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There are occasions when it seems a great pity that every tower has not got a concise history of its bells and of the important ringing that has taken place upon them. Frequently it happens that a claim is made for some first performance upon a ring of bells, only to find it promptly demolished by the discovery that the thing had already been done by an earlier band. Indeed, surmise is useless in these days. So many peals have been rung that it is almost impossible, except in the case of a comparatively new ring, to say with certainty, for instance, that this or that is the 'first on the bells.' Things move so fast in these days that the performances of only a few years ago are easily forgotten, while many of the achievements of a past generation have almost, if not quite, sunk into oblivion. In a few years there will be no living link even with the performances of four decades ago, a period when many new achievements could be claimed, and where these were not conspicuously outstanding it will be easy to overlook them. And it is not only in regard to peals that this applies. Other matters, such as customs or connections with societies, and even with famous men can so readily be lost sight of with the passing of time.

What a wealth of interesting material would be available to-day if ringers, only during the last century, had in their own towers maintained a continuous record of the important happenings. There are very few places, indeed, where any attempt of this kind has been made, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, at this stage, to recover the history of bygone generations in the vast majority of towers. It is probably only the historically minded who fully realise the loss which the absence of authentic information means, but such material, if available, would sometimes be of use even to those who live merely in the present if they could turn up the records and find whether a claim to some fresh achievement was well founded or not.

We know of one or two instances where keen ringers, who are proud of their church and their bells, are gradually compiling histories of their towers and the important ringing which has taken place in them. It means a lot of patient work and research, but we believe the effort is thoroughly worth while, and we would like to see it undertaken far more widely. There must be many ringers who have sufficient interest to add this branch of investigation to their hobby. They could search the ancient churchwardens' accounts, which often reveal quaint items of expenditure, for information con-

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cerning their bells and tower, and they could compile a list of peals rung at any rate during the last sixty or seventy years by a search through the files of the ringing papers. It would take time, but it is one of the things that need not be hurried or made too much of a labour. At the same time, it would, we are sure, provide a pursuit of great interest and be a basis for keeping a record of future happenings. And not only might this be done in connection with the bells themselves. At any rate concerning the ringers who have passed on and who were known to the present generation, a brief biography would be of intense interest to those who come after, and to whom the earlier ringers might be only so many names, or not even that. We commend the suggestion to those who have an interest in anything concerning bells beyond their own personal achievements.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	LESLIE W. STEPHENS... .. 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	CHARLES MARSHALL 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*LAURIE WITTON... .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH 5
†EDWIN C. BUCK... .. 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 6
*WILLIAM SYMONDS 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (175). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major away from the treble.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY YOUNG Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
GEORGE W. TEMPLE 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 6
MRS. A. EVANS 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
GILBERT H. HARDING 4	BERTIE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Herbert A. Barnett, who was inducted on August 12th.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt in A.

ALFRED LOVERING Treble	*BRIAN PIDGEON 5
*JOHN DEEM 2	CHARLES G. WOODLEY 6
*REGINALD A. REED 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
JOSEPH BREALY 4	CHARLES SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ROBERT WOOD Treble	JOHN H. GODFREY, SEN. 5
*JOHN H. GODFREY, JUN. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
*VICTOR PYNE 3	†EDWARD MARKS 7
CHARLES G. WOODLEY 4	†CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	CECIL E. CARR 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD 7
CHARLES MARSHALL 4	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

First peal of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by all the band except ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Major as conductor.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

RICHARD WHITE Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

MRS. EDWARD BRADLEY Treble	WILLIAM HAWLEY 5
*SAM HELLIWELL 2	EDWARD BRADLEY 6
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 3	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD 7
†CHARLES PARKER 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. DRAKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
REV. FRANK BONNER 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JAMES A. MILNER 4	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PAKKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	ROBERT HARRISON, SEN. 5
JOHN THORPE 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 6
JOHN FLINT 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The composition, No. 243, was rung for the first time. The peal was arranged to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Stenton, the oldest member of the local band.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD COLLEGE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD Treble	WALTER DORKING 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 6
HIRZEL EDWARDS 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
NORMAN F. GRINHAM 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Ernest H. Kilby, a member of the Willesden band, to Miss Vera Hawkes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

ALEC A. WALKER Treble	STOKER F. BRANCHFLOWER 4
EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER 2	JACK ROY 5
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: D. Laud (first of Major) 1, C. J. Kazer 2, W. G. Paul (conductor) 3, K. C. Davis (Blagdon, Somerset) 4, E. B. Hartley (Willesden) 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, H. G. Cashmore 8.

MICHELDEVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE A. TREMEER Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 4
RICHARD SMITH 2	REGINALD A. REED 5
REGINALD DOLTON 3	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

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

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT H. BARBER Treble	*CEDRIC CURSON 3
ERNEST SHORTING 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 4
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor	

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. Maude Roxby.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 18lb.

*H. GORDON HOWELL Treble	HAROLD SMITH 4
†AUBREY PICKERING 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal. † First 'even bell' peal.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
FREDERICK FLUCK 2	ALLEN MORGAN 5
JAMES WOODYATT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal of Oxford Bob Minor by all the band.

BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	RICHARD SMITH 4
*CHARLES BALL 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
LESLIE A. TREMEER 3	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal on a working bell.

UFFINGTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising six extents each of Reading, New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt in F.

*EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS 3
†MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	†NOLAN GOLDEN 4
†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 43 methods:—

- (1) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwell and Lytham.
- (2) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Court Bob.
- (3) Chalfont, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham Alliance and Crayford Little Court.
- (4) Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammas, Olney Alliance and Little Bob.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., and Willesden Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 43 methods by all; 128 changes of method.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Norwich, Beverley, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN SIMS Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	*FRANK WARRINGTON 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* The first peal in seven Surprise methods.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED L. RYMAN Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six of Lindoff's, seven of Pitman's and eight of Morris' 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE 4
WILLIAM J. PREECE 2	A. BRYAN ELSMORE 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

BITTERS WELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES 4
*J. EDWARD CLOUGH 2	*JOHN A. TIMSON 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	*ERNEST W. TIPLER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in three methods and first attempt.

THE STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE TOUR.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	ERNEST W. PYE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK VARTY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
ERNEST W. PYE 3	HARRY PARKES 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 10
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	*FRANK VARTY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*HARRY PARKES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the association and in the county.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	ERNEST W. PYE 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY PARKES 9
GEORGE MARTIN 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. BURFORD. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by the society.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	FRANK VARTY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of London on the bells.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
*FRANK VARTY 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	*HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK VARTY 2	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	HARRY PARKES 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	FRANK VARTY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

THE SCOTTISH TOUR.

PAISLEY, RENFREW.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
TONY PRICE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

INVERARAY, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	HARRY W. SIMMONS 6
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE 9
R. GORDON CROSS 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal on the bells.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 3	TONY PRICE 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of London in Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

TONY PRICE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WALLACE COUSINS 2	R. GORDON CROSS 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

A "CAMBRIDGE" WEEK.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

On the Stelfox Eight.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

W. ERNEST RAWSON Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	PERCY L. HARRISON 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLFV.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

All the above are members of the Cathedral band.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY WAYNE Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 4
*W. ERNEST RAWSON 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*W. ERNEST RAWSON Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
*HARRY WAYNE 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 12 lb.

*SAMUEL COTTON Treble	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
*W. ERNEST RAWSON 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 9
*MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	*FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 10
LOUIS E. ALLEN 5	*ARNOLD BRUNTON 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung as a compliment to William Willson on his 70th birthday. All the above are members of the Cathedral band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HARRY WAYNE Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
*W. ERNEST RAWSON 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON 9
LOUIS E. ALLEN 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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'STEDMAN.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to point out the following errors in the new edition of 'Stedman'?:—

Page 55.—Peal of Triples, No. 14. The singles at vi. in the second half should be after 'quick' instead of after 'slow.'

Page 69.—Touch of Stedman Caters, 1,001 changes, is false. On page 94 I carefully pointed out a trap in the proof of Stedman Caters, and on page 69 I fell into it myself.

Page 65, Note.—For 'Half Turn' read 'Whole Turn.' There are one or two other small printer's errors (e.g. page 5, 'tune' for 'turn'; page 131, Snowden for Snowdon). They are very annoying to us who thought that everything that could be done in the way of proof reading had been done, but they will not deceive the ordinary reader, who probably will not notice them.

My thanks are due to Messrs. A. N. Wood and Maurice Swinfield for pointing out these errors.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT DUNSTABLE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of August 12th is recorded a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, which is stated to be the first peal rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at that church.

On looking over my list of peals I find that we rang a peal of Double Norwich at the church on January 23rd, 1909, conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett. The late Canon Baker held the living at the time.

A. HARDY.

WEDDING BELLS AT BIDDULPH.

On Saturday, August 13th, the wedding of Mr. Elliot Cooper and Miss Annie Elizabeth Hulse took place at the Parish Church, Biddulph, Staffs. The bridegroom is one of the Sunday service ringers. On entering the church, Mr. Cooper was greeted with Cambridge Surprise from the bells. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Myers Bridge, and the organ was played by Mr. Alec Wright (former organist).

On leaving the church, Mr. Cooper and his bride were given a good send-off by the firing of the bells and a short touch of Norwich Surprise.

Among the presents received was a case of cutlery from his brother ringers.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Cheddleton on Saturday, when a company of 25 attended from Biddulph, Burslem, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Cheddleton, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Sutton and Stafford.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Cheddleton (Rev. W. G. Burgis). The association form of service was used, and the Vicar omitted the address. Although only hymns and prayers formed the service it was very interesting and suitable for a ringers' gathering.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, where the Vicar welcomed the association, and said if they found anything wrong with the bells he wished to be notified, so that he could have it seen to.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon thanked the Vicar and ringers for the opportunity of holding another meeting at their tower, as the last meeting to be held there was in 1925.—This was supported by Mr. J. Cottrell.

The Rev. W. G. Burgis (Cheddleton) was elected an honorary member and Mr. H. Sutton (Cheddleton) a ringing member.

After the meeting the subscription for five Cheddleton ringers was paid, and they will be elected as members at the next meeting.

THE COLLECTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Why cannot the Publication Committee ask, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who will guarantee to take one or more copies to signify their willingness to do this to the committee by postcard? This should feel the pulse of the fraternity, and ought to be of assistance.

A. NASH.

Rotherham.

SOUTHALL SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The method you publish in this week's 'Ringing World' under the name of 'Southall' was discovered by Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, on June 7th, 1900, and, I believe, published in 'Bell News' shortly afterwards as 'Victoria' Surprise. I cannot give the actual date, as I have not the old papers by me.

E. A. RIDGWAY.

BLETCHLEY.—On Saturday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Superlative: H. Ridgway 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Green 3, H. Sear 4, T. Roberts 5, W. Sear 6, J. A. Green 7, J. Marks (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Superlative by 4th and 6th.

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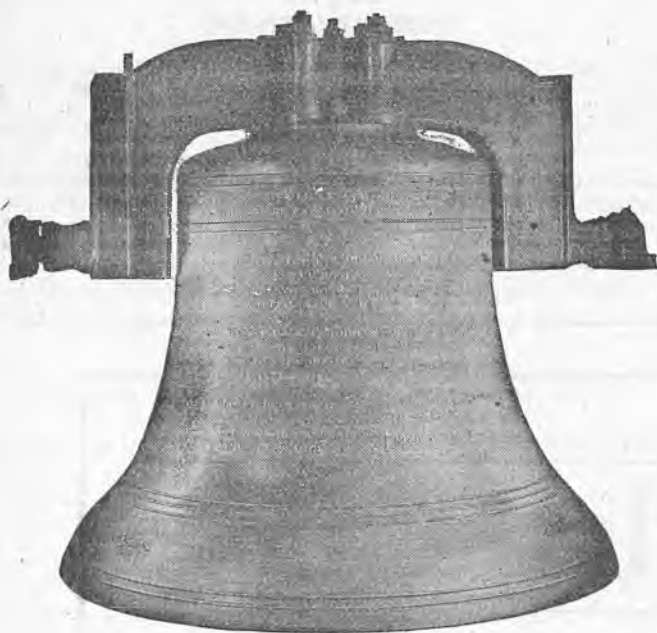
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret to say that that fine old Birmingham worthy, Tom Miller, who recently took part in a peal in celebration of his 80th birthday, is seriously ill in Dudley Road Hospital (Ward A3). He is suffering from pneumonia. He will have the best wishes of everyone for his recovery.

Tom has figured in Birmingham ringing for sixty years, and has taken part in a great number of peals, both on tower and handbells.

There was a pilgrimage to Worcester on Sunday, when ringers from many places in the Midlands met to ring before evensong at the Cathedral. It was a bit late when they finally parted, but we have their autographs on a postcard, in case the police want information.

The late Mr. Hugh Ashley Longbotham, of Ordsall, Notts, a coal factor and originator of the King's Roll National Scheme, left estate valued at £91,364. Among his bequests were £500 to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, 'in admiration of the work he is doing in the parish,' and £3,000 to the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty to augment the stipends of poor clergy.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson is a vice-president of the North Notts Association, which he represents on the Central Council.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

There is a correction to our list published last week. The secretaryship of the Swansea and Brecon Guild changed hands last month. The hon. secretary is now Mr. D. G. Williams, Floral Bank, Tan-y-Lan Road, Morriston, Swansea.

The address of Mr. M. E. Wilson, hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, is 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Most people agree that anonymous correspondence should be ignored. However, I hope you will allow me space for a final reply to 'Church Official.' My letter was in support of our guilds or associations, for which your correspondent seems to hold very little respect, therefore my question was quite in order for unbiased minds.

The guild to which I belong has three objects: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing.

To reach these objects, members and clergy must work in harmony. Like all other branches of Church life, we have members who are not putting first things first, but that is their own sin, and all well-wishers for the objects mentioned hope that through working together some good may result.

Most of our Church authorities are in support of our guilds, and they know how well we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Like all other privileges, however, they are abused by the few.

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

Sir,—As a ringer, I object to the columns of 'The Ringing World' being used by people who consider they have a mission to put all things right inside the Church and outside, including the Boys' Brigade.

Attempts to play off one set of Church officials against another are, in my opinion, not in good taste.

W. BIBBY.

THE OLDEST WRITTEN CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The method given by Mr. G. E. Symonds is the 'Plain Changes' on four bells. Plain changes is the oldest form of change ringing, and consisted of moving only one bell at a time among the others, which remained stationary, except when they had to make way for the hunt and except that an 'extream' change was made when the hunt was leading and lying. There is therefore no dodging.

According to Richard Duckworth, in the "Tintinnalogia," the Sixes on three bells were invented in this way about 1610; and so, if the Halesworth figures are dated 1621, that would probably be about the time that change ringing was introduced into the Suffolk towers; and Mr. Lambert's suggestion that these figures were written by William or John Brend, the Norwich bellfounders, is an extremely likely one.

These figures at Halesworth are, I believe, the oldest written changes in existence.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

OCTOGENARIAN HONOURED.

On the 86th birthday of Mr. H. S. Hawkins, of Marlow, father of Mr. Joe Hawkins, of London, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday evening, August 14th: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, Robert Green 3, T. Bannister 4, A. C. Darnell 5, W. J. Norton 6, E. Brett 7, U. Wildney 8.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—33.**HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.**

One of the most active and capable ringers in Kent is Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford. He has been for some years among the foremost peal ringers in that county, and, while the total number which he has conducted stands only at a modest figure, it is not for lack of ability in this direction. Except when necessity has demanded it, Mr. Audsley has seldom sought to call a peal, but has been content to leave this part of the business to others. Mr. Audsley has rung no fewer than 709 peals, and two men, with whom he has been closely associated throughout his ringing career—the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., and Mr. J. H. Cheesman—have called approximately five hundred of them.

Mr. Audsley is a native of Crayford, where he was born on January 31st, 1900, and where he first learned to ring under Mr. Barnett just before the war. He did not, however, take up ringing seriously until he returned from Germany in 1919. Then he quickly took to the art, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on January 10th, 1920, and his first as conductor, Kent Treble Bob Major, on September 30th in the same year. Both were at Crayford.

Including ten handbell peals, Mr. Audsley's total is made up of two on six bells, 608 on eight bells, 47 on ten bells and 58 on twelve bells. Among them have been no fewer than thirty different first performances by the Kent County Association, and four peals non-conducted, each of them the first for the association, viz., Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. He also took part in the first peals 'in hand' by the association of Stedman Cinques, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Other notable performances in which he has taken part were the famous 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, in 1925, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus at Winchester Cathedral in 1929, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques by the Devon Guild at Exeter Cathedral in 1927. In 1929 he was one of the band who, at Crayford, rang the quickest peal on eight tower bells, when a peal of Stedman Triples was knocked off in 2 hours 14 minutes.

Mr. Audsley's peals have been rung in 107 towers, in fourteen counties, for fourteen associations.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LEWISHAM.**

A very successful meeting of the Southern District took place at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, the attendance of some 40 members and friends (including visitors from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) being gratifying in view of the holiday period. Ringing on this fine peal of eight (tenor 22½ cwt.) commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and with a short break for tea and the business meeting, continued until 8 p.m. A good standard of striking for a meeting was maintained and the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise, and a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major in the usual four methods. The first touch, Grandsire Triples, was the only one lost during the day.

A private room had been reserved for tea at a nearby restaurant, and at the ensuing business meeting, with the District Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair, the following were elected members: Mrs. A. M., Miss M. I., and Mr. R. W. Rawlings, of Beckenham, Mr. G. E. Rawlings, of Deptford, and Mr. J. R. Forward, of Deptford Park. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on October 15th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Harry Warnett for his much appreciated assistance in making the arrangements for the meeting and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

**MR. H. E. AUDSLEY.****ANOTHER GREAT CARILLON.****CROYDON FOUNDRY'S LATEST PRODUCTION FOR AMERICA.****Bells for San Francisco International Exhibition.**

A great carillon of forty-four bells, which will doubtless become famous in America, since it is to be set up first in the four hundred feet high 'Tower of the Sun' at the Golden Gate International Exhibition at San Francisco next year, and will be heard not only by visitors to the exhibition but throughout the continent by wireless, stands completed at the Croydon Bell Foundry. It will be shipped to the United States in about three weeks' time.

The carillon will be one of the most important in U.S.A., being the fifth largest that has been installed in America by the Croydon Foundry—the two largest being the Rockefeller Memorial carillon at Riverside Church, New York, and the carillon at the Chapel of the University of Chicago, which are the two greatest carillons in existence. It will be the premier carillon on the West Coast of America, and, in fact, the only one of any size in the State of California.

In the 'Tower of the Sun,' which is to be located in a great square in the centre of the exhibition, to which 2,000 fully grown trees have been transplanted, the bells will be approximately 230ft. above the ground.

The donor of the carillon is Dr. Nathaniel T. Coulson, who is 84 years of age. He was brought up in Lostwithiel, Cornwall, and went at an early age to San Francisco, where he graduated at Berkeley University and subsequently practised as a dental surgeon. He has retained through life an affection for his English home town, and some years ago presented Coulson Park to Lostwithiel, adding a chalet to the Park in 1935 to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee. He also defrayed the cost of recasting Lostwithiel church bells in 1924, a work which was also carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

At the close of the Golden Gate Exhibition the carillon will be transferred to its final destination, the Grace Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco, where Dr. Coulson has already been responsible for erecting one of the new twin towers, and intends to add the other. These towers are massive structures, 150ft. high, of steel and reinforced concrete, and form part of an enlargement scheme of the Cathedral.

OVER EIGHTEEN TONS OF BELLS

The total weight of the 44 bells themselves is over 18 tons, and together with the frame, fittings and gear, the complete installation will weigh in all 34 tons. Forty-three notes represent three and a half chromatic octaves, rising by semitones from C, weighing 2½ tons, to high G, weighing 12lb. The 44th note is low G, a Bourdon bell, weighing nearly 5½ tons.

The massive steel framework, which itself weighs 10 tons, is in two sections, the lower part carrying the Bourdon alone, and the upper structure, arranged to carry the 43 bells in six tiers, is 24ft. high.

The frame is being reinforced against the risk of earthquakes, and is unique in that it has had to be designed to suit two distinct towers, at the exhibition and the Cathedral. In fact, the order has involved dual handling in every respect, for the requirements of the architect, the engineer, and the electrician have had to be satisfied for both buildings, whilst considerations of transport, erection, egress of sound from the towers, proper access to the bells, and easy manipulation of the carillon have been studied to conform with the two locations.

The whole carillon is to be played by remote control from an ivory keyboard at the organ console, when it is erected finally at Grace Cathedral. An automatic player will also operate the bells by means of music rolls travelling over a roller and perforated with any desired tunes.

The Bourdon can be utilised by the carillonneur in any bass accompaniment to the remainder of the carillon, and it is also being fitted with the firm's patent equipment for automatic swinging, a small switch setting the bell in motion or bringing it to rest by means of an electric motor.

Judge George E. Crothers, late of the California Supreme Court, has acted throughout the negotiations as 'guide, philosopher and friend' to the donor and as the representative of the Cathedral, and M. Lefevre, the famous carillonneur of Riverside Church, New York, was commissioned by the Cathedral authorities to test the bells for tone and tune before returning to New York from a holiday in his old home in Malines, Belgium, where he was formerly assistant carillonneur at St. Rombold's Cathedral. M. Lefevre has cabled to San Francisco his approval of the carillon, and that the bells are perfect in both tone and tune.

INSCRIPTIONS.

Ten of the largest bells have been named and inscribed with a special motto, whilst coins were sent from the Bishop, the Dean of the Cathedral, the donor and other interested San Franciscans, to be thrown into the molten metal. One coin was a spade guinea of George III.'s reign, whilst others were Chinese coins sent by the Rev. Dr. L. B. Ridgely, formerly a missionary in China, and now a Canon of Grace Cathedral.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO CARILLON.

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The names and mottoes are:—

- No. 33.—'Sympathy.' Abigail Santo ('Jesus wept').
 No. 35.—'The Golden Rule.' Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them.
 No. 36.—'Benevolence.' Let us do good unto all men.
 No. 37.—'Prayer.' Hear my prayer, O Lord.
 No. 38.—'Thanksgiving.' It is a good thing to give thanks.
 No. 39.—'Wisdom.' Prove all things: hold fast that which is good.
 No. 40.—'Joy to the world.' Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

- No. 41.—'Loving kindness.' St. Francis of Assisi.
 No. 42.—'Isaiah.' Nation shall not lift sword against nation.
 No. 43.—'Paul.' Love never faileth.

No. 43 also records the gift in the following terms: 'Carillon of 44 bells, gift of Dr. Nathaniel Thomas Coulson, to Grace Episcopal Cathedral, of San Francisco. Edward Lambe Parsons, Bishop; J. Wilmer Gresham, Dean.'

On No. 44 is inscribed, 'Bourdon Bell of Carillon for Grace Cathedral, a Cathedral for the Community. First installed in great tower of Golden Gate International Exposition, February 18th, 1939. Gift of Dr. Nathaniel Thomas Coulson, born at Penzance, Cornwall, England, August 6th, 1853, graduated University of California, 1885.'

On Monday there was a Press view of the carillon, when the fine quality of the bells was heard and the huge construction viewed with interest. Mr. Cyril Johnston received the guests and gave a vivid explanation of all that was involved in the carrying out of the important contract, and the carillon was skilfully operated by Miss Housman.

Afterwards an inspection of other work in progress in the factory completed a very instructive afternoon for the numerous visitors. They saw the various processes of bell making, and among other things a chime of ten bells for the Metropolitan United Church at Victoria, British Columbia, and a peal of eight bells for Vanclose, Sydney, Australia, as well as the Andrew Carnegie Centenary Memorial peal for Dunfermline Abbey, various restoration jobs for English churches passing through the works, a set of bells for Loxwood, Sussex, a large bell and special gear for lighthouse equipment, and a clock with four 14ft. dials for Imperial Airways new Terminal Building at Victoria, S.W.1. The factory is also busy upon work for the Air Ministry and Admiralty.

Absence from the country on holidays prevented the American Ambassador from attending on Monday.

A NEW SPLICED MINOR EXTENT.

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North Lincolnshire ringers are going ahead with Spliced Minor, and on Aug. 17th put 43 methods into a peal, with 128 changes of method. Are they after the record, since the South Lincolnshire men find themselves handicapped by removal of one or two of their band?

One of the 720's, by A. G. Driver, was rung for the first time in a peal. It has a change of method at 51 out of the sixty leads. Here is the 720:—

	23456 Double Bob	56324 Lytham
	56342 Fulbeck	43256 Wavertree
S	46235 Childwall	S 62453 Canterbury
A	24563 Double Oxford	25634 Reverse Bob
S	53246 Reverse Bob	C S 53426 Thelwall
	34562 Canterbury	45632 St. Clement's
B	46325	64253
S	62543 London Bob	S 23645 Double Bob
	35462 Wavertree	45362 Fulbeck
	24635 College	D 62534

34256

Twice repeated, substituting Thelwall at A, Double Oxford at C, and Double Bob at D in the 2nd and 3rd parts, and Reverse Bob at B in the 3rd part only.

When learners get the 'bug' it is generally worth while to give encouragement in their efforts to get on. F. Fluck, of the Ombersley (Worcestershire) band, is a ringer who is troubled with this elusive 'microbe.' On Saturday, August 13th, a peal of Oxford Bob Minor was arranged for him at Grimley, Worcestershire, where he was successful in ringing the method to a peal.

Six towers were represented in the Devon Guild peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Littleham on August 16th.

On the following day another peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Guild at Ottery St. Mary. In this case all the band belongs to the local tower, except Mr. C. R. Lilley, who was the conductor in both performances.

The Ottery St. Mary peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. B. Stallard. An attempt for it was made a month previously, but it came to an abrupt termination in the last 500, when the treble rope broke. Messrs. L. Hine and W. Dommett, who were in the first attempt were unable to take part in the second, and their places were taken by Messrs. C. G. Woodley and J. H. Godfrey, sen. Three ringers rang their first peal and two their first of Grandsire.

PEAL NOTES.

WHERE RECORDS WERE MADE.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, was rung on Saturday. Mottram is famous for three record peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, two true and one false.

The Bethnal Green record of 15,840, set up by the College Youths in 1868, was broken by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at Mottram in 1884, when, under the late Mr. Sam Woods' conductorship, they rang 16,608. In 1906 a 16,800 was rung at Mottram by the Chester Guild, and then, in 1922, came the unfortunate performance of 18,240 by the Lancashire Association with a composition, afterwards proved false.

The present Treble Bob Major record is 17,280, made at Over, Cheshire, in 1923.

A peal of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Enderby, Leicestershire, on August 15th. Folks are still in the habit of calling this way of ringing the two methods 'spliced,' but the Central Council says they mustn't.

A welcome to the new Vicar of Twerton-on-Avon, Bath (the Rev. Herbert A. Barnett), who was inducted on August 12th, a peal of Grandsire Triples on August 18th, also celebrated the jubilee of Mr. George Temple, who rang his first peal in the tower on May 20th, 1888, and the birthday of Mr. G. H. Harding. Messrs. Temple, Sam Hector (Trowbridge) and Tom King have now rung 50 peals together.

A peal of Bob Major on August 17th, for the 21st birthday of Edwin C. Buck, of Baldock, was his first peal of Major away from the treble.

FIRST RUNG AFTER 55 YEARS.

Mr. H. Stenton, the oldest member of the band at South Anston, Yorkshire, has just reached his 80th birthday, and Yorkshire ringing friends celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in his honour on Saturday.

It is interesting to notice that the peal was called by one of his oldest friends, Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, and that the composition, also by Mr. Knights, was rung for the first time. It was a peal produced nearly 55 years ago, in December, 1883, to be exact. Fancy being 'pigeon-holed' all that time! But there, the Chesterfield wizard seems to have been turning out a lot of his old papers in the last year or two.

The College Youths' peal of Stedman Triples at Harwell was rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Dr. Richard Rice, father of the ringers of the 6th and tenor, who has been churchwarden and choir-master at this church for about 47 years, and still carries on. It was also rung as a birthday compliment on his 70th anniversary to Mr. Walter Hitchman, who has been a ringer at Harwell for over 50 years, and for the greater part of that time foreman. He has also been parish clerk and a member of the choir for the same period.

Although he had rung a number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and taken part in two peals on the old six, Mr. Hitchman, owing to physical disability, has never been able to participate in a peal on the present ring, which, when augmented to eight six years ago, fulfilled his great ambition. The peal on Saturday also enabled five members of the band who took part in the famous 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922 to enjoy a good pull together once more.

Seven methods of Doubles were rung in a peal at Uffingham, Berkshire, a five-bell tower, on Friday. It was the first peal on the bells, was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and called by the hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association. None of the band had previously rung a peal in seven Doubles methods, and they didn't hurry over this one, either. It took them 3 hours 20 minutes.

SUCCESSFUL TOURS.

Thirteen peals were rung during the nine days' 'week,' spent in Staffordshire and Shropshire, and which ended last Saturday. The successes included three peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, two of Superlative, two of Yorkshire, and one each of Norfolk, London and Bristol Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques.

The first five peals were got home, and then came a bad patch in which three peals were lost, London Major, Cambridge Royal, and Norfolk Surprise Major, the last by a broken rope at Wombourne.

It was an unfortunate experience for the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, who joined the party on Monday and rang one peal. Then he lost three in succession, and had to return to his parish. After his departure, every other attempt was successful.

The peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Walsall, and it is interesting to note that the twelve ringers came from twelve different counties, while the composition was a peal by a ringer of yet another county.

Another successful tour was that in Scotland, which ended a week earlier. Four peals were rung, including the first peal on the new bells at Inveraray and the first peal of London Surprise in Scotland, at Alloa. Three ladies took part in the tour.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, who must surely hold the record for the number of peals of Grandsire Doubles that he has called, has now conducted a peal from each of the six bells in Almeley tower, Herefordshire, and Mr. J. T. Randle has now rung each bell there to a peal.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts rang his 350th peal as conductor when he called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crawley, Sussex, on August 17th. It was Mr. Nelson Elliott's 300th peal and Miss Florrie Wyman's 50th.

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THE BELLS OF INVERARAY.

A NOTABLE SCOTTISH PEAL.

The feature of the tour in Scotland made by ringers from the South of England was the first peal on the new bells at the Church of All Saints at Inveraray. The tower was raised and the bells provided by the efforts of His Grace the Duke of Argyll, whose seat is at Inveraray Castle. The tower is a massive structure, 126ft. high, with the bells hanging 73ft. from the ground. The cost of the tower alone was something like £18,000. Its dimensions are impressive; the walls at the base 8ft. thick, and internally the tower is 22ft. 9in. square.

The bells were cast in 1920 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., but for some years had to wait for the completion of the tower, and were meanwhile hung in a temporary bell house. The Duke of Argyll himself gave the front seven bells, the eighth was given by his neighbour and vassal, Sir John Noble, of Ardkinglass, the ninth by eighty of the Duke's friends and clansmen of the Campbell name, and the tenor, which is a bell of over 41 cwt., by two Campbells.



THE NEW TOWER AT INVERARAY.

In accordance with ancient custom, each bell is dedicated to and bears the name of one of the Celtic saints, who founded parish churches, chapels or monasteries in the immediate neighbourhood. We take the following descriptions from notes on the bells compiled by the Duke of Argyll:—

'The treble bell which leads the peal is appropriately dedicated to St. Moluag or Malew, first Bishop of Argyll or Lismore, the primitive founder and patron of the very parish, within whose "Claodh" or burial place of Killmalew for at least thirteen centuries all that is mortal of the people of his parish, from sire to son, have been laid to rest.

'The second is St. Columba's, the first great Abbot of Iona (Icolm Kill).

'The third bell is St. Mund's. Patron of the Campbell Clan—to whom a chapel in Glenaray, one on Lochavich, one on Lochaw, the Island of Eilanmund in Loch Leven, and Kilmun Collegiate Church on the Holy Loch are dedicated, the last being founded by Duncan, Lord Campbell and Lord of Lochaw, August 14th, 1422, for the repose of

the soul of his eldest son Celestine, and of his own first wife Marjory, daughter of Robert Duke of Albany, and for other faithful departed. St. Mund was the champion of the Celtic Easter and Tonsure at the Synod of 631, against St. Molaise.

'The fourth is St. Brendan (of Clonfert) the famous sailor saint, on whose feast and during its Octave, one of Inveraray's ancient and still kept fairs was granted by Royal Charter. He founded many old churches in Argyll and the Isles, and is patron of the little modern church at Furnace, nine miles away. His voyages were for years in quest of the Isles of the Blest, the "Tir n'an Oge" of the Gael; and his story was told all over Western Europe.

'The fifth is to St. Maelrubha, the famous Abbot of Applecross, patron of the MacLachlan Clan, primitive founder of the Parish Church of Strathlachlan, and of numerous other holy sites up and down the Highlands.

'The sixth is to St. Blaane, first Bishop of Kingarth in Bute, and founder patron of Kilblaen in Glenshira, three miles away, but his church and burial ground were destroyed in a spate in the 18th century, not far from the farm of the same name. His chief foundation was Dunblane.

'The seventh is to Our Lady as Star of the Sea. "She above whose maiden brows, seven stars make seven glows—seven stars for seven woes," as a certain poet has written.

'The eighth is to St. Murdouch; an early anchorite Bishop who founded the ancient Parish of Kilmorich at the head of Loch Fyne; formerly much of Glenshira lay in that parish. The patronage thereof was given to the abbot and monks of Inchaffray, in 1241, by the Chief of the MacNachans. Of the saint little is known, save that he led a "hermit's life by the shores of Loch Fyne."

'The ninth is to St. Brigid or Bride. Patronesses of many ancient parishes and sites, of which the nearest is Kilbride at the mouth of the Douglas Water, a disused burial ground four miles away. She was the first Abbess of Kildare, the friend of St. Patrick, and was known to the Scots as the "Mary of the Gael," and, mystically, the foster mother of Christ.

'The tenor bell is to St. Molaise, Abbot of Leithglin, in his capacity as patron and founder of Strachur alias Kilmolais, in the lordship of Cowall on the other side of Loch Fyne, which embraced the lands of Saint Catharine's where Duncan the first Lord Campbell founded a chapel for his use in 1450, in a spot described as 'a very wooded place,' just as it is to this very day. St. Molaise was the opponent of St. Mund over the Celtic Easter and Tonsure questions at the Synod of the White Plain in 631, and, as Molios, appears in the well-known cave and chapel at Lamlash and Holy Island, off the famous Island of "Arran of the Peaks."

'Each bell has an "intention," and is in memory of those who fell in the Great War or in former wars, who came from the parishes or glens where the above saints laboured, or to whom one of those parishes was dedicated, and placed under his or her invocation and protection, by the piety of after generations in the days when the Robe of Christendom was seamless and unrent.'

The first peal on the bells was rung by the visiting ringers for the Scottish Association on August 9th, Mr. C. H. Kippin calling a 5,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which took 4 hours 3 minutes to ring.

'DOWN THE VALE.'

The ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, and a few friends had their annual outing on August 13th, and, after travelling by train to Wolverhampton, had a coach tour through the Vale of Evesham, which, as is well known, is remarkable for the wealth of its beauty, and is the centre of the fruit-growing and market gardening industry. On arrival at Evesham it seemed as if the party were to 'be sent empty away,' for they were informed at the Northwick Arms Hotel that there was no dinner for them; they had been booked (by mistake) for the following day. However, all's well that ends well, and a hot luncheon was served in record time. Afterwards the ringers visited the Abbey tower, where they spent a short time in ringing on the famous peal of ten bells, the tenor being 31½ cwt. The 'tower' is a structure of great beauty, facing the river Avon. The visitors were met and welcomed by the local captain (Alderman J. Hemming, J.P.), and his son, who joined in the ringing. Thence they set off for Tewkesbury, where tea was partaken of, and afterwards went on to Kidderminster, via Worcester and Droitwich, driving through the beautiful Severn Valley. At Kidderminster they visited St. Mary's Church, where some of the Crewe ringers had their first experience of ringing on twelve bells. They were welcomed by the towerkeeper, Mr. C. H. Woodbury, his father and other local ringers. The journey to Wolverhampton was completed via Bridgnorth, with a stop on the way for supper at the Nautical William, a unique place. By now the party had covered a distance of about 120 miles, and they left by train for Crewe, arriving just before midnight, tired but happy, everyone having enjoyed a marvellous outing. Mr. H. Overton, who had been responsible for all the arrangements, was most heartily thanked, while the thanks of the party are also accorded to the incumbents of Evesham and Kidderminster for the use of their bells.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BAND'S 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK. MINOR TO MAXIMUS.

It had been resolved that the mad-effort ringing days of some of the Leicester 'peal snatchers' were over, but the fire has been re-kindled. The Poole company were relieved temporarily of their family responsibilities, and this coincided with two other members of the band being on holiday.

Following the usual Sunday evening ringing it was mooted, 'What about a peal in the week?' This seemed all very well, and then someone whispered, 'What about Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in a week?' That started the balloon flying. Within 24 hours four peals of bells had been obtained, and the bands provisionally fixed.

On the Tuesday, six of the smaller fry went to Whetstone to try conclusions with Minor. All—with one exception—were braced right up for the job. The exception had rather an embarrassing time. All went well for about half the peal, but then, as the minutes slipped by, his flannels slipped a shade further down. However, all's well that ends well. They didn't finish below the body line, and kept within the bounds of decency. How(it) happened we are still wondering.

The following night the venture was at Claybrooke, and a start was made from Leicester at six o'clock. The main concern here appeared to be, 'Shall we finish in Time?' To save the reader's suspense, we will say now that the peal came round about 9.45 p.m. The scene in the belfry prior to the peal will long be remembered. Poor Harry was whining (not Wainyng) about his blistered fingers, and had at least three of them bandaged, due, of course, to the previous evening's effort. Another of the band had consulted an expert and had brought some alum to rub on his hands, whilst all shared in the methylated spirits brought by another member. Indeed, gloves were tried—but discarded. The peal went well, and all finished up quite happy.

On the return journey we began to think we were seeing things. A black object lay in the road, over which the first car had just traversed. To our surprise it was their spare wheel. Fortunately none of the spare parts inside the car had fallen out.

It should have been the Cathedral practice on the following night, but the peal snatchers felt that they must reserve their hands for further peal-snatching efforts. In view of this, the weekly practice was cancelled.

'CORONER'S' VERDICT.

Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Foundry was the Friday evening's task, and a fair task it proved to be. We rang just over two courses and then fell over. There was no time to start again, but plenty of time for the inquest. The Coroner's Officer presided and announced a verdict of 'Accidental Conclusion,' after witnesses for the persecution and defendant had been heard.

Undaunted by the Royal failure, the Cambridge Maximus, a commitment to the Leicester stalwart, William Willson, on his 70th birthday, was successfully rung at Leicester Cathedral on the Saturday. Out came the wolves again. 'We've still time to ring the four in a week. What about the Foundry on Monday night?' With one exception, all were able 'to get,' and so, with the one alteration in the band, a start was made for the Royal again on Monday evening. On this occasion there was only one complaint; the dark man on the treble could not see the fair lady on the third. Quite a serious obstruction, but after having legal advice it is reported that no criminal proceedings are contemplated. The experience gained on the Friday and Saturday stood us in good stead, and the peal was successfully accomplished with time to spare—insufficient, of course, to satisfy the real thirst that had now developed.

In the course of the week three members of the band rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, two their first of Major, two their first of Royal, and seven their first of Maximus. All are regular members of the Cathedral Sunday band. Five of the band rang in all the four peals. The time spent in ringing Cambridge by these five during the week was 13½ hours, including the false start for Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for evening service on the Sunday.

Although, thoroughly considered, a mad effort, the band should benefit greatly by the experience thus gained. The high light of the week was the performance of Harry Wayne—our novice of a short time ago—in ringing the Foundry treble to the Royal. He also rang his first peal of Cambridge Minor and Major. We extend to him our congratulations.

There is usually a regret connected with such expeditions, and the present one is no exception. We had the matches and sticks all ready to kindle Harry Broughton's fire, but unfortunately he was away on holiday and unable to return in time to take part.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.' Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District), **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m., Stanwell (6), 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8), 7 to 9 p.m., St. Peter's, Staines (8), 7 to 9 p.m.—F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 6r, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepath on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual times for ringing and service. Tea, at a local café, will be arranged for all who notify me by first post on Aug. 27th. Moderate charge for tea. Meeting in tea rooms afterwards. All ringers welcome. Bring your wives and girl friends with you. If they don't ring, you can 'park' them at the local 'Wakes.'—Postcards, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Culcheth, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting. Tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who will require it. These are a very good going peal of bells, so keep this date open and let us have the record meeting of the year.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.

MEETING AT HATFIELD TO-MORROW.—Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Bells (10), recently restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify your ringing friends if possible.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Short notice. A meeting will be held at Sandy to-morrow (Saturday), Aug. 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August 27th found unsuitable for next meeting at Ashover. Will members see further notice in next week's issue of the 'Ringing World'?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—St. Mary-le-Bow, Aug. 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Combined practice at Tring, Tuesday, Aug. 30th, 7.45, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge. Visitors welcomed.—W. Ayre, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A WEDNESDAY MEETING of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Withyham on Aug. 31st. The bells, a fine ring of eight, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by the 29th. All members and non-members are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Names for tea (1s.) to Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, by Thursday, Sept. 1st. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Will those desiring tea, please advise not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st, Mr. H. Pendry, Brook Farm, 542, Rayners Lane, Pinner.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The two following meetings will be held: Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Braunston (6) and Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., arranged only for those who notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 31st.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Louth on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., excepting during service and meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Hanson's Café, Ugate, at 1s. 6d. per head. Postcards for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoodless, 4, Chequergate, Louth, by the Thursday previous. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Wallop on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea and business meeting at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Bells from 2.30 at Over Wallop and Abbots Ann. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Sept. 3rd. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room. All ringers welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park, Hatfield, Herts.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 30th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Compton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. C. Parfitt, Compton, near Newbury, by Wednesday, Aug. 31st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Hawkshead and Ambleside on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Hawkshead (6 bells) open from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Ambleside (8 bells) open from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Come and have a day by the Lakes.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wickwar on Sat., Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. It is important that visitors requiring tea must send me a post card.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this service. Tea provided for all those who notify Mr. A. Hatch, Post Office, Brindle, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please send names. *No card no tea.*—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., School Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 7th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescott Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ring-

ing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Reeves, 111, Cross Lane, Prescott, not later than Thursday, Sept. 8th?—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphyll Road, Liverpool 17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Will the 70 or 80 who are coming please remind me that they require tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

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