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But now that attention is being turned once more to serious and regular practice in a large number of towers, we would emphasise the desirability of every band setting before it a goal which will take them to something higher than they are at present doing, or will lead them to branch out into some fresh path. The men who rang Plain Bob or Grandsire last winter should not be content with only Plain Bob or Grandsire next winter. If the truth be known, the suspension of practice in the summer is chiefly in those towers where little progress in method ringing is made. If there is a continual striving for something more advanced, there would never be lack of interest. The field of change ringing is so wide that there is something new for everyone, and one of the worst things that a ringer or a band can do is to stagnate.

If a band has devoted its attention to Grandsire alone, there is Stedman as well as a number of other plain methods to be practised and rung, assuming they have yet no inclination to investigate the far larger scope of even-bell ringing. Compared with Doubles, Minor offers a far wider field; compared with Triples, Major provides infinite possibilities. The Snowdon and other publications, with instructions how to ring the more popular methods, open the way to the first stages of advancement; the Central Council volumes provide a vast field for the purpose in view. It is not to be expected, of course, that a band whose present limit is, say, Bob

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Major, will reach all at once the higher flights of Surprise ringing, or of those whose attention has been confined to Doubles to step in one season to those flights of spliced ringing such as have excited admiration in recent months. But none of these things are beyond the reach of a band, however humble their status, who will seriously set about the task. In doing so they will help to raise the general level of the art and add greatly to their own interest in it.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	FREDERICK SELWYN 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST PEARSON 7
* HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	HERBERT IMPEY 8
WILLIAM WATSON 4	RICHARD A. POST 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	* WILLIAM ASTON Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First ten-bell peal. Rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	THOMAS HARRISON 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE 6
KENNETH HALL 3	ADAM BLOGG 7
JOHN JACKSON 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 428). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG

Rung as a wedding compliment to Thomas Barker and to Robert Hardacre. This composition is now rung for the first time.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	EDWIN H. NASH 5
* WALTER T. HIGGINS 2	JOSEPH F. DYKE 6
* MISS BERYL LOOK 3	JACK A. LINTERN 7
JOHN E. MEICALFE 4	* ALBERT J. LINTERN Tenor

Conducted by JACK A. LINTERN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Lintern to Miss Florence White.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

This peal consists of 2,496 London, 960 Bristol, 800 Cambridge and 768 Superlative, with 98 changes of method, and is now rung for the first time. The composition is the reverse of that published in 'The Ringing World' on August 21st, 1935. The conductor has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

LONDON.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PHYLLIS HUMPHREY Treble	'DICKIE' DEAL 5
ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE 2	KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 6
*ELSIE M. GREENALL 3	EDITH K. FLETCHER 7
*IVY R. HOUSDEN 4	JESSIE M. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method.

WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED WIGMORE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WALTER FREEMAN 6
WALLACE COUSINS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
LEWIS BUSH 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY Treble	HERBERT FIELD 5
*R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	GEORGE LEE 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung to oblige the ringers of the 3rd and 5th, who come from Cambridge and St. Neots respectively, and as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on the 20th anniversary of his wedding.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*DOUGLAS JENNINGS Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	H. WALTER SMITH 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
REGINALD MARTIN 4	*JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

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

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	WILLIAM H. WAIN 7
JOHN W. SYKES 4	JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

The composition was rung for the first time.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE Treble	HAROLD JONES 5
WILFRID J. MOSS 2	MARK LANE 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
*ALAN J. BROWN 4	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Mark Lane, of Aspley Guise, Beds, also as a birthday compliment to F. J. Steele.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY Treble	LOUISA A. WILSON 5
†NEIL ALLNATT 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	†A. GEORGE WELLS Tenor

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
*FREDERICK HARTMAN 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES MORGAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	*MAURICE LING 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	*URBAN WILDNEY 6
*GEORGE JENNINGS 3	*HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the addition of the new trebles added by the Barron Trust Fund. It was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. Fastest recorded peal on the bells.

MONMOUTH.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	H. ERNEST COX 5
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
*REV. H. T. WISDOM 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. H. T. Wisdom on his leaving Monmouth for Oxford.

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BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY V. SEAR Treble	HARRY SEAR 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	WALTER SEAR 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

G. Martin's 200th peal as conductor.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BOURNE Treble	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 5
GEORGE K. HANKS 2	IVOR J. RAWLINGS 6
*SIDNEY A. BAKER 3	WALTER TAYLOR 7
†RICHARD J. RAWLINGS ... 4	WILLIAM E. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside' and on eight. † First peal 'inside' on eight. Rung on the occasion of the revisit to the parish of the Rev. J. Morgan Parry, Vicar of Burghill, 1893-1910.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ARTHUR G. CRUICK 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Specially rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal on the bells.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury, and 12 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. GIBSON Treble	E. HAROLD FARMER 3
E. AUBREY BIRCH 2	MALCOLM E. BACON 4
FRANCIS R. DRACON Tenor	

Conducted by F. R. DRACON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. J. Preston, wife of a local ringer and a great friend of the local band, whose funeral took place on Wednesday, September 2nd. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

T. W. Lewis has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal in seven methods.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*LEONARD KNOTT Treble	ANDREW I. CORRIGAN 4
*ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... 2	REGINALD A. REED 5
HAROLD P. REED 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First 720 of Cambridge by ringers 3, 4 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*THOMAS J. HULL Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 4
WALTER AYRE 2	HORACE L. WAITE 5
FRANCIS KIRK 3	*HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on six bells as conductor.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
*HORACE TUTTLE 2	†LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
*ALBERT HOUGHTON 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	JOHN H. THOMAS 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	HENRY E. COX 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to commemorate Preb. H. G. Morgan's 60 years' ministry at the above church, 10 years as curate and 50 years Rector.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Froyle. Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master), Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., the Rev. C. H. Sangster (Vicar of Froyle) and members from Alton, Blackmoor, Froyle, Petersfield, Steep, Soberton and North Stoneham. There were also visitors from Ash, Bramley, Pirbright and Sandhurst, 28 altogether. The bells were rung in the afternoon to the standard methods, and the Guild's office was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address. Tea was provided at the Shrubbery House by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, and the usual business meeting followed.

In the absence of the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres), Sir Hubert was voted to the chair. Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The next meeting was fixed for November 7th at Binsted.

Mr. A. Brownjohn applied, on behalf of the Froyle ringers, for an instructor to assist them in the winter months, and Mr. A. Hardiman kindly consented to undertake to visit the tower when possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. H. Sangster and the organist, also to Sir Hubert Miller for his kind hospitality.

Sir Hubert afterwards personally conducted the party round his gardens and grounds, and the members later returned to the tower for further ringing.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ATTEMPT SOMETHING FRESH.

In the leading article on the front page of this issue it is urged that every band during the coming winter's practices should endeavour to advance in method ringing, by attempting something fresh. There is always a liability to get into a rut, sometimes through indifference, sometimes owing to the irregularity of some members which retards progress. There is nothing like practising something new to stir up and retain interest. The members of an orchestra or chorus would soon lose their interest if they never practised anything but the same piece. Ringers, too, can grow tired and stale in a similar way, but a change of method will keep them interested, and the more variety they introduce into their activities the more they will want to advance. We hope in the next week or two to make some suggestions in this column which may help young bands, and some older ones, perhaps, to break away from their rut.

First of all a word or two for those five-bell ringers whose scope is the most limited of all, and those who, while they have the bells with which to expand their practice, are content to 'stick.'

Most of the few methods on five bells are made up of plain hunting, broken by the insertion of a 'place' or places in third's. For the benefit of those who are only just starting into change ringing we may, perhaps, explain that plain hunting is moving the position of your bell a step at a time right through the other bells; that is, after you have led, you move up and strike once in second's, once in third's, once in fourth's, twice in fifth's (or a whole pull behind); then move down, and strike once in fourth's, once in third's, once in second's and then lead a whole pull. If this operation is carried out by all the five bells, they will come round in ten changes. A 'place' is made when a bell in its hunting course stays in one position for two blows, or a whole pull, but the whole pull at lead and the whole pull behind are not called 'places.'

If any other 'place' than 3rd's is made on five bells, you at once depart from true 'Doubles,' for 2nd's place or 4th's, inevitably means that only one pair of bells instead of two pairs can change. All the while 3rd's place only is made it is possible to produce a series of rows of true double changes.

The pure Doubles methods that are rung, therefore, are produced merely by the variation or multiplication of the 3rd's places used. Further variety in methods can be obtained by the introduction of 2nd's place or 4th's when the treble is leading or lying its whole pull behind, but, as we have indicated, this at once takes them out of the category of pure Doubles.

Now the simplest of all methods is 'Original,' so called because it is the foundation of all change ringing. It consists of plain hunting only. A course consists of ten changes only, but the whole of the 120 can be produced by the use of bobs and singles, and we suggest to ringers who now confine their attention to Grandsire Doubles that they should turn their attention to 'Original,' for this reason: You can learn quite easily to ring all the Doubles methods by ringing Original. Grandsire Doubles is only Original with a bob inserted every time the treble has led, and another one on alternate occasions when it begins its lead.

Practise Original and call the bobs in other places and you will have a useful introduction to rest of the methods. When a bob is called the bell hunting up through 2-3 makes 3rd's and returns to the front, the two bells behind in 4-5 make a dodge; that is, each steps back a place before hunting on.

The bob-making can be reversed, and when the call is made, the bell hunting through 4-3 down makes 3rd's and hunts back up, while the two bells in front in 1-2 make the dodge.

1.	2.	3.	4.
12345	12345	12345	12345
— 21354	21435	21435	21435
23145	24153	24153	24153
32415	42513	42513	42513
34251	45231	— 24531	— 24531
43521	54321	42351	42351
45312	53412	43215	— 24315
54132	35142	34125	42135
51423	31524	31452	41253
— 15432	— 13542	13542	14523
14523	15324	15324	15432
— 41532	— 51342	51234	51342
45123	53124	52143	53124
54213	35214	25413	35214
52431	32541	— 52431	32541
25341	23451	25341	23451
23514	24315	— 52314	— 32415
32154	42135	25134	23145
31245	41253	21543	21354
14253	— 14235	12453	12534
14352	12453	14235	15243

Each twice repeated.

All these are touches of Original, which can be extended to the complete 120 by the addition of a single in each half. The first two contain bobs made at the back; the last two, bobs in the front. Examination, however, will show that they are also methods: 1 is

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NEWTON, PORTHCRAW.

After a lapse of ten years, a meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Newton, Porthcawl, Glamorganshire, on Saturday last. The morning was one of the wettest of the year, with almost a continuous downpour, but later the sun shone out and the afternoon proved a real late summer one. The earlier weather no doubt kept many away from the meeting; nevertheless, there was very good muster, including the young band from Penarth. The Rector unexpectedly had to leave early, and the service had to be held half an hour earlier than arranged for. He gave a cordial welcome to all to the old parish and hoped it would not be long before another visit was paid. A bountiful tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and the friends of the church. Several lady ringers were present, chiefly from Llangynwd.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. S. Glyn Morgan (curate).

Many items were dealt with, including restorations and augmentations. It was reported that the Bonvilston bells were again in ringing order, new headstocks, gudgeons, etc., having been fitted to the old bells and replaced in the old frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It was also reported that the order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor and Co. to erect a new peal of eight, with a tenor 183 cwt., in Ebbw Vale Parish Church. The same firm are also adding two more bells to the existing six at Llanfrechfa.

Several new members were elected, including practically the whole of the Cowbridge band, whose bells were restored last year.

After the usual votes of thanks the tower was again visited, the standard methods and Cambridge being rung. The meeting was a very pleasant and successful one. The next meeting will be held at Caerleon.

SUFFOLK TOURS.

STRANGE TOWERS VISITED.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the members of Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk, accompanied by ringing friends from St. Matthew's, St. Clement's, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and Tuddenham St. Martin, held their outing to East Suffolk churches. Leaving by coach at 1.30 and going via Ipswich, the first call was at Monewdon, a light ring of six. Next they went on to Dennington, a ring of six with tenor 19 cwt. This was a great contrast from the previous stop. After ringing and visiting the old church a move was made to Worlingworth (a medium ring of eight). Here some creditable Bob Major was rung, considering that some had never rung on eight before. Tea being the next item of interest, a short run was made to the Royal Oak Inn, Laxfield. A visit was then paid to the adjoining tower for a ring on this good six (tenor 15 cwt.). These hang in reverse positions and caused some confusion at first to those not having much experience. On the way home a call was made at Benhall for ringing on the light peal of six. On the way through these narrow and winding lanes the 'guides' got mixed and took the wrong turning so that the party arrived rather behind time. Here a group photograph for record was taken. Although it was very dull and the hour 8 o'clock, it proved successful. The last call was at Marlesford to ring on the light ring of five. Here 'a limb of the law' (himself a ringer) met the visitors and saw them safely on the road for home, which was reached at 10.30 after an enjoyable trip.

On Saturday afternoon, August 29th, seven members of St. Clement's, Ipswich, had a trip into West Suffolk. They travelled by train to Stowmarket, where they were met by car by Mr. A. R. Woodward (a friend of the band), who took them on the tour. Calling first at Bardwell, the six bells were found to hang 234156, although in a good circle. This caused some confusion, but was soon got over and ringing was done by all. The next stop was at Great Livermere, a small church with thatched roof and wooden tower containing a light ring of five. After ringing, followed by tea at Fornham Martin and a ring on the six bells, they went on to Fornham All Saints, where there is a light ring of five in a small tower. A call was then made at Great Barton (6) and Great Finborough (6). At the last place is a good ring of bells, but the howling effect and noisy belfry do not add to the enjoyment. Stowmarket was reached in time to catch the nine o'clock train for home after a pleasant outing.

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Grandsire, 2 is New Grandsire, 3 is Reverse New Grandsire, and 4 is Reverse Grandsire. If it were rung as Original you would have to call a bob at every place marked; if you ring it as a method you call bobs only at the alternate 'leads' of the treble.

But with Original you need not keep the treble plain hunting all through. In these examples, treated as Original, the treble is the 'observation' bell, but any bell can be the observation bell, and, therefore, you can get quite a variety of extents. Keep your observation bell plain hunting, put in a bob regularly at every ten changes so that it is not affected by the call, and then, in alternate 'tens,' put in another bob (either immediately before or immediately after the regular bob, according to where the latter is called), and you can make up your own extents. The singles are made by the two bells which dodge at a bob, lying a whole pull instead. Insert the single in one of the 'tens' (or courses) instead of a plain change, and call the next one exactly 60 changes later.

Now figure out some extents for yourselves and go and ring them; never mind if what you produce is already known as a method.

NORTH WEALD RESTORATION.

TOWER STRENGTHENED AND BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of St. Andrew's Church, North Weald, Essex, were rededicated on Saturday, September 5th, by the Archdeacon of Southend after being retuned and rehung.

When the tower and bells were examined last year serious defects were found in the building, and an undue amount of movement in the frame. The tower had split, vertically, in two—a large crack running the whole height of the west wall and another on the east wall from the tower arch upwards. Indeed, when the bells were rung considerable movement was noticed at the cracks, and the bells joyously rocked on a concertina-like frame.

The tower is a fine piece of brickwork, built possibly towards the end of the 15th or beginning of the 16th century. The bricks have weathered a lovely dark red colour, and on the day of the rededication the weathercock—regilded for the occasion—proudly raised its head aloft.



The fine brick tower of North Weald Church.

The tower has been strengthened by the insertion of two reinforced concrete girdles inside the structure, one of which forms a foundation for the bell frame, and the cracks bonded and stitched. At the same time, the interesting fireplace in the priests' room was opened out.

Two new wooden frame sides were found to be necessary and these were made in English oak. All four frame sides have been bolted down to the reinforced concrete girde, and the bells arranged in a way which made it possible to rebuild the damaged arch of the newel staircase where it enters the bell chamber.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings and go like 'tops.'

Both the building and bell work have been well done, and interest was shown by all those who took part. Great credit is due to the builder, Mr. Henry Potter, of Chelmsford, and to Messrs. Mears and Staibank, who both acted under instructions from the architect, Mr. Walter E. Troke.

At the service, which was attended by many parishioners and members of the Essex Association, the prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. Oswald Gosney, and the Venerable Archdeacon Blayne gave a homely address based on the text, 'Do all to the glory of God.'

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

VISITORS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE LORD MAYOR.

Arrangements for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, to be held at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, on October 31st, are now well in hand. The dinner is timed to commence at 6 p.m. prompt and distinguished visitors have promised to be present.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Liverpool will hold a civic reception at the Town Hall for all visitors at 3.30 p.m. The Lord Mayor has graciously intimated that he will provide afternoon tea for the visitors to the Town Hall.

If any visitors feel interested and also energetic enough, arrangements have been made for a party to visit the Cathedral tower. By climbing several steps the visitors may proceed to the top of the present building, which is about the position of the bell frame. Meet at Cathedral at 2 p.m. prompt.

Tickets for the dinner, 4s. each, are now ready, and may be obtained from Mr. Claude I. Davies, 58, Dumbabin Road, Liverpool 16, but please enclose stamped addressed envelope with remittance.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th, when members attended from Battle, Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Hailsham, Heathfield, Brede, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), together with Mr. W. Pickworth (Hastings), Mr. F. Oakshett (Kent), Mr. Barker (Middlessex) and Mr. Haig (Wokingham). The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) conducted the service and gave a very appreciative address on service.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, presided at the tea and short business meeting which followed. The Vicar was made an hon. member of the association.

Mr. Pickworth proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local secretary for making arrangements for the meeting. The members then returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8.30.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on September 5th, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, a very poor muster turned up. The bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors from 3 o'clock, and the Guild service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. F. Brighton, Vicar of Instone, Staffs (who is doing duty for the Vicar of Kinver during his absence on holiday). He also gave a short but very able address.

After tea, which was partaken of at the Woden Cafe, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. Brighton, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Kinver on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Mercer). The next meeting is to be held at Wednesbury, and the quarterly peal attempted at Kinver, the arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

Several new members were added to the roll.

At the close of the meeting the best thanks of those present were accorded to the Vicar of Kinver and to the Rev. F. Brighton. Thanks were also given to Mr. Percy Handley for making arrangements for tea and the meeting, and to the organist for his services. The chairman thanked the members on behalf of all concerned.

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Some rounds were rung for the dedication, and afterwards 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor formed the opening touch. The changes were well struck and the excellence of the tone of the retuned bells heard to advantage. The bells ring out across the fields, and even underneath the tower can be listened to with ease and pleasure.

The weather made it impossible to have tea on the Vicarage lawn as was intended, and it was laid in the Schoolroom. The ladies of the congregation not only served but provided all the catables—a splendid effort.

The Vicar spoke about the work which had been carried out, and gave details of the amount so far collected. This small, scattered parish has done magnificently; but there is yet over £100 to collect to wipe off the debt.

Mr. E. J. Butler, secretary of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, spoke appreciatively of the work, and congratulated the ringers and parish and all who had been connected with it.

After tea the bells were rung to various methods until nine o'clock, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Oxford and Grandsire being the methods indulged in.

Thirty-three ringers were present from 15 towers, and the opening touch was rung by Messrs. W. Watson (Romford), G. Black (Woodford), E. Runter (Springfield), A. Pye (Romford), E. J. Butler (Romford) and Pavey (Leytonstone). Many were the favourable remarks made by the visitors.

The concluding touch of the day was 720 Bob Minor, rung by F. Whitty 1, B. Burton 2, G. Samms 3, H. King 4, L. A. Cordell 5, W. Wedlock (conductor) 6. This was a perfect piece of striking and the bells were lowered at the finish in fine style.

It now remains for Mr. Harry King, in his enthusiasm, to continue the excellent work he is doing in training a local band—or should we say bands? for he has about 20 keen recruits eager to learn the intricacies of the art.

DEATH OF LIVERPOOL RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Ernest Jones on Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, lose a valued colleague.

Mr. Jones was formerly of Shrewsbury, where he learnt to ring at St. Chad's Church in the days of Mr. George Byolin. He rang for a time at St. Peter's, Woolton, but for the last 15 years he had allied himself to the tower of St. Nicholas'. Up to the last few months deceased rang regularly for Sunday service. He took part in upwards of 50 peals in the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Superlative and the only peal of London Surprise Major in the city.

Mr. Jones, who was 55 years of age, was buried at Allerton Cemetery on Wednesday, September 2nd, the towers of Childwall, Garston and St. Nicholas being represented at the graveside. The deep sympathy of all is extended to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

TOUR INTO LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 5th, a party of bellringers from Darley Dale, Ashover and Matlock, accompanied by lady and non-ringing friends, went by motor-coach on a tour into Leicestershire. The first call for ringing was at Ashby de la Zouch, then on to Nuneaton for lunch and an hour's ringing on the bells at Chilvers Coton Church. Earl Shilton was visited during the afternoon and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the bells.

Leicester was reached in time for tea and to spend the evening looking round the city. Several of the ringers came in touch with a party of ringers from Luton and spent the evening ringing at St. John's Church. Leaving Leicester about 9 p.m., Darley Dale was reached about 11.30 p.m., all agreeing that they had had a splendid day's outing. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

MEETING IN PEAK DISTRICT.

The Peak District meeting at Ashover was well attended by over 20 members and friends from Ashover, Whittington, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Darley Dale, Edinburgh, Eyam, Sheffield, Matlock, Dore, Norton, Preston, etc. The bells were kept going and good touches brought round of Forward, Little Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea, provided by the Ashover ladies, was enjoyed by all, and the company were honoured by the presence of the Vicar of Ashover, who mentioned in a short speech that he and his father together had had charge of the parish for over 100 years.

ANSTEY BELLS.**RINGERS' EFFORT SECURES RECASTING OF THREE LARGEST.**

For many years the 6th, 7th and tenor bells at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicestershire, urgently needed recasting, but it was left undone owing to the difficulty of raising the necessary funds. Just over two and a half years ago the Anstey ringers undertook to raise the money required to recast these three bells. A few minor repairs, including new ball bearings, pulleys to all eight bells, etc., have also been undertaken.

The happy consummation of the ringers' efforts was seen on Saturday, when the three bells, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., were rededicated by the Right Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, in the presence of a large congregation. The service, which lasted just over an hour, was very bright and inspiring throughout. Eight members of the local band rang a few opening rounds after the dedicatory prayers. The Bishop preached a short but very interesting sermon, in which he referred to his many years' work in South Africa. The service came to a fitting conclusion with the singing of the 'Hallelujah Chorus.'

Immediately after the service an opening touch of 168 Stedman Triples was rung by five members of the local band, with Messrs. C. Harrison, E. Morris and A. Ballard, and conducted by the local Ringing Master, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington.

Tea was served in the Church Rooms and tunes played on the hand-bells by Messrs. E. Morris, J. Morris and S. H. Harrison were much appreciated.

The tower was kept open till 9 p.m. and the 50 or more ringers present made good use of the bells. Many of the ringers had come from places many miles distant. The ringing ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Everyone was loud in their praise of the musical qualities of the recast bells, and Anstey now possesses a perfectly balanced peal of eight which, for their weight, would be hard to beat. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon carrying out a very satisfactory job.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The special service for ringers, to be held at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, will, it is hoped, attract a large attendance. It is a new departure in London, and the College Youths, for whom it was originally arranged, will, we are sure, be well supported by members of other societies. There will be ringing from six o'clock.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, rang his 440th peal at Kirby-le-Soken last Saturday. He is in his 81st year.

Ladies' peals are few and far between, but one was rung on Wednesday of last week at St. George's, Southwark—a very good peal of Stedman Triples.

It will be noted in the report in our peal columns that the usual prefix applied to a lady of Mrs. or Miss is missing. No, that is not intended as a pun, but we wondered if some of the husbands did not know that their wives were away on a peal ringing expedition and this little ruse is hoped to hoodwink them!

By the way, the first Ladies' Guild meeting in the Eastern Counties (if Lincolnshire is not an eastern county) is to be held at Norwich on November 21st. East Anglian lady ringers will specially welcome this visit.

Members of the Leeds and District Society are asked to note the change of time for the business meeting at the gathering at Rothwell on September 25th. See notice.

Although the Central Council 'Collection of Minor Methods' is officially out of print, some of the association secretaries have copies available. Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, has two for sale. A new edition is shortly to be printed.

The dedication of the bells at Skillington is to take place on Saturday.

Prebendary Morgan's record at Stoke Lacy must be almost unique. He has been 60 years at the church, 10 years as curate and 50 years as Rector. A peal in his honour was rung on Sunday.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN PHILLIPS.

FORMER LINCOLN GUILD DISTRICT SECRETARY.

We regret to record the death at his home, Sunnyside, Sawtry, Huntingdonshire, of Mr. John Phillips, who passed away on September 5th, after a long period of indifferent health, at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Phillips was formerly a district secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which he represented on the Central Council for several years.

THE IRISH TOUR.

The tour in Ireland, in progress this week, includes visits to the following churches for peal attempts:—

Saturday, 12th.—Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; ten bells, tenor 39 cwt.

Sunday, 13th.—Service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and Christ Church, Bray.

Monday, 14th.—St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen; ten bells, tenor 22 cwt.

Tuesday, 15th.—St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry; ten bells, tenor 32 cwt. St. Patrick's, Coleraine; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt.

Wednesday, 16th.—St. Patrick's, Ballymena; eight bells, tenor 18 cwt. St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus; eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.

Thursday, 17th.—SS. Philip and James', Holywood; eight bells, tenor 13 cwt. St. Comgall's, Bangor; eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.

Friday, 18th.—St. Malachi's, Hillsborough; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. St. Peter's, Drogheda; eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.

Saturday, 19th.—St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin; twelve bells, tenor 45 cwt. St. George's, Dublin; eight bells, tenor 20 cwt.

RINGER BUILDS CHURCH CLOCK.

CURIOUS TIMEKEEPER FOR ELDERSFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

The Bishop of Worcester dedicated on Saturday a curious clock which has been installed in the tower of Eldersfield Parish Church, near Tewkesbury. The clock is the work of Mr. John Carter, a blacksmith, of Tirley, who is also a well-known ringer in the Severn Valley between Tewkesbury and Gloucester.

The clock has taken Mr. Carter some 15 years to build. The frame is made of pieces of English oak that were once a gate post; wheels have been constructed out of winnowing machines, bicycles and a lawn mower; and other parts of the clock from little pieces of harness, ironwork from the tail board of a cart, part of an old steel poker, spring from a gramophone, an old door-knocker from an ancient inn at the Haw, Tirley, The Fox and Goose, which ceased to exist as a public-house 113 years ago; skittle balls that came from a Worcester alley, scrap iron and an old and well-worn penny. The clock has a pendulum.

For some years there has been a strong desire and some hope that Eldersfield Church should possess a clock; and the clock Mr. Carter has made has been acquired by the Parochial Church Council to mark the accession to the throne of King Edward VIII.

Last March a meeting of parishioners unanimously endorsed a decision to this effect and pledged itself to support the raising of funds necessary for the clock's installation in the tower.

Mr. Carter, who made a similarly ingenious clock for his Parish Church at Tirley a few years ago, is now 71 years of age.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STOKE POGES AND SLOUGH.

Stoke Poges, in Buckinghamshire, not far from Windsor, famous for its association with the poet Thomas Gray and its link with the Penn family, one of whose sons was the founder of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., is the mecca of thousands of visitors every year. On Saturday it was the scene of a gathering of members of the Ladies' Guild, supplemented, of course, by a number of gentlemen, the occasion being a meeting of the Central District.

The ringing visitors were naturally interested in the historic associations of the place, and particularly the beautiful little church dating from 1330, when it was rebuilt; the Hastings Chapel erected in 1558; the giant yew tree near the south door, beneath which Gray is said to have written his 'Elegy in a country churchyard,' 'perhaps the best known poem in the English language'; the poet's burial place; and the ancient tower, which contains a ring of six bells, an early 18th century peal recast and rehung in 1912, and awaiting augmentation to eight as soon as funds are available.



STOKE POGES CHURCH.

Originally the bells were rung from the floor of the tower, which stands on the north side of the church. In 1800 the Lord of the Manor, John Penn, made this space into a Manor House pew and constructed a gallery immediately above it. Since 1924 the ringing chamber has been in a storey higher up, where apparently the bells formerly hung, for there are still decayed timbers round the walls. Access to the ringing chamber is gained by an outside iron stairway carried up in three tiers on the west side of the tower to a landing leading to the door on the south side. It is an unusual as well as a fairly steep ascent to a belfry.

There was once a spire surmounting the tower. It was erected in 1702, rebuilt in 1831, and taken down in 1924 to prevent collapse.

The bells are a tuneful ring of handy weight, and the large company fully enjoyed ringing on them. The methods were many and varied, and included a course of 'Ba Ba' (or was it 'Ba La'?), which appears to be Stedman slow work cut up into small joints and made to go round the six bells by dishing it up back and front. It went very well, seeing that some of the ringers knew it and others didn't. One lady rang it from 'music,' and it took two to get the tenor through the method—a gentleman to ring the bell and a lady to tell him what to do with it. No one ventured to call a bob.

Soon after five o'clock the whole party made their way by bus and car to Slough, where, at Williamson's Cafe, 44 sat down to tea. Afterwards the ladies stole away to a place of secret meeting. The following official bulletin was issued later in the evening:—

'Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president) presided, and, in the absence of the district secretary (Mrs. M. R. Cross), Miss K. M. Bradford, assistant secretary, undertook the secretarial duties. Twenty members of the Guild were present.

'One of the principal things discussed was the place of the next meeting. It was decided to hold it at Canterbury to revive the interest of the members in Kent. The meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November.

'Seven new ringing members were elected, viz.: Miss S. Bowyer, Ipswich; Miss Maddison, Johannesburg (now visiting England); Miss Puttock, Edmonton; Mrs. Shelton, Reigate; Miss M. Gutteridge and Miss G. Thetford, Iyer; and Mrs. Donald Boreham, High Wycombe.

'Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (general secretary) announced that Corporate Communion for members of the Guild would be celebrated at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on Sunday, October 25th, at 9.15 a.m.

Arrangements would be made for breakfast after the service and ringing for Matins. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of ladies, and the presence of gentlemen will be welcomed.

'A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. A. D. Barker for having made the arrangements for the meeting, and to the incumbents of Stoke Poges and St. Mary's, Slough, for the use of the bells at these churches.

'There was a great demand for Guild badges, the new supply of which was on sale for the first time.'

From seven o'clock onward for a couple of hours ringing of all sorts was enjoyed at St. Mary's Church. Eight ladies set out to ring a couple of courses of Bob Major, and they rang very nicely, but unfortunately for the success of the touch—(whisper it softly)—the conductor, lost in oblivion, forgot to call the last bob! 'Dreaming' is the title of the song she proposes to sing when the ladies hold their silver jubilee dinner and concert. The gentlemen were afterwards graciously invited to ring a course of London unaltered, and just managed to uphold their reputation. For the rest, the ringing was by mixed bands, and, as usual at meetings, with mixed success. Mrs. Deal acted as Ringing Master (or should it be mistress?) and most efficiently discharged the duties, everybody, whatever their ability, having ample opportunity to ring. Despite a wet afternoon, the meeting was most enjoyable and the attendance encouraging.

HAPPY GATHERING OF NORTHERN BRANCH.

On Saturday, September 5th, a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at North Muskham, Notts.

The ancient church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid, has been perfectly restored and is most beautiful. It has a fine peal of six bells, five of which have recently been recast and tenor added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., largely through the work and enthusiasm of the ringers themselves.

The Vicar, Canon Williams, conducted the Guild office and spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement. This was followed by a splendid tea at the Bungalow Cafe, to which four kind friends conveyed some of the ladies in their cars.

After tea a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Williams, Miss Ballachey and the local ringers for all they had done in arranging for the comfort of the visitors. The members were sorry to hear that their vice-president, Miss Bowling, of Leeds, who intended to be present, was prevented from attending through illness at home, and sincerely hope this has now passed.

Reference was made to Mr. Joe Mayer, who was killed recently in a motor accident. He had attended meetings of the Guild on several occasions, and as a token of remembrance and sympathy with his family and the Lincoln ringers in their sad loss the company stood for a few moments in silence.

The motor procession was then re-formed, and the party returned to the tower, where more ringers awaited them. Ringing from Plain Bob to London Surprise continued for some time—the 'home' position being reached all too soon.

It is pleasing to be able to report a very successful meeting. There were twelve lady ringers present and many more gentlemen, and all concerned are thanked for a very happy time.

BELLS RESTORED AT EASTHAMPSTEAD.

WORK DEDICATED AT OXFORD GUILD MEETING

After a silence of several months, the six bells of Easthampstead Church, Berks, were heard again on Saturday, following rehanging by Mr. R. White, of Appleton. The timber frame has been strengthened, new stocks and fittings supplied, complete with ball bearings. The 'go' of the bells now leaves nothing to be desired. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 8 cwt. Members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a meeting to mark the occasion of the restoration and to try the bells. Service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Stubbs. Two ringers' hymns and Psalm 150 were sung, and the Rector recited appropriate dedicatory prayers.

Refreshments were partaken of at the Institute, kindly prepared by ladies of the parish, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked them for their labours. He also thanked the Rector for the service, the organist and others who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The secretary went on to congratulate the parishioners of Easthampstead on having their bells restored, and apologised for the absence of Canon Coleridge and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, whom he had hoped would have been present to say a few words, but both had another important engagement of Guild work. Mr. Paice concluded by urging the ringers of Easthampstead to value the work which had been carried out in the tower and do all in their power to maintain a band, so that the bells could be rung regularly for the Sunday services, which was their primary object.

The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) and the Rev. A. G. Thurlow arrived later at the tower, and helped to ring a variety of methods, which during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Hereward, etc. Thus ended an enjoyable and successful meeting, made all the more pleasant by good going bells, and the verdict by all on the work done was 'A very fine job.'

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

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HISTORIC CHESTER-LE-STREET CHURCH.

'Tis wondrous strange that to this time,
No tinkling poet tells,
How much men's lives (Heaven help the Chimes)
Associate with bells.

W. Jerdan.

The two towers for Thursday were near at hand, per car mileage. With good going bells and a short journey, an easy round was enjoyed. Chester-le-Street, a town of 16,000 inhabitants, has now become Chester-le-By-Pass, and the old straggling High Street to the North is relieved thereby. 'Go, London,' sounded from the belfry at 10 o'clock, the towerkeeper making himself scarce, after locking the padlock of the staircase door and leaving the team for 'better or for worse.' At three leads from home we listeners thought the bells were 'quarrelling,' but it turned out to be a little 'argument' between three Georges, and, safely settled, the bells came home in 3 hours 16½ minutes.

We were received at the church by Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sheraton, of Houghton, Mr. Brown and the Rev. S. J. Glenn, and shown over the historic building. Dedicated to SS. Mary and Cuthbert, it consists of chancel, nave and western tower in line, north and south aisles, and possesses a remarkable collection of Saxon and Norman stonework discovered and built into the walls and covered with plaster, when the building was restored in 1862. The steeple is very artistic, square to the nave roof (about 1250), octagonal for the next two floors and surmounted by a lofty spire, the whole 169ft. high, built in 1409. In the recess north of the tower and west of the aisle is an uncommon feature, a stone cell of two floors with a curious 'squint' to the chancel used by the first anchorite, Robert Blenkinsop, who petitioned the Bishop of Durham (A.D. 1400) to be allowed to take up residence here. There were four successors in occupation of the cell in due course. It is supposed to be one of the best preserved in England. It had been the source of much trouble in 1626 when the churchwardens wished to end the occupation by poor widows. I spent a couple of restful hours in it in front of the old stone fireplace (empty) seated in an armchair, with a table, reading the book of records relating to these bells, the ringers and their ringing. Many of the entries would greatly interest readers of 'The Ringing World.'

A 500-YEAR-OLD BELL

Local history tells us that Symeon, of Durham, wrote in the 11th century how the wooden Saxon church of 883 was decayed when Bishop Egelric ordered a new church of stone to be built in 1043, occupying the site of a Roman camp. The church is hallowed by its association with St. Cuthbert. The body of the saint, with the head of the brave young martyr King Oswald, rested here enshrined for 113 years, during which period the church was the seat of the Bishops of the North. Here was written the earliest known Anglo-Saxon version of the Gospels by Aldred—now preserved in the British Museum. The bells were restored by Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated in 1883 by the Bishop of Durham, but one of the old bells, dated 1409, was preserved, and is now carefully used every Sunday for services for a few blows.

It is appropriate that attention to the bells should be given just 1,000 years from the foundation of the first Saxon church, erected in 883 by Earwulf, who founded the See of Chester and became its first Bishop. It is on record that Guthred was a Danish King of this part of England and a liberal benefactor to the church.

The passing of the centuries may be traced in the stone masonry of the exterior, deeply honeycombed and pitted in varying patterns by wind and weather that have left the hard veins standing out to resist erosion.

After the peal we dined at the Lambton Arms Hotel and left an hour later for the next tower on our list. This inn takes its title from the family of that name, the Lords of Durham of Lambton Castle, a handsome seat a mile from the church, which we passed on our way to Houghton-le-Spring.

This church is dedicated to SS. Mary and All Saints, and here a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) was installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1830. They were increased to eight by Gillett and Johnston in 1928. Several willing friends were waiting to usher the team into a spacious ringing room well fitted and kept, with an 'abundance' of sound from the bells when ringing. Starting for Bristol at 3.30 p.m., it lasted 25 minutes only, due to one of the back bells refusing to be struck by 'lightning.' A brief rest led to our mental transposition from Bristol to Cambridge in the next attempt, and this came 'home' in 3 hours and 5 minutes. During the time we rang there was no call or sign of a 'hob' made; in the ordinary sense it was non-conducted, but decidedly not a 'silent' performance.

The usual adjournment followed with Mr. J. W. Parker, from Sunderland, Mr. Sheraton and other local ringers, for a half-hour's conversation and rest at the Red Lion. Our drive back to Newcastle ended joyously after a day of fine weather, with a double success, easy going bells and comfortable cars—no wonder octogenarians can go out peal 'grabbing' like two-year-olds! In each parish the foreman of the tower was personally requested to convey the thanks of the team to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly allowing them the use of the tower. In this connection I regret to add that I have never

heard of a collecting box being filled to overflowing after such visits. Supper and bed at the Queen's was an hour later, and the friendly 'inquiry' answered in the affirmative, with a little doubt if it related to the peals or the supper? And so to contented sleep still 100 per cent. up.

The most picturesque journey of the week was taken on Friday, the two towers having been selected, like the Allendale ride, on purpose. It meant a distance all round of over 100 miles. Early we rose and crossed the Tyne Bridge at Newcastle before nine o'clock, six men in two cars and the rest by rail. George Martin and I, having travelled A1 at sea, now proceeded by car A1 on the North Road, via Morpeth, as far as Heddon Bridge.

The party then followed the River Coquet; at times our conveyances were hemmed in by woodland along its bank, and at other times we were looking down hundreds of feet upon its turbulent passage over rocky boulders sparkling in the sunshine. Rothbury is a quiet homely market town in the wilds of Northumberland, has an air of peace and quietness beloved by artists, poets and fishermen. The ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F) was installed in the tower by Mears and Stainbank in 1893, and a tablet records, 'In loving memory of William Dawson, this peal of bells was given by his sister, Mary Dawson, to All Saints' Church.'

A peal of Bob Triples was rung here at Whitsun, 1903, by the local society that had already mastered peals of Bob Minor, conducted by T. Murray. The captain met us 'on duty' in the absence of the Vicar, and the Newcastle Inn supplied our lunch at 1.30, which—like that of the Lambton—no gourmet could quibble about.

Rothbury belfry is a large apartment with two small windows difficult to open, usually lit by a gas bracket behind the tenor man, but not used by us.

Our journey onward was started at 3 p.m. with a splendid drive to Alnwick, over nearly ten miles of undulating moorland, coloured by masses of purple heather. Fifteen miles to the left the Cheviot Hills rose clear on the sky line. One very straight and long stretch concealed many deep depressions resembling the switchback. You could see nothing ahead at one time, then rising to the next hill a car would suddenly appear as if raised from the grave by a mighty magician.

BAMBURGH.

Here in the stillness of thy memories,
O grey, sequestered House of God, I find
A peace of heart and shelter from mankind.
Thy very stones on which I bend my knees
Link me with souls of vanished centuries.

Bamburgh was reached via Seahouses (we turned too soon off the Berwick Road) soon after 4 o'clock, when the faithful steeplekeeper with the keys, and Mr. Routledge, on holiday here, received us.

Dedicated to St. Aidan, this church has a venerable weather-beaten appearance. Its stout square tower, with battlements, seems to defy the stormy elements of the north-east coast of England. From the summit a grand view of that famous stronghold, Bamburgh Castle, standing on a rugged rocky eminence, can be seen. Beyond are the Farne Islands and below the tower the graceful tomb erected to the memory of Grace Darling, the local sea heroine.

The bells, by Mears and Stainbank, were installed in 1909, but no peal was rung upon them until 1920—put it down to the war—when the Newcastle men achieved a peal of Steadman Triples.

With plain bearings, short draught and good going, the Double Norwich went with a swing, and there was never much doubt of double peals being scored for five days in succession. Our conductor was again in trouble—troubles never come alone. This time it was the rope end that came untucked. Mr. Routledge, our friend in need, started us home with a farewell glass and a 50-mile drive to Newcastle, and somewhere about 10.30 we reported 'All's well' at headquarters.

We were 'at home' on Saturday, visiting the towers by tram-car, and giving our own cars and the engines a rest and a 'look over' for the long journey on Sunday. Gosforth, within the city, is in the county of Northumberland, and All Saints', of very handsome modern design in stone, now mellowed, is surrounded by tall trees and evergreen. The land and the buildings were given to the parish by William Cochrane of Middlesbrough, and the original ring of eight bells by his son. The trebles were added by Gillett and Johnston in 1923. 'Go' was called by the Doctor at 10 a.m., and our peal here made up a Royal century for Mr. G. R. Pye. We received the usual courtesy from local men and the Ringing Master, Mr. Adam Deas, and, on leaving the tower, an introduction to Churchwarden Lamour, a real churchworker.

The motor-car not only saves time by door to door progress, but also prevents straggling by the team. After leaving Gosforth, 'go as you please' men turned up to lunch in twos and threes, much to the cook's annoyance. This I attribute to the 'half-way' door. An apology is due to the fine team of young ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Elswick, for our late arrival. Here is a heavy peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.), relung by Gillett and Johnston in 1930. The bells are in three tiers on ball bearings in a rocking steeple. The lower part of the steeple forms a baptistry, and here is recorded on stone: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, George and Margaret Cruddas, the peal of bells was placed in this tower by their sons, George and Charles, 1880.' And another tablet records: 'To the memory of Margaret Cruddas, who died aged 1878, aged 88 years. This tower and spire was erected by her husband, George Cruddas.'

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WELCOME AT HEMINGBROUGH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, and was attended by 43 ringers from Beverley Minster, Eastington, Gooles, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Hessle, Market Weighton, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Shepton, Silsden and Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. C. Bond, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

The district secretary and two ringing friends were held up one and a half hours at Selby through a keel on the River Ouse colliding with the old Toll Bridge at Selby, but 'all's well that ends well,' and they arrived after some inconvenience just in time for the service. The organist of Hemingbrough Church was held up through the same cause, but he, thinking it impossible to get across the river, went home and rang up the Vicar, telling him of the incident, and asking him to find a deputy. A very capable one was found in Mr. A. H. Fox, organist and captain of the ringers at Kirk Ella Church. Mr. Dan Meadley, a popular ringer from the same church, acted as organ-blower, and both were heartily thanked for stepping into the breach.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Craig) conducted the service and gave an interesting but informal address, in the course of which he paid a glowing tribute to the enthusiasm of Mr. Fred Terry, the local tower captain, and also to Mr. Jack Tune and all his ringers. He said it was the old families of the village life which he liked best, as they were heart and soul in their work for the church and had the love of the dear old church in their bones. They were, he added, the salt of the earth.

Two new members were elected at the meeting, viz.: Messrs. Leonard Rigg and Frank Kneeshaw, both of Market Weighton.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gooles in December was accepted.

Mr. Cryer proposed and Mr. Vigor seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells. In reply, the Vicar welcomed everyone present, and said he hoped they would not wait 13 years to be invited again. He asked them to come as often as they wished and stay as late as possible, as the good people of Hemingbrough loved to hear their bells rung. They were all pleased when they heard the meeting was to be held there.

Mr. H. S. Morley proposed and Mr. Dan Meadley seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Fred Terry for all the arrangements, and to the ladies who very kindly provided such an excellent tea.—Mr. Terry responded, thanking the association for their visit, and inviting them again in the near future.

Further ringing on the tower bells till nine o'clock and on the handbells till 9.45 p.m. concluded a very happy and successful meeting.

The methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Spliced Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the tower bells, and Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major on handbells.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SERVICE TO BE HELD AT NEXT MEETING.**

Market Drayton again proved a popular choice when the Shropshire Association met there on September 5th. Early arrivals were greeted by a party from the Potteries, who were on an afternoon tour. After a course of London Minor they departed to find the 'Shropshire' six-bell tower of Hammer, actually in Flintshire.

Up to tea time some good striking in standard eight-bell methods was heard, and, upon adjournment, the 30 members present were entertained to tea by the Market Drayton band, a gesture for which appreciation was expressed.

Mr. Clark responded, and said that a hearty welcome was extended. He had hoped for a short service to be held.

Canon Bell, who was in the chair for the business meeting, accepted this as a proposition. Having received support from Mr. W. Saunders and others, the secretary undertook to arrange a short service at Condover for the November meeting. The Rev. Haseler, who was present from Condover, said that he would be pleased to hold the service if required.

During the evening a few courses of Cambridge Major completed a very successful meeting.

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Our effort for Stedman Triples lasted 40 minutes when someone called 'Stand,' and the ringing week was finished. No one was particularly disappointed, because there were times when a bell dodging 4-5 down was found in the slow, and it depended on the building if your bell would respond to your pull.

The final evening at the Queen's was decidedly mixed until the final handshake with Newcastle men. Squaring hotel accounts, handbell touches, talks of past tours and 'Come again' were seen and heard till 11 p.m.

All the men were safely home again by Sunday night, and their little travelling cases filled with new toys, valued by bellringing collectors, such as new towers, new methods, new counties, to which I would add—and new friends. The motor-cars were reported nearing home about 5 p.m., that I travelled with registering 824 miles since the start of what proved to be a very remarkable tour.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FIRST VISIT TO TINGEWICK.**

A very well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Tingewick on Saturday, September 5th, this being the first of its kind in the village. The bells, a peal of five, have been recently done up by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and a good job has been made of them. There were in all about 25 members present, which was a good attendance considering that Tingewick lays somewhat wide of the activities of the branch.

A very hearty welcome was extended to Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, who specially visited his native village to attend the first ringing meeting held, and the opportunity was taken to enrol him a life member of the Guild. Mr. J. H. Shepherd was there for a general inspection of the tenor, and another unexpected visitor was Supt. Williams, of the Manchester Police Force and president of the National Police Guild.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. Rice (Vicar of Tingewick), and tea was held in the Village Hall.

The secretary, Mr. W. Sear, stated that there was no important business to transact, but proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Tingewick for extending such a kindly welcome to the branch and for making all the arrangements for the meeting. This was suitably responded to and further ringing took place, both at Tingewick and Buckingham, which concluded a very pleasant meeting.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Richmond on Saturday. In spite of the unfavourable weather, ringers attended from Middlesbrough, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Ormesby, Guisborough, Chester and the local band, and a very pleasant meeting was the result. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 8 o'clock except for a short interval for tea, which was held at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, and presided over by the president, Mr. J. C. Pollard.

The ringing was very good, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were successfully brought round.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, September 8th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Neville A. Metcalfe to Miss Stelle Hale, both of Southwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, H. F. Clulow 3, J. F. Milner 4, F. Pickard 5, G. E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. D. Shortrose 8.

On Sunday, September 6th, at Southwell Cathedral, for parish evensong, 1,260 Silchester Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, E. H. Clulow 3, G. E. Foster 4, J. F. Milner (conductor) 5, F. G. Hooper 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, E. Foster 8.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Jean Marcel to Marceline Ralimanana, which took place on Saturday, September 5th, at St. Paul's College, Ambatoharanana, Madagascar; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

At All Saints' Church, Ripley, Derbyshire, for the wedding of Miss M. Pilcher and Mr. Bert Rowe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. George 1, J. Turner 2, K. Sheldon 3, W. H. T. King 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. W. Hill 6, A. Hutchison (conductor) 7, A. C. Watts (first quarter-peal) 8. The bride's father has been a ringer at this church for a number of years.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5.15. All ringers welcome. Buses from Bridport every hour.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickinghall (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelnetham (5). Tea at the school at 4 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 19th, instead of Adlington. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SKILLINGTON, NEAR GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Saturday, September 19th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone, King's Norton, 1542.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Buses from Belgrave Gate.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 548, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday afternoon, September 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Jubilee Hall. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting at Woodford on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Meat tea nearby at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A half-day excursion into Essex is being arranged for Saturday, October 3rd. Start from London 2 p.m. Inclusive charge 6s. 6d. per head. Will would-be participants please notify the secretary by this meeting at the latest?—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles' on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Lincolnshire Guild friends invited.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on September 19th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the school at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Special notice. Meeting at Stoke Golding on Saturday, September 19th. Usual arrangements.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Dedication of St. Michael's bells, Gloucester, will take place on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The usual monthly practice will be held at Shoreditch on Thursday, September 24th, at 6.30, and ringing for divine service on Sunday, September 27th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 26th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. and again in the evening. Service at 5 o'clock followed by tea and a short business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome. Numbers for tea to be sent to F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 22nd, to the Rev. R. P. Rowan, Kingsclere Vicarage, Newbury.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, the Drewe Arms Hotel, 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Attractive musical programme. All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. per head) obtainable until Tuesday, September 22nd, from any member of the Dinner Committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3.45. Tea 4.45 in Parish Room. Tea (1s. head) can only be prepared for those notifying Mr. E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, not later than September 24th. Others must arrange their own. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford District meeting, originally fixed to be held at Ockham on September 12th, has been postponed and will be held at Ockham on September 26th. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by September 21st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The contest for the Crawford Cup will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, September 26th, commencing at 2.45. Ringing as usual after tea. Please send me a card if you intend to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec., Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4, followed by tea at 4.30. Cheriton bells also available. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, the 23rd, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8) on Saturday September 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Beachampton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the club. Those wanting tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at East Hendred on Saturday, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Institute, 1s. per head. Ringers requiring tea should write Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, by September 24th. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting to be held at Marshfield on September 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea, members being guests of the Rector. Practice meeting at Westerleigh on September 22nd.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wendover (6 bells), on Saturday, September 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Festival service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Dinner at 6 o'clock at Crown Hotel. New rules will be proposed for adoption at annual meeting which follows. Will those who intend to be present notify me as soon as possible.—Geo. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head provided for all who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, nr. Rotherham, by Wednesday, September 23rd. Will all who can please make a special effort to attend and make this the most successful meeting of the year?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Matlock, Saturday, September 26th. All members intending being present are requested to write Mr. V. Taylor, 45, Lynholmes, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, September 23rd, so that suitable arrangements can be made.—H. L. Warburton.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, September 26th, by permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dr. W. Irwin. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Stone, Maynard, Derby Road, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

PAULERSPURY, NEAR TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate the ring of five bells which has been rehung in a new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Welcome Hall, High Street. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. Taylor, 31, Nelson Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec.; E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by September 30th for tea; 1s. will be charged. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented. It is essential to notify me by Thursday, October 1st.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m. Will ringers intending to be present please apply to the Rector, the Rev. H. Drake, for a 6d. ticket for tea?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—A meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, November 21st. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., Canterbury District, K.C.A., is now 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

MARRIAGE.

ELLIOTT—RICHARDSON.—On Thursday, September 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings, Northants, Sidney James Elliott, of Yardley Hastings, and Ellen Richardson, of Castle Ashby.

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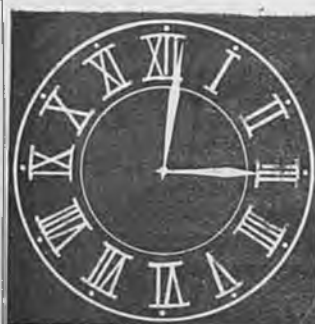
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