a feature of the service, at which the Rev. Thomas, Rector of the neighbouring parish of Minley, officiated. The driver of the Rolls supplied the power for the organ.

There was a merry party of about thirty at tea at the George Inn, and the brief business meeting afterwards was quickly disposed of. The 'plate' was passed round the tea table, and 8s. for the Guild's Benevolent Fund resulted.

The enthusiasts then kept the church bells going until after eight o'clock, when the party dispersed in the quiet of a glorious May evening.

TASMANIAN GOVERNOR'S GIFT TO BELFRY.**IN MEMORY OF EVENINGS SPENT WITH RINGERS.**

Sir Ernest Clark, Governor of Tasmania, who received the English tourists at his official residence in November, 1934, and who has since been interested in the Ringers' Society at Holy Trinity Church, has presented them with a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' newest book, 'Legends o' the Bells.'

In forwarding his gift to Mr. A. R. Wilson, the hon. secretary, Sir Ernest Clark wrote: 'I thought that the bellringers of Trinity might like this book. Will you hand it over to them at Easter in memory of the two evenings I spent in your belfry. I have inscribed it on the front page.'

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Wilson sent Sir Ernest a copy of 'A Great Adventure,' which, we learn, found a place on the drawing room table at Government House. As readers of that book will remember, Sir Ernest was photographed with the visiting ringers and the picture finds a place in the volume.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that it is 90 years ago this year that Holy Trinity received its bells, which were cast at the White-chapel Foundry.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering, the last before the dismantling of the bells for restoration, was rung at Yorktown, Surrey, on April 28th, for the wedding of the Rev. G. A. Ford and Miss M. E. Richards, the youngest daughter of Mr. T. W. Richards, churchwarden of St. George's Church, Camberley, and of Mrs. Richards, of Norton, Gordon Road, Camberley. The Rev. G. A. Ford was formerly assistant priest at St. Michael's, Yorktown, and St. George's Churches, and an hon. member of the Guildford Guild. He is now curate-in-charge of St. Peter's Church, Portland.

The quarter was rung by J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, P. Farr 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles has also been rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of Mr. H. J. Hunt and the birthday of his grandson, V. Wilkinson: H. J. Hunt 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, F. Farr 4, H. Noakes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Wells, of Dippenhall (a member of the local band of ringers), and Miss Audrey Lawrence, of Farnham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight of his brother ringers immediately after the ceremony: J. Beagley 1, J. Read 2, G. Carter 3, G. Upshall 4, H. Kemp 5, J. W. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Excellent progress is being made with the building of the tower at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, which is to contain thirteen bells (eight of them hung for ringing), already cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A newspaper illustration which has just reached us shows the building operations in progress 63ft. above the street level. The official opening, we learn, is to take place in December.

We understand that a well-known London ringer recently had to appear at the Old Bailey. No charge was brought against him, however, but the City and Lands Commission granted his request that the Central Council should be allowed to use the Council Chamber at the Guildhall for the Whitsun meeting.

A celebrated ringer, with 600 or so peals to his credit, whose proud boast it was that he had never broken a stay, 'blotted his copy-book' last week when he 'busted' one in his own tower on practice night. Wild horses will not drag his name from us.

The Redwinter meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association is postponed owing to a very serious case of illness near the church.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are rehangings the six bells in a new frame at Harpford Church, Newton Poppleford, Devon.

Mr. J. E. Ashcroft writes that in our issue of the 15th inst, a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Warburton, Cheshire, is claimed as the first peal on the bells. The Grappenhall band, he informs us, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells on September 12th, 1896.

Two more Worcester rings of six are to be rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, viz., Ombersley and Norton, near Evesham.

Mr. Arthur Saxby extends a hearty welcome to ringing visitors to Margate for outings or otherwise. A quarter-peal can always be arranged.

The London County Association's practice will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on June 2nd, and not on May 26th as previously announced.

In the report of the peal at Padworth, recorded on page 321, the name of the treble ringer should have been given as Edward W. Richardson.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further names of ringers who have subscribed to 'The Ringing World' from its first number up to to-day have reached us:—

Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich.
Mr. T. R. Flint, Clepstone, Notts.
Mr. R. Grater, Tiverton, Devon.
Mr. H. A. Hopkins, Whitstable, Kent.
Mr. A. H. Martin, Higham Ferrers, Northants.
Mr. A. A. Saxby, Margate, Kent.
Mr. W. Spice, Tunstall, Kent.
Mr. C. Turner, Dover, Kent.
Mr. C. Tyler, Henfield, Sussex.
Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

Mr. Bowell began his interest in ringing papers by reading his father's copy of 'Church Bells,' when a boy. He took all the copies of 'Bell News' and 'Campanology,' and has all the issues of 'The Ringing World' except about 20, which 'were lent out and never returned.'

Mr. A. H. Martin is another 'fifty year reader' of ringing papers. He began to take 'Bell News' in 1885 and has never missed a ringing paper weekly since.

CLERGY AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As an old clerical ringer, I realise the hopefulness of a letter such as that of Mr. J. P. Pelloc. If only the men in the theological colleges would master, at any rate the rudiments of ringing, it would be a good thing for the Church. The old saying is still true, 'We know not with what we must serve the Lord until we be come thither.'

My own experience is that if a vicar is a ringer and rings regularly and teaches his learners himself, not only will there be no trouble in his tower, but he will gather around him a band of men who will be invaluable to the Church in many ways. Handbell practices for boys leaving the choir and others will bring him into touch with those he wants to know and help, and the influence spreads, because it leads to real love and friendship. Men are sometimes shy of the clerical collar, but seldom of the Vicar in his shirt sleeves.

With one thing in the letter I do not agree—we cannot all be great composers or outstanding conductors, but most of us can learn to ring a few methods, to call simple touches and to strike accurately. I do not think we ought to aim at less, or that visits from clergy who cannot do that are of much use in the tower. You can always make time if you want to. All good wishes for those who are learning to ring at Cuddesdon.

I enclose my card, but prefer to sign myself,

'ONE WHO HAS FOUND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE TOWER.'

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1935.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Association.	MINOR							Total	DOUBLES								Total	Grand Total of Peals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Bath and Wells ...	2	1	8	1	—	—	8	5a	20	8	4	4	1	—	—	—	17	37
Bedfordshire ...	8	2	—	1	—	1	4	11	11	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	18
Chester Diocesan ...	2	2	2	7	3	—	3	7b	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28
Cleveland & N. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Dur. and Newc. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan ...	8	2	2	3	1	—	4	1c	21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22
Essex Association ...	5	2	10	6	2	—	8	—	31	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	36
Glos. & Bristol ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	16	17
Guildford Dio. ...	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	7
Hereford Dio. ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	25	1	1	—	—	—	—	27	29
Hertford County ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	4	5
Kent County ...	18	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	21	5	2	3	1	—	—	—	11	32
Lancashire ...	4	—	2	2	—	—	2	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
Lincoln Diocesan ...	10	—	3	1	3	—	24	15d	58	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	61
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5
Middlesex County ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Midland Counties ...	11	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	20	7	1	1	—	21	—	—	11	31
North Notts. ...	1	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
North Staffs. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Norwich Diocesan ...	4	1	4	—	—	—	1	3	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14
Oxford Diocesan ...	6	2	1	—	3	1	12	2e	27	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	31
Peterborough Dio.	3	—	1	—	1	—	2	1f	8	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	4	12
Salisbury Dio. ...	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	5	5	9	2	1	—	—	—	22	27
Shropshire Assoc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	8
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild ...	2	—	4	6	5	1	8	—	25	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	27
Surbiton Assoc. ...	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Sussex County ...	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	13
Swansea & Brecon	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Truro Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Warwickshire ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Winchr. & P'm'b.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	5
Worcester & Dis.	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	7	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	18
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	1	—	—	—	—	16	2g	20	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	23
Unaffiliated ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Non-Association	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	2h	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12
TOTAL ...	113	20	41	87	19	6	105	35	381	106	37	24	11	2	3	188	584	

(a) One in 15 methods, two in 12, two in 11. (b) One in 42 methods, one in 40, one in 36, one in 17, one in 14, two in 9. (c) One in 8 methods. (d) One in 28 methods, one in 27, two in 26, two in 23, one in 20, one in 18, one in 15, four in 14, one in 12, one in 10. (e) One in 9 methods, one in 8. (f) One in 9 methods. (g) One in 10 methods, one in 9. (h) One in 32 methods, one in 12. (i) One in 12 methods, one in 11. (j) One in 9 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Association.	MAX		CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		TOTAL
	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	London & Cambridge	Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Grandsire	Plain Bob	
Anc. Soc. Col. Y. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Bath & Wells ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Can. Univ. Gld. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Dio. ...	—	—	—	1 2c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Durham & N'cle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Guildford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hereford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford Co. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1a
Kent County ...	1	—	—	1d	3	—	—	1	5	—	1	1	23
Lancashire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Lincoln Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Middlesex Co. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Midland Co's. ...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
S. Martins, B'ham	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Unaffiliated Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
TOTAL ...	1	4	1	3	5	5	2	1	6	2	1	1	82

(a) One method
(b) One in one method
One in two methods

(c) One Oxford and one Kent
(d) One Kent

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE, 1935.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1935 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday.

There has been a slight increase in the number of peals rung in 1935, as compared with 1934.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1935.		1934.	
	Tower.	Handbells.	Tower.	Handbells.
Maximus ...	9	1	12	—
Cinques ...	35	5	23	6
Royal ...	46	8	61	5
Caters ...	82	7	68	9
Major ...	669	41	724	47
Triples ...	376	12	324	7
Minor ...	381	5	355	7
Doubles ...	183	3	130	6
Total ...	1,781	82	1,697	87

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have decreased by 3; Cinques have increased by 12; there are 17 more peals of Stedman, and 5 less of Grandsire Cinques. Royal have decreased by 15—Surprise by 5 and other methods by 10. Caters have increased by 14—Stedman by 9, Grandsire by 4, and there is one peal of Erin. In Major there has been a decrease of 55. Surprise methods have decreased by 54—London 6, Bristol 7, Superlative 9, and others 32. Only 10 new Surprise methods were rung, compared with 22 in 1934. Treble Bob have increased by 9 and Plain Bob by 10, whilst Double Norwich have decreased by 17. Stedman Triples have increased by 4, Grandsire Triples by 44, and other Triples methods by 4. Minor have increased by 26. There is a decrease of 1 in one method and 6 in seven methods, and an increase of 10 in two methods, 8 in three methods, 5 in four methods, 3 in five methods, and 7 in methods over seven. There is an increase in peals of Doubles, viz., 53—21 in one method, 8 in two methods, 18 in three methods, 3 in four methods, 1 in five methods, and 2 in over five.

HANDBELLS.

The number of handbell peals has again decreased, but this year by five only.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association again head the list with 159 peals, a decrease of 4 on last year's total. The Oxford Guild follow with 111, an increase of 14 over last year, and the Lincoln Guild with 107, an increase of 11. These are the only associations with over 100 peals. Twenty-six associations show an increase, the most noticeable being the Salisbury Guild, with an increase of 40, and the Sussex with an increase of 33. Eighteen societies show a decrease, the principal being the Middlesex Association with 49 less, and the Durham and Newcastle and Midland Counties with 21 less each.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

There were no progressive lengths during the year.

NEW METHODS.

- 5,152 Huntingdon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 10th.
5,088 Lincoln Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 14th.
5,056 Belvedere Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, February 14th.
5,152 Buckingham Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 6th, 1935.
5,248 Carisbrooke Delight Major, by the Chester Guild, August 17th.
5,088 Beaconsfield Surprise Major, by the Oxford Guild, August 31st.
5,216 Spliced Ealing, London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, July 27th.
5,040 Hereward Bob Triples, by the Chester Guild, October 5th.
5,000 St. Clement's Bob Royal, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, October 18th.
5,024 Dunwich Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 28th.
5,136 Eryri Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 19th.
5,184 Claybrooke Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, November 23rd.
5,088 Wembley Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 30th.
5,024 Melbourne Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, December 5th.
5,184 Crayford Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, December 21st.

HANDBELLS.

- 5,088 Richmond Bob Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 2nd.
5,088 Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 8th.

GENERAL.

The only long length rung during the year was 10,368 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Horringer, for the Suffolk Guild.

Noteworthy performances include peals of Minor in 40 and 42 methods by the Chester Guild, and a peal of Spliced London and (Continued on next page.)

ANOTHER NEW SPLICED MINOR RECORD**YOUNG BAND'S SUCCESS AT ALGARKIRK.**

The splicing of Minor methods goes ahead by leaps and bounds. There are several enthusiastic bands of 'spicers' in the country, and their efforts are aided and abetted by the genius of Mr. A. G. Driver. Last Saturday, at Algarkirk, Lincolnshire, a new record in the

Another thing which adds to the merit of the performance is that four of the band are Sunday service ringers at the church where the peal was rung, and another comes from the neighbouring village of Trampton.

Unity of purpose and a determination to make progress underlies success of this kind, and another factor has been suggested to us by

**ALGARKIRK PARISH CHURCH.**

number of methods included in seven true 720's was raised to 48. It is another great performance by the youthful company, of which Mr. Vernon Taylor has proved himself so capable a leader.

One of the 720's included no fewer than 13 methods, and another had 12 spliced into it. Altogether there were 168 changes of method.

It was the fiftieth peal by two of the band, the rest cannot claim even this number. Indeed, the conductor has rung only 26, while the ringer of the 2nd rang his first peal in seven methods 'inside' only twelve months ago.

a correspondent. It ought hardly to be whispered—for fear of what might happen, but—they are all bachelors!

The bells at Algarkirk were a ring of five until they were augmented to commemorate the late King's Silver Jubilee, and this great performance was the first peal upon them. Our picture shows the church to be a handsome building with a central tower. The bells are rung from the floor of the church, at the entrance to the chancel, and on Sundays, therefore, the ringers perform their duties in full view of the assembling congregation.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Continued from previous page.)

Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells by the Hertford County Association.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1935 and 1934:—

	1935.	1934.		1935.	1934.
January	... 124	144	July	... 86	71
February	... 160	153	August	... 125	136
March	... 152	120	September	... 158	161
April	... 99	171	October	... 149	150
May	... 257	142	November	... 192	199
June	... 174	122	December	... 187	215

FOOTNOTES.

There is a very substantial increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The total is 643, an increase of 140. Of this total 200 accomplished their first peal on the treble, 107 on the tenor, and 336 on an 'inside' bell. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells is 877, a decrease of 199. Of these 101 are claimed as first peal in a method for the treble ringer in either plain or treble bob hunts, and 776 on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 70, away from the tenor 18, Maximus 14, Cinques 7, Royal 25, Caters 25, Major 64, Triples 34, Minor 86, Doubles 41. On twelve bells 18, ten 62, eight 59, six 8, five 13. Surprise (excluding those who rang the treble and claimed first of Surprise) 32, in hand 21, in method in hand 42. New conductors number 82, and conductors in new methods 108.

Other footnotes show that 47 were the first on the bells, 107 the first in the method on the bells, 43 the first since restoration or augmentation.

For the Royal Jubilee 202 peals were rung, Royal birthdays 25, birthdays 240, weddings (including silver, etc.) 126, muffled and half-muffled peals number 67, church festivals and dedications 20, welcome and farewell 50, Empire Day 3.

It would seem from the tables that very few methods are in common use, and with the large amount of material now available in the books published by the Council, we look forward to a greater variety of methods in the future. This would at least be some compensation to those members who have given so much time in preparing these books.

Included in the analysis is a peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 13th, published in 'The Ringing World,' page 471, and stated to contain three 480's of Little Bob. We are unable to find any intimation from the Guild that this peal is not recognised by them, and we should be glad of the Council's instructions.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of the representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 66,984:—

1881	158	1919	1,048
1898	1,002	1921	1,632
1905	1,519	1932	2,202
1913	2,358	1934	1,784
1917 (war year)	130	1935	1,863

(Signed)

EDITH K. FLETCHER.

GEORGE R. PYE.

CHAS. DEAN.

G. L. GROVER.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT WALMER.

On Wednesday evening, May 13th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church, Walmer. A peal heard recording a half-muffled peal and portrait of the late Mr. A. J. Matthews, J.P., was dedicated by the Vicar (Canon Tonks).

The peal board was the work of Mr. James Arthur, of Deal, who took part in the peal.

Mr. Matthews was a great admirer of church bells and met all expenses of the recent restoration. Thanks to the generosity of the relatives, his name will always be linked with the Walmer belfry.

THE SPICED PEALS RESOLUTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It seems quite futile to hope that Mr. James Hunt will ever understand that the object of the resolutions introduced by me at the last Council meeting was to define a spliced peal for the future, and not to condemn any that had already been rung. He again states that I condemn the various peals of Spliced Kent and Oxford, and I, therefore, can only conclude that he does not know the meaning of the word he so frequently uses. There is nothing in the resolutions to prevent these peals being rung; the question is whether they shall be called 'spliced' or be given some other definition. I would again remind Mr. Hunt that if his so-called amendment had been carried, all the variations of Major which he eulogised last week, the Ilkeston, Liversedge and Worcester variations, would have been ruled out, for none of these contain full courses of either Kent or Oxford. It is he who would condemn these peals, and not the supporters of my resolutions.

Another matter on which Mr. Hunt is entirely misinformed he again refers to this week. He quotes the case of a peal, in which I took part, in ten Surprise Major methods, and states that there were only 160 changes of one method. This is quite correct, the method in question was Yorkshire, and the M to W lead was rung five times. If one lead only was rung, then all the method would be rung, but I will let that pass. Mr. Hunt's point is that as only five leads were rung, then none of the bells could do all the work of the method. Again this is quite correct. But let us go further. The Law James peal in four methods, which was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung, and which was the forerunner of all such peals, contains, in its original form as rung at Warnham, 50 courses. In each of these courses there is a lead of Cambridge (or Superlative), M to W, and as the 7th and 8th are fixed bells, it follows that none of the five working bells can ever occupy the places of 7 and 8. Therefore, none of the bells do all the work of the method, and exactly as much of the work of the method (Yorkshire) is rung in the peal referred to by Mr. Hunt as is rung of Cambridge or Superlative in the Rev. H. Law James' peal. Is Mr. Hunt going to rule out this peal? And, if not, why not? Is he prepared to rule out all the best performances of Minor, including the 42-method peal rung at Disley last year? In this peal each of the 720's contained at least one method of which only three leads were rung.

It is, as a matter of fact, impossible to obtain true multi-method peals on any other plan—the more methods in a peal, the more limited is the work of a method—and it is utter foolishness for Mr. Hunt to waste his time framing 'amendments' which, if adopted, would only exclude such peals from the spliced class. His sneers at superior peals, too, are decidedly in bad taste, for whatever he thinks about them, there have been peals of Spliced Minor, Major and, lately, of Royal rung, which will test the abilities of the best, and all these peals contain the same 'defect' that has caused Mr. Hunt so much worry.

As far as the resolutions over my name are concerned, they seek to define a spliced peal, with the object of keeping peals, with a change of method every few leads, in a different class to those with only one or two changes throughout. Mr. Stephen Wood's ingenious idea may meet the case—I do not know until it has been further considered—but it is obvious that any more 'amendments' of the nature proposed by Mr. Hunt at Shrewsbury will only confuse the issue. In any event, amendments should be amendments, and not fresh resolutions, and anything that introduces another matter entirely should be ruled out of order, unless proper notice has been given. C. T. COLES.

Highams Park.

SPICED RINGING.

Dear Sir,—It is pretty clear what is in Mr. Hunt's mind and I believe that other people share more or less his opinions, but I think that, if he will look a little more closely into the matter, he will find that it is based on a fallacy.

When we rang our peal in twelve Spliced Surprise methods we rang some of the methods only between the Middle and the Wrong, therefore it is obvious, as Mr. Hunt says, that everyone in the band could not have rung the whole of those methods. But we never claimed that everyone did; in fact, no one did. What we did claim was that the band as a whole had rung the whole of the methods, and if we had only rung one lead the claim would have been a good one. With the possible exceptions of Duffield and Forward, there never was a peal of Major rung where every man in the band rang the whole of the method. The work of the treble in London Surprise is just as much a part of the method and just as important as the work of the tenor, but the treble man does not do the tenor man's work nor the tenor man the treble man's work.

The other day I went to Staines prepared to do anything I was asked to do in the work of seven methods. At the finish I found that I had not done the work of three leads in at least one of the methods. It just happened so according to the composition. Similarly I might ring the seventh to a peal of Bob Major and never be called upon to make second's or to dodge in 3-4; or the tenor to a peal of Double Norwich and never make near places from the front. But no one would say that a peal of Bob Major or Double Norwich had not been rung. It is the band as a whole that rings the peal, not eight separate individual ringers. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

CALLED BY TELEPHONE.

NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

Calls by the telephone are put through by the million every day—we are not sure if this statistic is quite right, but it is near enough. A different 'call' went over the 'phone to Twyford the other evening, following the preliminary notification after 'Number, please?'

A peal of Double Norwich had been rung at the Parish Church—the first in the method on the bells, by the way—and the ringers afterwards engaged in handbell ringing at the home of Mr. Cross. A friend rang up to enquire how the peal had progressed. He was informed, of course, that it had been 'landed' successfully, and he was then asked to call a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, which he did.

The ringers stood close round the instrument, while someone listened at the receiving end to pass on the calls, as they were made by the distant conductor. The bells, it was said, were heard at the other end of the wire perfectly clearly.

It was an interesting experiment, but it might prove expensive if extensively practised; if, for instance, William Barber in Newcastle called a peal of Stedman Triples rung in London!

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, on Saturday, April 25th. Despite the wet afternoon, about sixty assembled. The bells were made good use of up to the time of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Vicar, who also gave an admirable address. A move was then made to the Institute, where an excellent tea was served and enjoyed to the full.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and his kindly welcome, to the organist for his assistance, to the lady helpers in preparing tea, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker.

Handbells were brought into use to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, after which a return was made to the tower, when a variety of methods were indulged in, including a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next meeting (the annual) is provisionally arranged to take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th.

BELLS BROADCAST.

THE RECEPTION FROM ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.

The ringers of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, wish to acknowledge the correspondence sent to Mr. F. Skidmore re their broadcast of Stedman Triples on Sunday, May 3rd. The messages came from a very wide field, Doncaster and Sheffield, Yorks; Harwich, Essex; Reading, Berks; Yeovil, Somerset; Buckfastleigh, Devon; Cardiff, Glamorgan; and Stinchcombe, Glos.

The remarks were generally of a congratulatory nature, some thought the 'time too fast,' others what a 'good tenor,' 'wonderful tapping,' 'no knots in it,' and a 'real treat,' so altogether the results were very satisfactory. The reception was all that could be desired, and the announcer did not take up too much time.

One p.c. received looked as if the sender had something out of the ordinary in the way of radio sets. We have come to the conclusion, say the ringers, that it was a 'Wolsley Hornet Two-Ear Set,' fitted with a tele-type apparatus, for we received all the 'sixes' pricked out and the bobs marked. We think the set was somewhere in the region of St. George's Park, Bristol, or 'some draught Worthington.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Dover on Saturday, May 23rd. St. Mary's (8) available from 3.15, St. James' (6) after tea. Service 4.30. Meat tea in the Dutch Room, Crypt Cafe, 5.15 (1s. 6d.). See the new channel ferry boats now lying in Wellington Dock, five minutes from cafe.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 37th annual meeting will be held at Polebrooke, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m.—L. S. Clark Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rawtenstall, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at the Cafe Regent at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Cheap excursions from Grimsby.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, the Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ALDENHAM.—Herts Association.—Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 in Village Club. Bells available till 8.30. Nearest stations, Bushey or Radlett. Bus service to church every half-hour.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Eaton Bray (6) in the evening if desired.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn 5 p.m. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wallingford to-morrow, Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Amersham meeting cancelled. Next practice meeting at Stoke Poges, Saturday, May 23rd, 8 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, May 23rd, usual arrangements. A big crowd requested.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for St. Paul's, Walkden, for Saturday, May 23rd, has been postponed to May 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Sunday ringing at 5.30 p.m., on May 24th. Monthly practice at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th. All ringers welcome.

JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.—Hertford County and Essex Associations.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Hitchin on Wednesday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made.—Geo. Dent and Don Mears, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practices.—In view of the support given to these meetings the following arrangements have been made:—Barkway, Thursday, May 28th, 7 to 9 p.m.; St. Ippolyt's, Wednesday, June 3rd, 7 to 9; Great Wymondley, Wednesday, June 10th, 7 to 9; Hitchin, June 22nd, 7.30 to 9. Cut this out as it will not appear again.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone.—The memorial bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. After the service tea will be provided by Canon Brown (Vicar) and the churchwardens to those who send their names to either the undersigned by Tuesday, May 26th. The bells will be available after tea, and arrangements will be made for all present to take part in the ringing. All ringers and friends are invited. Particulars of trains and other means of conveyance are given elsewhere.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Hon. Secs. to Memorial Committee.

ST. VEEP, NEAR LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m. Ring of six bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 p.m., with address by the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 27th, first post. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wybunbury (six bells) on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Swan Hotel, at 1s. each. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 28th, so that I shall know the number to be catered for?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malinslee, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, May 26th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Tetsworth dedication of bells (6) will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom, 9d. per person. Please notify Vicarage, Tetsworth, Oxford, by May 27th. Ringing after tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Will towers please send a representative and so ensure the success of this meeting?—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow.

LADIES' GUILD.—The date of meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, to celebrate the tenth anniversary since formation of Northern District is necessarily changed to May 30th. Usual arrangements. All welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9.

TUCKINGMILL, NEAR CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, at 3 p.m. the Bishop of Truro will dedicate the two new bells which have been installed by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, to augment the peal to a ring of eight.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1886).—The Jubilee will be celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday. Ringing at City towers during the day. 2 p.m. Business meeting at St. Peter's Church House. 4.15 p.m., choral evensong at Cathedral; preacher, the Bishop. 5.30 p.m., meat tea at the Town Hall, presided over by the Bishop, price 2s. 6d., but members who apply for tickets beforehand will pay only 1s. Apply by May 28th (without sending money), to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, June 1st. Central Committee meet in the Parish Hall, Market Place, at 10.45 a.m. Service in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, with address by Canon Smalley Law, D.D., Rector of Thorpe Malsor. Lunch at the George Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Application for lunch tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d.) to be made to the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 26th. This is important. The bells available are: Kettering (10) throughout the day, Rothwell (8), Burton Latimer (8), Weekley (6), and Barton Seagrave (5), after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in Parish Church 11.45. Dinner at Forte's Cafe 12.30. Sidmouth (8) and Sidbury (6) bells available.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), and Little Waltham (6). The service will be held in the Cathedral

at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. Canon J. H. Barrow, Vicar of Stansted, followed by the meeting in the Chapter House. Lunch at 1.15 p.m. (approximately) at the Golden Fleece. Will all those requiring lunch kindly notify me by Thursday, May 28th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made?—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk (eight bells, tenor 17 cwt.) on Whit Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner at the Golden Lion Hotel for those who notify me not later than Thursday, May 28th. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d.—J. Reed, Acting Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at Collin's Cafe. It is most essential, owing to the accommodation, that those requiring tea should let me know by Thursday, June 4th, at the latest. All ringers and friends are invited.—J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Hotel at 5.30, followed by a short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 4th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Garsington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Margaret E. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Moreton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern and Central Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 2nd.—Mrs. M. L. Cross and Miss H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LADIES' GUILD.—Tenth anniversary of formation of Northern District Ladies' Guild.—Meeting will be held on June 27th at Handsworth, Sheffield (as originally). All ringers and friends welcome. Cards for tea to J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting, which was to have been held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, has been postponed until August Bank Holiday.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec.

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He was ringing in the tower on April 5th for the dedication of the bells after their rehangings, and on Sunday, May 3rd, for Mayor's Sunday. His loss to the belfry will be deeply felt by the local band, all of whom he taught to ring.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 9th, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung with the bells half-muffled throughout the afternoon.

On Sunday morning the Rector visited the tower and offered prayers. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was then rung: J. Moulson 1, H. Hodson 2, C. Templeton 3, R. Baker 4, W. Buckley 5, J. Head 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, H. Ogbourne 8.

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