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ASSOCIATIONS AND THE COUNCIL.

No fewer than ten of the principal associations hold general meetings next week—chiefly on Easter Monday—and two or three others will follow with similar gatherings of members before the end of the month. We shall be interested to see whether any single question is raised at these twelve or more gatherings—which include meetings of some of the leading ringing organisations—that will provide anything for the Agenda of the Central Council. Very seldom indeed does an association send a resolution to the Council for consideration, which seems to be viewed as a body apart, instead of being treated as an integral and, indeed, a pivotal part of ringing organisation. When ringers speak of the Central Council, they not infrequently refer to it as a more or less useless body, apparently oblivious of the fact that it should be their business to make it a live wire in the constitution of the Exercise. Ringers must, at least, have some ideas as to the manner in which the Council could be of service, and they ought not to hesitate to ventilate these views in their own associations, so that the subjects could go eventually to the Council for consideration and decision.

Up to the present, we believe, there are no notices of motion for the Council's Agenda for the Lincoln meeting, but the forthcoming association general meetings ought to be able to, and we hope will, provide suitable topics for debate at the Whitsun gathering. The absence of any such resolutions does not mean that the Council will have no business to transact; indeed, there is always a considerable amount of work provided for the members from inside the Council, such as the reports of the Committees. At the same time it would show that the Council's position as the hub of the Exercise was more widely realised if, from the initiative and interest of the rank and file of the ringing organisations, subjects of general interest could be sent up.

What all those who have the wider interests of ringing at heart desire to see, is a closer community between the Council and the associations; and in this there is room for advance by the Council itself, as well as by the affiliated bodies. One step which we hope will be taken at the next meeting of the Council is so to amend the constitution that the Council will thereafter officially communicate its business to the associations after each meeting. At present it is left to the representatives to report to their associations, and if an association happens not to be represented, or to be represented by someone who is unable to attend the meeting of his own association afterwards, nothing comes officially before the association as to any decision taken. There is, of course, the report of the pro-

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ceedings which appears in our columns, and long afterwards the official minutes appear; but neither of these has just the same importance as would be attached to a direct communication from the Council. Perhaps the Standing Committee could best take the necessary step to give effect to the suggestion, which, we believe, would go far to tighten up the relationship between the central and the attached bodies; but it is equally open to a private member to move in the matter. As things at present stand, none of the decisions are communicated through the officials, and this could easily nullify to a large extent the work of the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR MASON	7
GEORGE R PYE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	REUBEN SANDERS	10
WILLIAM HEWETT	5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	11
ALBERT W. COLES	6	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS PAYNE	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM HARRIS	6
*FRANCIS TAYLOR	2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	7
*MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	*GORDON CAUDWELL	8
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS...	4	HARRY MILES	9
ALBERT E. LOCK	5	REGINALD PLAISTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT ...	...*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	5
WILLIAM J. NODDS	2	HARRY KILBY	6
*GEORGE M. KILBY	3	†FREDERICK H. CROOK ...	7
THOMAS NEWMAN	4	JAMES E. DAVIS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. GASSON ...	...*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD...	5
CHARLES H. SONS	2	HARRY COAST	6
THOMAS MANNERING	3	LEONARD MANNERING ...	7
ERNEST SPILLER	4	LEWIS NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	FRANK FOX...	5
EDWARD HARRISON	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.... ...	6
*WILLIAM CLARK	3	JOHN W. DAVIES	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

* First peal on eight bells. † Hails from Hodnet, Salop. Rung on the retirement of the Rev. H. Grantham, late Chairman of the Chester Branch of the Guild. This was the conductor's first peal of Bob Major as conductor, was rung at the first attempt, and on his 40th birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN LLOYD	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	ALFRED DAVIES...	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
JOHN BASS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell, and first attempt.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

JAMES ROSE	...*Treble*	CHARLES PARKER	5
ALBERT FLEMING	2	*PERCY MAY...	6
CHARLES GILLINGHAM ...	3	GEORGE FLEMING	7
*JOHN CROOKS	4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. FLEMING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

CHESTER.
ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HAYES...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SCONCE...	5
FRED LATHAM	2	ERNEST SMITH	6
ERNEST CHANNELL	3	GILBERT GERRARD	7
JAMES SWINDLEY...	4	ARTHUR G. WATKIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. Grantham on his retirement, he having been Rector of the parish for 40 years, and for 35 years Garrison Chaplain.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, April 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	5
WALTER STEED	2	ARTHUR MASON	6
ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE ...	3	HERBERT WOOD	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS... ...	4	GEORGE B. LUCAS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MASON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the memory of the late Arthur T. King, I.S.O., President of the above Association. This was rung on the 23rd anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich Major.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES E. READ ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. WHITE	5
†ALFRED H. WINCH	2	WILLIAM H. JOINER	6
JOHN BEAMS	3	ALBERT HARMAN...	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ARTHUR DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method as conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¾ cwt. E flat.

HENRY E. PARKER ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD H. KING	5
WILLIAM G. JACKSON... ...	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	6
CALEB FENN...	3	ERNEST G. COTTIS	7
EBENEZER ANDREWS	4	ALBERT C. HARDY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Amy Wetherfield and Mr. Sydney Edward Barton, the ceremony having taken place a few hours previously at the above Church.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ALEC. RICHARDSON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE ELLIS	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	2	WILLIAM LATTER	6
FREDERICK WHITE	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
STAFFORD S. GREEN	4	KEITH HART...	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN B. WOOLLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ...	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	FRED W. GOODFELLOW ...	6
PERCY WEBB	3	FRANK HARPER	7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	4	REG. LATHBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

First peal of Major as conductor. This peal was arranged for F. W. Goodfellow, of Ealing, London, and was his first peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

FRANK H. DAVEY.... ...	...*Treble*	BEN S. THOMPSON	5
ROBERT HARDY	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	7
JOHN A. GODFREY	4	GEORGE MAYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Composition C.C. Collection, No. 216, without Bobs.

BRAINTREE.—On Thursday, March 23rd, at the Parish Church with the clappers half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Colchester, a Vice-President of the Essex Association, 1,472 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8. — On Monday, April 3rd, 720 Double Court Bob: W. G. Melbourne 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Lindridge 3, Geo. Wiffen 4, F. Ely 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, March 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY RICHARDS ...	...*Treble*	†CHARLES W. COOPER ...	4
WILLIAM GIBBS... ...	2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ...	5
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 31, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, College Single & Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST J. NEWELL ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. DAY	4
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ...	2	GEO. T. CROFT	5
FRANK W. CROFT	3	WILLIAM J. CROFT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Cambridge, Beverley, Chester, London and Wells. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PHILIP HIBBERD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BURNHAM	4
HARRY GREAVES	2	WILLIAM H. NERTON... ...	5
T. A. HOWES SMITH... ...	3	CHARLES SEVERN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

* First peal of Surprise and hails from Barlborough, Derbyshire.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST H. DEW... ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR BREWER... ...	4
WILLIAM POSTON...	2	HENRY WEALE	5
JOHN BREWER	3	JOHN F. DULLAM... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled, after the dedication of a stained glass window, placed in the church as a memorial to the men of the parish who lost their lives in the War.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, Hull, London, Wells and York.

EDWARD YOUNGS	...*Treble*	ALPHÆUS BERRY	4
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	ERNEST POPPY	5
GEORGE BROWN, JUN....	3	JAMES BETTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

Rung in honour of the 28th anniversary of Mr. E. Young's wedding day. The ringers of 1, 2 and 4 are from Thornham, three from Mellis, 5 from Stoke Ash, and 6 from Wetheringsett.

HAYES, KENT.—On Thursday, March 9th, for Confirmation service, 720 Plain Minor: B. Grandfield 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, J. Hack 3, G. Harwood 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, O. Gilbey 3, F. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, J. Hack (conductor) 6.—On February 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. First in the method by J. Grandfield.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Thursday, March 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

†GEORGE F. SWANN	1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM	7— 8
ALBERT WALKER	3—4	*ALBERT E. NORMAN	9—10
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5—6	JOHN NEAL	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.
Referee, MR. M. J. MORRIS.

† 100th peal on Handbells, 60 of which were 12-bell peals.
* First peal on 12 bells as conductor, and first attempt at calling Stedman Cinques.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, April 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SIZE 13 IN E.

JOHN W. WOOD	1—2	F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN ...	5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3—4	TOM TEBBUTT	7—8

Composed by F.-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN	1—2	CHARLES HAZELDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	GEORGE W. STEERE	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. A. H. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	1—2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	5—5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ...	3—4	T. REGINALD DENNIS... ...	7—8

Conducted by JOHN B. WOOLLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

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

On Thursday, April 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER...	1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM	7— 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3—4	PERCY O. LAFLIN	9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referee, J. NEAL.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Percy O. Laflin and Albert E. Norman. This peal has the first 24 courses in the Tittums position, in 4 course blocks, with the 5th twelve times right and the 6th eighteen times right, also the 6th fourteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

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THE LATE MR. A. T. KING.

At Isleworth, on Friday, March 31st, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late President of the Middlesex Association, the whole pull and stand was rung, after which the Rev. Summerfield, in the tower, gave a short address, referring to the loss which the Association had sustained, and to Mr. King's high character and his work. Two 360's Bob Minor were rung by Messrs. E. Webb, W. Lidbetter, F. Goddard, T. Beadle, A. Beckensale, W. H. Hollier and H. Brooks.

On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Barnet, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: G. Herbert 1, R. Sturgeon 2, F. J. Chandler 3, J. Sumpter 4, H. Eldred 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, R. Roffey 7, J. W. Langley 8.

On Wednesday, March 29th, at St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, the bells were also rung with half-muffled clappers by Messrs. J. Wicks, G. Herbert, J. Tarling, W. Tarling, J. Sumpter and T. Lilley, Grandsire Doubles being rung.

Reference to the death of Mr. King was made at the South and West District meeting of the Middlesex Association on April 1st, as reported elsewhere.

NEED OF A BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The appeals appearing in your columns lately, for assistance to ringers and their dependants, recalls the idea of a formation of a benevolent fund, which has at various times been advocated in the ringing Press. If it could be brought about it would be a boon to all the Exercise, as it would enable needful cases to be assisted at once, instead of waiting weeks for subscription to come in. Perhaps some of the Associations this Easter, at their meetings, will find room on their agendas, so that it may be brought before ringers throughout the ringing isle.—Yours truly,

J. PUPLETT.

Benevolent Funds have been established in a few Associations, notably the Kent and Sussex, but there is scope for a much wider application of the idea.

We have to acknowledge receipt of 2s. 6d. from Mr. Puplett, towards the fund for the assistance of the widow of the late Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, and contributions from the friends of the deceased are invited. They should be sent to the Editor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to acknowledge the following sums received on behalf of the widow of the late Harry Flanders: Leytonstone Society, 8s.; Anonymous, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. W. Whitehead, 2s. 6d.; M. F. R. Hibbert, 2s.; H. W. Clark, 2s. 6d.; E. Barnett, senr., 2s. 6d.; A. Baynes, 2s. 6d.; F. C. Newman, 2s. 6d.; G. Hayden, 2s. 6d.; Wm. A. Pye, 10s.; L. A. Pye, 5s. The total received to date is £5 5s., and any further sums will be very thankfully acknowledged by yours truly,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. George's, Bolton, on the 1st inst. Almost every tower in the branch was represented, and visitors came from Blackburn, Preston and Manchester. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were brought round. The business part of the meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, President of the Association). Two new members were elected from St. Bartholomew's.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Deane.

ELLAND SOCIETY ENTERTAINED.

Through the kind hospitality of Mr. William Dobson, of Elland, the members of St. Mary's Church Society, together with a few Huddersfield brother ringers, were entertained to a most substantial repast at the Mexboro' Arms, Elland, on Thursday evening. An adjournment was made to the tower, where two short courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by the following: J. Barraclough 1, G. H. Simon 2, A. Armitage 3, C. Hollas 4, W. Brearley 5, W. Frith 6, E. Carter (conductor) 7, A. Carter 8.

During the evening the company were entertained by Mr. Edgar Carter and Mr. Allan Carter with songs, with intervals of handbell ringing by others.—A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dobson and other gentlemen present for the enjoyable evening they had provided, and to Mrs. Brier, the hostess, for the excellent manner in which the company had been catered for. The hope was expressed for the function to be an annual affair, as it had been previously for 50 years back, before the war caused the dinner to be abandoned.

BRISTOL—AN ANALYSIS.

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

From time to time there arises a controversy on the subject of the extension of this or that particular method. Many variations are produced, some obviously 'foreign,' others apparently 'native.' There follows a great division of opinion, and, as a result the inevitable shelving of the question until some later expression of view opens it up again. Now what is the cause of this failure to reach an incontrovertible decision? Apparently it is that the principles underlying the construction of the method have not been determined. Now, in the absence of a statement, by the original author of a method, as to what constituted his principles of construction, we are left to adopt a retrograde process; and from the original example of the application of his general principles of construction we have to determine what those principles were. Failure to apply this process logically and mathematically leads to the discovery of—well, not the basic principles; but a means of producing a so-called 'extension' of that original example of 'method.' But the basic principles, once determined, will provide the truly 'scientific' extension of the method upwards; and will be such that, if properly expressed, they will enable the novice to produce extensions (true) forthwith, and without difficulty. Further, if any so-called 'extension' be found to vary from what these basic principles produce for us, then it cannot be the extension proper. Before proceeding with our investigation for these principles in the particular case of 'Bristol,' however (as is our intention), it will be advisable to make quite sure of our ground up to this point; although we may be stating nothing really 'new' in so doing.

First of all, then, what do we understand by a 'method'? It is generally accepted that a method is a modified form of 'principle,' in which one unit has a simple 'path' (the treble—either plain hunt or T.B. hunt), while all the other units have the same (and a more complex) path. But what, after all, is a 'principle' (e.g., Stedman) in this sense? It is simply a practical way of expressing certain mathematical facts regarding the Laws of Permutation; by means of changed order of sounds in the belfry, and by a graphical representation in symbols on paper. All the units to be permuted, or changed in successive order, obey the same 'regulations' (except that in the case of a 'method' proper, one unit, 'The Treble,' has a regular and symmetrical path; in relation to which, the complexities in the paths of the other units stand definitely fixed). Hence it is that these 'regulations' may be expressed, in general form relatively to the position of the 'exempt' unit (the Treble bell) amongst the other units (the working bells); or, in the case of the principle proper, relatively to the recurrence of certain well-defined features. These regulations may be framed and varied at the will of the method-builder; his only restrictions being those conventions which are laid down in the 'Rules and Decisions,' as published by the Central Council. Thus it is clear that a 'method' is simply a cartographical representation of the behaviour of certain processes of mathematical permutation, when those processes are modified and restricted: (a) by certain universally accepted conventions; and (b) by variations introduced at certain relatively fixed points, at the will of the method builder. These may be called his 'Principles of Construction.'

Our next point for consideration is as to what is meant by 'extension.' First of all, we must find out whether that which we want to extend is in itself already an extension, or not, of something yet more elementary. Investigation, on the lines indicated below, will immediately give us our answer to this question; and thus it is that we can determine, eventually, the simplest (or elementary) form of expression of the 'principles of construction' on which the method is founded. In proceeding towards our conclusions we must be careful to test, step by step, the generalisations which we are deducing; even to the extent of their restricted application when the working of the 'exempt' unit (the Treble bell) is modified from T.B. hunt to plain hunt. In fine, the generalised laws will, when determined, instantly produce any extension of the method, subject to the paying of due regard to the adjustment of relative working positions, and to the admission of natural 'developmental' features.

We are now face to face with the consideration of the third, and, perhaps most vital point; that of the distinction between modes of extension in relation to (a) 'Single' methods, and (b) 'Double' methods. Again let us make quite certain of our ground. Let us examine carefully our instrument of expression—commonly called 'a lead'—let us dissect and label its component parts; and incidentally, discover their inter-relationship. For purposes of illustration let us take the lead of a Major T.B. hunt method. Now each lead is marked off from its neighbours at the 'foremost' positions of the 'regulating' unit, or treble bell. This 'foremost' or leading position occupies two rows of symbols, the upper being the last row of the 'lead' above; and the lower being the first row of the lead below. Thus the division between the leads occurs between these two rows:

Lead end 1 a b c d e f g

Lead head 1 b a d e f e g

—the rows being termed 'lead-end' and 'lead head' respectively.

(To be continued).

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

ANOTHER 'ODD AND EVEN BOB' PEAL.

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, Glam., sends us the following new peal of Stedman Triples on the 'Odd and Even Bob' plan. He points out that it is composed differently to Mr. Carter's peal in the slow sixes, and is, perhaps, still more difficult to conduct, The 7th is never bobbed in or out quick.

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2	316245	4	416523	5	345261	4	641235
3	432561	4	514236	4	243615	8	246351
		8	215364	4	642153	4	342516
4	534612	6	453126	5	123564	8	543162
4	635124	8	154263	4	521643	7	541326
4	136245	4	251634	7	526134	5	316254
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6	354621	7	653214	8	321465	4	164352
7	356412	4	256143	4	423651	4	361524
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8.	2	6.7 9.10.11	14

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

For the first time the Herts Association held a meeting at Offley, which was visited on Saturday, April 1st. Ringers assembled from Husborne Crawley, Barton-in-Clay, Woburn, Tring, Hitchiu, and the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a capital tea was served at the Working Men's Hall.

At the meeting which followed, Miss M. A. Durrant was voted to the chair.

The Secretary read a letter of appreciation from Canon Nairne, thanking all the members for their good wishes and kind expressions on his retirement. He added he quite hopes to meet them again.

Regret was expressed at the sudden death of the late Mr. A. T. King, whose ringing activities extended to that Association, among at least a dozen other kindred associations and Guilds, and he had more than once attended meetings in the Northern district.

Thanks were returned to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. C. Monk for having the bells ready and for arranging tea, also to Miss Durrant for presiding; this being her last appearance amongst the Herts ringers before her forthcoming marriage.

Thanks for his services, and congratulations, with best wishes for her future happiness, were expressed, and brought a happy gathering to a close.

Further ringing in several Minor methods followed. The next district meeting is to be held at Barley, in May.

Offley Church tower is quite a plain red brick modern structure, originally it must have been much larger, as shown by some of its foundations which are still visible. The church is of the 14th and 15th centuries, with traces of 13th century work. Some of the old oak benches are worthy of notice, also some early stone coffins, but what struck one most were two tessellated tiles with an inscription on the south aisle wall, above which is placed another inscription stating that these tiles prove that King Offa was buried in this place.

An old chronicler, however, writes as follows, which is somewhat conflicting: 'Offa's grave was accidently discovered in the churchyard of Hemel Hempstead. In digging a vault, the sexton, when he had excavated the earth about four feet below the surface of the ground, found his spade strike against someting solid which, upon inspection, proved to be a large wrought stone, the lid of the coffin; and under it was found the coffin entire, which was afterwards taken up in perfect condition; but the bones contained therein, on being exposed to the air, crumbled to dust. On the lid of the coffin is an inscription partly defaced by time, but still sufficiently legible decidedly to prove that it contained the ashes of the celebrated Offa. The coffin is about six and a half feet long, and contains a niche or resting-place for the head, and also a groove on each side for the arms, likewise for the legs, it is curiously carved, and altogether unique of the kind.'

The chancel has been very much altered to suit some fine specimens of marble statuary placed there about 1777.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The Midland Counties Association, which holds its annual meeting at Burton, on Monday, had an extremely successful year in 1921. The report of the committee which is to be presented to the members states that the number of members at the close of the year was 893, comprising 185 honorary and 708 ringing members. The report adds: 'It is a matter for profound satisfaction that during the past year some of the greatest names in our nobility have been added to the roll of patrons. Hitherto we have been content to acknowledge the patronage of the Bishops of the Dioceses within the area of the Association. We are now proud to add to our list the illustrious names of their Grace the Dukes of Devonshire, Portland, Argyll, the Most Hon. the Marquis Curzon, K.G., and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.C. The patronage of the above is unique in the annals of the M.C.A., and an honour which we value highly.

Another feature on which we can congratulate ourselves is the restoration and rehanging of bells within our area. Chief of these is the noble ring of twelve bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester. This is the first and only ring of twelve within the radius of our Association. Hitherto members of the M.C.A. have had to travel to other counties for twelve bell ringing. The privilege of ringing at St. Margaret's will be highly appreciated. The bells at S. Leodegarius, at Basford, Notts, are also an acquisition to the Nottingham district.

With regard to the performances during 1921, the progress in number of peals and also in quality have been very conspicuous, for of a total of 130 peals during the year no less than 48 have been in Surprise methods, including Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Chesterfield early in the year, is the first, and, to date, the only peal of Yorkshire Royal ever rung, while the Cambridge Surprise Royal at Loughborough in April, rung by a band of Leicestershire ringers, stands as the first Cambridge Royal by the Association, and we offer our congratulations to the ringers of these peals. The majority of the Cambridge Surprise Major peals during the year are to the credit of the Leicestershire men, and it is noteworthy that in most of such peals there is at least one ringer starred as 'first peal in the method.' We are glad to further congratulate the Leicestershire ringers on scoring London Surprise Major on the last day of the year at the first attempt, and so ending in a very fine manner a very excellent ringing year. Duffield Major once again appears in our list of peals—a method in which it is far from easy to score.

Double Norwich may not have been often attempted and at any rate only two peals have been recorded. We would strongly recommend this musical method to some of the bands who can ring Bob Major and Treble Bob, as in addition to its own interest it is a very helpful method towards Surprise. Grandsire Triples appears in the list twelve times, and while some of these peals are noted to show progress by new ringers we strongly recommend members not to cease their efforts at this method. The fifteen Minor peals are divided into five classes, but one of these classes contains eight peals of Bob Minor. The number of bells, of course, prevents progress beyond Minor, but on six bells there are many excellent methods to be rung; in fact, it is an open question whether Minor ringers have not a better chance of progress towards the best methods than Major ringers.'

The 130 peals rung by the Association, compared with 91 in the previous year, and comprised: Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 3, Kent T.B. Royal 1, Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 3, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol 3, Cambridge 20, Superlative 15, Duffield Major 1, Double Norwich 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Oxford 3, Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 9, Grandsire Triples 12, Bob Minor 8, Minor in two to five methods 7, Doubles 18.

A monthly meeting of Hinckley district was held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, March 4th, and was well attended by members and friends from Croft, Coventry, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, South Wigston, Little Wigston, and Nuneaton. The bells were made good use of in Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise.

The business meeting was held at the Ringers' Meeting Room, Mr. C. H. Webb presiding. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sapcote.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Nuneaton friends for having things in readiness.

Courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—Lancashire Association.—On Monday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Potter 1, J. Worthington 2, B. Welsby 3, J. Denner 4, J. Denner 5, A. Burton 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8. Rung for the coming-of-age of Miss E. V. White, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. White.—On Saturday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise (1,344 changes): J. Leatherbarrow 1, R. F. Deal 2, T. B. Worsley 3, G. Pownall 4, R. Wallwork 5, T. Barlow 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. F. Bailey 8.

A RUGBY MEMORIAL 'QUARTER.'

An interesting quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by St. Andrew's Society, at the Parish Church, Rugby, on Sunday, March 12th, to commemorate the unveiling of the town's memorial to those who fell in the great war, and upon which, amongst the names inscribed, is that of Corpl. R. W. Jesson, R.F.A., S.C.M., a former member of the society, who made the supreme sacrifice.

The ringers taking part were all ex-Service men, and members of the society: F. E. Wheeler, R.A.O.C., 1, A. G. Grant, R.B., 2, F. Rice, R.F.A., 3, C. W. Wheeler, R.A.S.C., 4, C. E. Joynes, K.R.R., 5, L. Bramall, R.W.R., 6, W. Malins, W.R., 7, S. Hopcraft, R.E., 8.

5040 PRINCESS MARY SURPRISE ROYAL.

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34256		—	—
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45236		—	
23456		—	—

Contains the 6th, the full extent at home, and 2rd and 3rd never in that position.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday evening, March 25th, at the Church of S.S. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Symonds 1, F. Leeks 2, F. Turner 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Mortlock 5, A. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 7, F. Poulson 8. Also 672 Bob Major: W. R. J. Poulson 1, F. Leeks (conductor) 2, F. Turner 3, A. Proctor (Finborough) 4, F. Mortlock 5, W. W. J. Roper 6, S. H. Symonds 7, A. Symonds 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor by J. Poulson, and first time as conductor in Bob Major by F. Leeks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Heston on Saturday, April 1st, and during the afternoon touches in various methods from Grandsire and Stedman up to Cambridge Surprise were rung. A service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Wilkinson), his daughter presiding at the organ.—The Vicar, in his address, paid a high tribute to the late esteemed President of the Association (Mr. A. T. King) for his earnest and painstaking work, for which he was held in high respect by all the members.

As an act of reverence, all members rose from their seats, and, while the organist played a verse of the hymn, 'Days and moments quickly flying,' remained with their heads bowed. It was a most impressive incident.

Tea and business meeting followed in the Church Hall, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. H. A. Shawyer (churchwarden), when, in addition to disposing of routine matters, a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. King and family on their sad bereavement.

Mr. Shawyer was elected an honorary member, and one ringing member was elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwarden and organist, and the meeting closed.

The tower of St. Paul's, Hounslow, was opened after tea, and the bells were kept going at both churches till 9 p.m., nearly 50 members being present.

MR. ARTHUR DEAN'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples	62	Conducted 14
Grandsire Caters	27	Conducted 8
Oxford Bob Triples	4	
Stedman Triples	25	
Stedman Caters	13	
Bob Major	30*	Conducted 11
Bob Royal	2	Conducted 1
Kent Treble Bob Major	24	Conducted 1
Oxford Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	
Double Norwich Major	4	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Total	200	Conducted 35

* Including 10,208.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

As there is certain to be a large number of touches for publication after the Easter Festival, we hope those responsible for sending in these reports will do so on Monday. Only those which reach us on Tuesday morning can be guaranteed insertion. Reports of peals rung on Monday should also be posted the same night.

Next Friday is the anniversary of the existing Treble Twelve record, which was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 17th, 1911. The peal was 12,240 in the Kent variation, composed and conducted by Mr. Sam Wood. The tenor was rung by Mr. James George, and the time was 8 hrs. 31 mins.

It was on the same day of the month, but in the year 1820, that a previous long length of Kent Treble Twelve was rung. Then known as 'New' Treble Bob, 7,200 was brought round at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 5 hrs. 8 mins.

The long peal of Double Norwich at Romford in 1894, to which we have recently referred in these columns, was rung on April 18th, so that the anniversary falls on Tuesday next. This 13,440 was rung in 8 hrs. 16 mins., after an attempt about three weeks previously at Brentford, when a rope broke after more than 13,000 changes had been rung.

Only two members of the band, we believe, survive, Messrs. Ben Foskett, the 'father' of the Cumberlands, and Mr. Edwin Barnett, senr. The latter writes to point out that the peal was not composed by Mr. Henry Dains, as we mentioned, but by Mr. George Newson, who also conducted it from the tenor.

Many long peals have been rung at the famous Painswick tower, and one of the earliest was on April 18th, 1737—a 12,006—Grandsire Caters, in 7 hrs. 55 mins.

It was on April 18th, 1916, that Sir Arthur Heywood died.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung on April 16th, 1838—5,600 at Birstall, Yorks.

That promising young ringer, Mr. Albert E. Norman, of Birmingham, has called a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells at the first attempt. He is only 19 years of age, and his ringing performances already include many peals in the higher methods up to Cambridge Maximus.

We understand that a long peal of Stedman Caters (21,000 changes) is to be attempted at Appleton on April 22nd, but at the time of writing no official notification of this attempt upon the existing record has been received.

REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had not intended to take up your valuable space by writing further on this subject, but Mr. Dexter's last letter calls for a reply. He raises the question of the 'courage of my own conviction,' which conviction he infers from my last letter. He evidently also takes me for a man of money, and as keenly interested in the Leicester Infirmary as he is. Let me confess at once. When a gentleman of Mr. Dexter's knowledge and experience is willing to stake so much on the truth of his productions, I dare not accept his challenge.

Apart from this, I fail to see why he considers that I should bet £10 to 'nothing' on what he can or cannot do.—Yours sincerely,

Sunderland, April 8th, 1922. JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Dear Sir,—I can fully vouch for the accuracy of the statement that the St. Martin's band of ringers at Leicester have been practising the above, because a year ago last October I was staying at Mr. Dexter's, and saw his diagram of the method, and after he explained it all to me I said I thought I could go and ring it with them. What he said cannot be printed. What Beethoven is to music, Dexter is to change ringing.—Yours, H. RUSHBY.

16, Hare Street, Grimsby.

EASTER AND VISITORS TO LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A comment upon my letter of a year ago was 'yes, but where is the visiting ringer to go?' I would suggest the following for Easter Day, viz.: St. Paul's Cathedral 9.40 a.m., leave at 10.20 for either St. Andrew's, Holborn, or St. Clement Danes Strand (ringing 10.15 to 10.55), thence to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Charing Cross. Ringing 11.5 to 11.30. Our visitor will now saunter down Whitehall, pass the Cenotaph, and finally enjoy the sound of the Abbey bells, ringing after service.

With the exception of the latter tower, there would be every likelihood of a 'pull' for a good ringer.—Yours faithfully

'TEMPLE BAR.'

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—The Suffolk Diocesan Association. — On Saturday, March 11th, at St. Peter ad Vincula Church, 1,120 London Surprise Major: P. Langston 1, W. Sadler 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, F. Claydon 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, W. Elliott 6, E. W. Beckwith 7, A. Saunders 8. Longest length in the method by the Association, and by ringers of the 6th and tenor.

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be permitted a few remarks on the controversy going on between the ringers of East and West Suffolk. It is generally known that until recent years Ipswich and East Suffolk came within the Diocese of Norwich, and St. Edmundsbury and West Suffolk in the Diocese of Ely—hence these two Associations. Now we have the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, with the Cathedral Church of St. James, with its fine old Norman tower and grand peal of bells, at Bury St. Edmunds. As trade follows the flag so should Suffolk ringers follow their Bishop—with their Association of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for the county of Suffolk; leaving out Norwich for the county of Norfolk—thus one county to each Association. The officials of the Ely Diocesan Association, whilst realising the loss of support the cutting off of this large slice of their Diocese would mean, were sportsmen enough to release the West Suffolk members (if they wished it), and wished them every success in forming their new Association. I would suggest that the members of the Norwich Association should do likewise. There is ample work for the two Associations in these two large counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. Mr. G. P. Burton tells us the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich Association has ample resources to serve the needs of all ringers in both East and West Suffolk. I am inclined to doubt this—resources they may have, but what about the missionary or spade work?

I was with a band of ringers in a part of Suffolk last summer where 'The Ringing World' and Norwich Association are practically unknown. I have since sent into this district five copies of Standard methods and a few copies of 'The Ringing World,' with a suggestion they should be taken weekly, and trust these few efforts may still bear fruit. It is these isolated corners of the large counties where Association work is so much needed.—Yours truly, W. MILLER.

Leytonstone.

AN EAST SUFFOLK VIEW.

Sir,—Having read with interest the correspondence with regard to the 'Suffolk Diocesan Association,' I would like to know why our friends in West Suffolk, if they had a grievance with the Ely Diocesan Association, and seceded, and thought a separate association was needed for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, did not ask us in East Suffolk to have a voice in the matter, instead of a few getting together and forming a so-called Suffolk County Association, afterwards altering its title and thus bringing something into the Diocese which is not wanted by the majority of ringers.

I would like to know whether the meeting at Hadleigh to which Mr. Symonds refers was representative of ringers in the Diocese. I should say not, as I claim that 75 per cent. of ringers in the Diocese are in East Suffolk. We in this district consider that the resolution passed at Norwich and also at Saxmundham is essential in times like these when the whole world is clamouring for unity. If our friends in the West think a separate Association is needed then I say it has yet to be formed, if it is to be carried on in a democratic manner.—Yours, etc., GEORGE WILSON, Hon. Sec.

Saxmundham District.

BELL LECTURE AT BRAINTREE.

At the invitation of the Braintree Educational Society, a lecture on bells and change ringing was given at the County High School, Braintree, on Saturday, April 1st, by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. Mr. F. J. Weaver, M.A., headmaster, presided, and there was a good attendance of members. The art of change ringing was explained by diagrams, and an exhibition of double-handed ringing by Messrs. W. H. Dyson, H. E. and W. H. Hammond, and the lecturer. Interesting accounts were given of the ancient societies and their ringing records, together with the doings of present-day associations. As an expression of their appreciation, the society has, through their honorary secretary (Miss K. Jordan, B.A.), sent a donation to one guinea to the fund for rehanging the tenor of Braintree Parish Church.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Potton on Saturday, April 1st. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, with Kent Treble Bob Minor, a lady from Thundington, Cambs, taking part. This was her first ring in Bedfordshire. Over 20 sat down to tea provided in the Schoolroom.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which members were present from Biggleswade, Clifton, Northill, Everton, Tempsford, Sandy, Roxton, and the local company.—Two new members were elected, and Arlesey was chosen for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding, also to the local company for having everything ready, and to the ladies who helped with the tea, was passed.

Mr. C. Dean, of Croydon, joined the company after tea, and the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock, the methods practised being Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You mention in your last issue that I might have carried my analysis further, and pointed out the defects of Superlative, Cambridge and London. There is no need to do that, as they are too well known.

Superlative has always been considered the most musical Surprise method on eight bells, and certainly no method has ever been found to equal it, the only fault is the second and third cannot be kept away from the tenor. This little defect is, however outweighed by its musical qualities everywhere else.

As regards Cambridge, it is the most perfect Surprise method ever produced. It has only one fault, and that is its small scope for composition. It does not, at any rate, have pairs of bells lying still in 5—6, and it has an advantage that no other Surprise method possesses; it will extend to any number of bells without introducing any adulteration, and the more you extend it the more attractive it becomes.

London has always been called unmusical, and it certainly is not to be compared to the others, from a musical point of view, but for intricacy it has never been beaten. It is still the most difficult of all Surprise methods, and will come to grief quicker than Bristol or any of the new methods. These methods have always been popular, and will probably be as popular a hundred years hence as they are to-day.

As regards your remarks about these methods not having a clean proof scale, you cannot always expect a clean proof scale in all Surprise methods. What I object to is this: in Bristol you have a most musical and attractive method, and none of the work is long enough to become monotonous, but such methods of Guildford, Suffolk, Premier and Dublin, are nothing more or less than Bristol adulterated, and all are very much inferior. It is unfair for ringers to be criticised because they do not feel disposed to ring them.—Yours, etc., W. PYE.

STANDARD METHODS FIRST.

Dear Sir,—While being entirely in agreement with the idea expressed in your leading article of March 31st, I wish you had added 'when opportunity arises.' My experience has been that bands will launch out in other methods when they have rung up to London. We have seen that in many cases, but you cannot expect men to learn a new Surprise method before they ring the standard ones, so that they may be able to ring at meetings. Your remark as to scoring of peals does not, I think, apply generally. No doubt other conductors, like myself, do not always ring just what they would like to. I have rung nearly 100 peals of Grandsire Triples 'in hand,' but I hope the Exercise does not think I sit down just to score a peal, or that I never want to ring anything else besides Grandsire. When you have taught people to ring 'in hand,' you cannot turn round and say, 'I have rung enough and do not want to ring any more Grandsire.' To me personally (as much as I should like to ring other methods) it does not matter what it is, so long as it advances my friends and gives them pleasure, but when the opportunity arises we shall get out of the rut.—Yours, etc., A. H. PULLING.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NO AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Helmsley on Saturday, April 1st. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Newton), an honorary member of the Association, the bells of the Parish Church were available from noon. Although the bells have been recently overhauled they are still not in a very satisfactory condition, and the ringers present, particularly the ladies, found great difficulty in keeping them running smoothly. Steps, however, are being taken to improve matters, and it is hoped they will soon be in better condition.

In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Newton, through bereavement, the Rev. J. W. Hicks kindly undertook to speak at the ringers' service, held in church, and later to preside at the business meeting.

It was unanimously decided that no further steps be taken to bring about the amalgamation of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, but that the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association should continue to work with the Cleveland Association in the spirit of friendship and goodwill which is so evident amongst its members and to the best of their ability to further the art of change ringing in this Northern area.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. Newton for the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. W. Hicks for his kindly help, and to the local band for the hearty welcome extended to the visitors.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripon, and it is hoped, favourable railway facilities permitting, that many ringing friends from the other divisions of the Association will be present and assist in making the meeting a great success.

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LONDON SURPRISE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Rev. H. L. James, in his last letter, states that he got out a new set of course-ends. That is the whole crux of the matter. He did not. He might have thought he had, but he was sadly mistaken. He may spend the remainder of his life twisting and turning them about, split them up into whatever number of blocks he likes. The fact still remains that, barring 473265, they are all taken from my blocks. Why, the whole thing is so glaring that anyone but a blind man may see it. It is only a piece of Bob Major shunting, as I will endeavour to show.

Here are my 65 courses numbered 1 to 65, and Rev. James' connection, No. 66.

A. 1 to 25. 23456	M	W	H	B. 26 to 40. 643527	M	5	W	C. 41 to 65. 572364	M	4	5	W
1. 42356			—	26. 453762	—	I		41. 574632	—	—	—	
2. 34256			—	27. 524736		0—		42. 643752	—			—
3. 24653	—			28. 254637		—	—	43. 763452				—
4. 56342	—	—						44. 473652				—
5. 34562		—	—	29. 564723	—	I		45. 375642	—			
				30. 635742		0—						
Four times repeated				31. 365247		—	—	46. 372465	—	—	—	
								47. 426735	—			—
				32. 625734	—	I		48. 746235				—
				33. 246753		0—		49. 276435				—
				34. 426357		—	—	50. 673425	—			
				35. 236745	—	I		51. 675243	—	—	—	
				36. 352764		0—		52. 254763	—			—
				37. 532467		—	—	53. 724563				—
								54. 574263				—
				38. 342756	—	I		55. 476253	—			
				39. 463725		0—						
				40. 643527		—	—	56. 473526	—	—	—	
								57. 532746	—			—
								58. 752346				—
								59. 372546				—
								60. 274536	—			
								61. 276354	—	—	—	
								62. 365724	—			—
								63. 735624				—
Rev. H. L. James's course								64. 675324				—
66. 473265								65. 572364	—			

As 66 is false to 32 and 38, these courses must not be issued.
Therefore, drop Bob I. in 32 takes us to 4th's in course 41.
Therefore, drop Bob I. in 38 takes us to 4th's in course 61.
Therefore, drop Bob 4th's in 41 takes us to 0 in course 33.
Therefore, drop Bob 4th's in 61 takes us to 0 in course 39.

If we try to see how it goes together, we find it now falls into two round blocks, the smaller of which is represented by: (41 omit 4th's to 33), 34, 35, 36, 37 (38 omit 1 to 61), 62, 63, 64, 65. The larger block is pointed out below. Now this small block must be spliced into the larger one. A careful survey tells us that by calling a bob I. in course 52 takes us to 65, and that when we arrive at 64 a bob at 4th's takes us to 53, and nearly the whole of the small block introduced. Let us write down the result. You will note that with the exception of passing through Mr. James' No. 66 the whole of our tour will be conducted within my 65 courses and, barring the shunts that the variation necessitates, the calling is taken as well.

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1, (2 shunt Bob 5th's to 66), (66 shunt Bob 5th's to 26), 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 (32 omit I. shunts to 41), 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 (52 call I. shunts to 65), (41 omit 4th's shunts to 33) 34, 35, 36, 37 (38 omit I. shunts to 61), 62, 63 (64 call 4th's shunts to 53), 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 (61 omit 4th's shunts to 39), 40 (26 Bob 5th's shunts to 2), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. The large block I mentioned can be traced in above, thus: From 1 down as far as 51, then 52, 53, 54, and straight on to the end.

I am sorry to have trespassed upon so much space, but law-makers ought not to be law-breakers.—Yours,

G. LINDOFF.

DEATH OF A NORTON RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William H. Baddeley, one of the old ringers of Norton, Staffs, who died on Tuesday, March 7th. He was interred in the Parish Churchyard on the following Saturday, and the local ringers rang, half-muffled, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. E. Wheeldon 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, E. E. Johnson 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday morning, 720 Woodbine: H. Wibberley 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6; and at the practice on Monday March 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Corfield (first 720) 1, H. Wibberley (first 720 inside bell) 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

We saw last week that Treble Bob is derived directly from the Plain Hunting Course by causing the bell in the hunt to make second's place and return to lead. When we come to Cambridge Surprise we have to deal with a totally different arrangement. There is no Treble Bob Principle upon an even number of bells, because the result of the first dodge is to bring the bells round again, but if we try Treble Bob on odd numbers we immediately get the Principle shown by the figures at the side:

Now, examine this course, and you will notice that when the bells in front dodge the bells behind hunt, and when the bells in front hunt the bells behind dodge.

Add a working bell to this and let the treble be the bell in the hunt and keep the rule as applied to the treble.

When the treble dodges every other bell shall hunt if it possibly can, and when the treble hunts every other bell shall dodge if it possibly can, and we get:

Now this not a regular method, but we can make it so if we allow two more bells to dodge when the treble dodges in the middle. Let 3 and 5 dodge at the back when the treble is in the middle, and we have just half a lead of Cambridge.

This gives us the rule for Cambridge Surprise on all even numbers from six bells upwards. When the treble dodges, every other bell hunts except the two bells behind when the treble is dodging next to them, and when the treble hunts every other bell dodges if it possibly can. Now, not only will this rule produce the method on all even numbers from six upward, but (although it is not a convenient rule to ring the method by) it will also ring the method on all numbers.

12345	
21354	
12531	
21543	
25134	
52143	
25413	
52431	
54213	
45231	
54321	
etc.	
123456	
214365	
124635	
216453	
261435	
624153	
621453	
264135	
624315	
263451	
236415	
324651	

We begin with the treble in front, and all the rest hunting, the 4th must make 3rd's place because she may not dodge when the treble does. She then make 4th's because the treble is hunting, and there is no one for her to dodge with. This explains all the place making.

Six hunts straight down to lead, leads a whole pull and hunts up into 2nd's place. Thus, when the treble gets out into the middle somewhere, say, 7—8, on 20 bells we have three groups of bells: a group in front ringing an ordinary treble bob hunt; a group at the back doing the same, and all these dodge at the same time, and, when they dodge, the treble hunts over a cross section to her next dodging position; a group in the middle containing the treble and one more bell, or three. When a bell in the group behind comes to the limit of the group it must pass the treble in one of two ways. If it has just dodged it makes a place as the 4th does in 3—4, moves up one place, makes that and dodges with the treble, then makes the same two places again, and is now one of the front group of bells. The next bell down hunts straight through the treble, missing two dodging positions, and is now in her proper place in the front group. The next bell down makes places again one position higher up and the next bell hunts through, and so on until the treble dodges in 17—18, up and then there is a double dodge behind, and so the bell that hunts through only misses one dodging position.

I shall deal with Superlative next, and I advise anyone who wants to understand it to study this explanation of Cambridge, and thoroughly grasp it first of all.

H. LAW JAMES.

BELFRY ACCIDENTS.

LOCKING DEVICE WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read from time to time of the serious accidents in the belfry it has occurred to me that such accidents might easily be eliminated by a simple locking device.

One of the chief sources of danger is that of the handling of bell ropes by unauthorised persons. Why have not the bell hangers before now contrived some method of locking the bells when they are left up? In such a case as Mr. Powell's, when the ringer is obliged to climb among the bells for the purpose of untying a clapper, the danger of falling from the frame and pulling a bell off the balance would then be avoided.

The locks could be operated by a lever from the belfry, which would lift the lock from the 'stay' ready for ringing.

This would cause very little extra trouble, and certainly avoid all such accidents as those, which happen from ignorant people touching the ropes, and the most unfortunate accident of Mr. Powell.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. SADLER.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S 40th ANNIVERSARY.

At Woburn, Beds, on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beds Association: Francis Gilby 1, C. Matthews 2, E. Herbert 3, H. Fleet 4, Cyril Herbert 5, D. Janes 6, H. D. Harris (conductor) 7, F. White 8.

On the occasion of the birthday of Mrs. Charles Herbert, and for a confirmation service, on March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. D. Harris (conductor) 1, C. Matthews 2, Cyril Herbert 3, H. Fleet 4, A. Markwell 5, E. Herbert 6, E. Hobbs 7, F. White 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, April 9th, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. W. Roberts 1, A. Cutmore 2, G. W. Frayne 3, A. B. Bennett 4, P. L. Miles 5 A. V. Selby 6, H. G. Miles 7, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 8.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday morning, April 9th for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 50 mins.: F. Flute (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Mortimor 2, F. Mortimor 3, P. Inskip 4, J. Maxey 5, H. L. Harlow (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to F. Flute, who is leaving England for New Zealand, his ringing brothers wishing him 'God-speed.'

FULHAM. — At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, April 9th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal Kent: H. Belcher 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. E. Judd 4, R. A. Fardon 5 H. A. Folkard 6, G. C. Iles 7, F. Skevington 8, A. Harding 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS. — On Sunday, April 2nd, 1,008 Grandsire Triples (for Confirmation service): W. H. Inwood (age 75 years) 1, F. C. Tompkins (conductor) 2, E. Lathall 3, W. Brown 4, G. Boon 5, H. Warren 6, W. F. Smith 7, A. Gregory 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of the Diocese, 1,088 Bristol Surprise Major: G. Wilson 1, A. Keeble 2, G. Bailey (longest length in the method) 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, April 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. Dyas 1 H. H. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, E. A. Reeve 4, A. G. H. Newman 5 C. W. Ottley 6, W. J. Dean 7, H. Burton 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9 W. Essery 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Blundell 1, A. Hensman 2, W. Farey 3, F. Wilford 4 J. C. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, S. Foskett 8. Rung on the 15th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

LLANDUDNO.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. A. Jones 1, T. Barrow 2, E. Lodge 3, Wm. Saunders 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. A. Cullington (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8. Especially arranged for Wm. Saunders, Coalbrookdale, Salop. A touch of 630 was rung by same band on Tuesday, March 28th.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday evening, April 2nd, for service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Ford 2, F. Greedy 3 A. E. Morgan 4, J. W. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, H. Forbes 8. Also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on the anniversary of his wedding day.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for Confirmation service, on Sunday, April 2nd, by the service ringers, 400 Stedman Triples from Carter's odd and even peal: Robt. Fardon (conductor) 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, H. Wincote 3 S. D. Breeze 4, C. Brown 5, E. W. Coulson 6, Robt. Holloway 7, J. W. Fruin 8.—A quarter-peal of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief two courses from home: E. Easton (longest length) 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, A. M Stacey (longest length) 4, C. Brown 5, L. Page 6, Robt Holloway 7, A. Harding 8.—336 Grandsire Triples was also rung.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Butler 1, H. C. Bond 2 F. J. Lewis 3, W. Hayward 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6 A. Parsons (first quarter inside) 7, J. Hayward 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS. — On Sunday, March 26th for evening service, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being 10⅓ six-scores called differently: F. W. Cox 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, A. Painter 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, M. Telling 6.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. James' Church on Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: W. Skinner (first 720 and first attempt) 1, A. Sharpe 2, A. Burchnall 3, W. Bradley 4 A. H. Palmer (conductor) 5, J. Sharpe 6.

GOSPEL OAK.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—On March 26th at St. Martin's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Chapman 1, Miss K. Smith 2, T. Bevan (first with a working bell) 3, E. Young 4, C. J. Matthews 5 E. Bonfield (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON. — On Sunday evening, March 26th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Sinkins 1, H. Dyas 2, R. Gordon-Brown 3, E. G. Turley 4, C. W. Roberts 5, W. E. Garrard 6, P. L. Miles 7, R. Congreave Pidgeon 8, H. G. Miles (conductor) 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Tuke, who was leaving on the 28th for West Africa.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, March 26th, for service, 1,265 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. W. Driver 3, W. E. Judd 4, A. Cutmore 5, H. A. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. C. Iles 8, A. Harding 9, G. F. Edwards 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Cutmore.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evening service, on Sunday, March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. C. Lambert (conductor) 1, G. Schluter 2, T. Walker 3, G. Shipp 4, A. Barkus 5, E. Brett 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Miss G. Brown 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Whitfield 3, E. Green 4, E. Collins 5, W. Cheater (conductor) 6, E. Bradford 7 (covering). This was rung on the front seven, owing to the tenor being under repair. First 720 in the method by all the band, and arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his 21st birthday.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—Southover Guild.—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Richardson 1, W. Pelling 2, A. Errey 3, A. J. Turner 4, A. Charman (Cranleigh) 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. Dawe (conductor) 7 W. Ward 8.

FEERING.—Essex Association. — On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine service, morning and evening, 720 Bob Minor: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Both rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Right Rev. R. H. Whitcombe, Suffragan Bishop of Colchester.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Jackson 1, T. Watson (conductor) 2, G. Jackson 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, T. Metcalfe 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—For Divine service, on Sunday evening, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,242 changes): W. Burley 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. Nye 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, S. Taylor 5, T. Jull 6, E. J. Dobbie 7, W. Spice (conductor) 8. Composed by F. Bennett.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, E. Mounter 2, G. F. James 3, G. Hasnip 4, P. Spice 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor.

SLOUGH. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, 400 Grandsire Triples, a farewell touch for the treble man, who is going to Bix, Henley-on-Thames: G. Gregory 1, W. H. Fussell 2, G. Leader 3, G. Hooper 4, — Bedford 5, W. Henley 6, — Mayne (conductor) 7, — Perryman 8.

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, E. Chapman 2, T. Bevan 3, F. Smith 4, E. Bonfield 5, E. Young (first as conductor) 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Rose (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, C. H. Page 3, E. Landon 4, W. Grice 5, T. Austin 6, G. F. Page (conductor) 7, J. Simister 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for G. F. Page, who was on a visit home from Manchester.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, published in the 'Bell News' of September 6th, 1884: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. Hayward 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.—On the same day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 665 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Bond 1, J. King 2, W. Hayward 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, W. G. Cook 5, B. R. Williams 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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Twice repeated.

Contains the extent of the In-course, 4-6's, 6-7's and 7-4's.

ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

720 BOB MINOR.

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53624 2
53216 1
25346 5
25463 1
56342 2
42356 3
42563 1
63542 3
34256 2
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Repeated.

H. W. WILDE.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday, April 17th. Committee Meeting, 11.30 a.m. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner, 1.15 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Several towers in the neighbourhood will be open for ringing.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting of the association will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 17th. The committee will meet in St. Paul's Institute at 2.30. There will be a service in St. Paul's Church at 3.15. A meat tea, at 2/6 per head, will be ready at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's Institute, to be followed immediately by the General Annual Meeting of the Association. The times for ringing have been fixed as under: Parish Church and St. Paul's Church, 10 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock; St. Mark's Church, Winshill, 12 to 3 and 6 to 8 o'clock.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. A start will be made at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Church, also Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's bells will be available all day. There will be a committee meeting for officers of the association at Great St. Mary's Vestry, followed by service in the church at 12 o'clock. Lunch (2/6) at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, followed by the meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—V. Shorter, Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke Street, Cambridge.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Carlton in Cleveland on Easter Monday next, April 17th. Bells (8) available all day. Dinner in the School Room at 1 p.m. Service in the Church at 3 p.m.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, April 17th. By the kindness of the respective Vicars, the bells at the Parish Church (10) and All Saints' Church (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/10 per head. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Cathedral and St. Peter's towers open at 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's at any time, by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m. Meat tea 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Let your Secretary know if you are coming to tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Meeting will be held at Colyton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4 p.m.; tea, Church Hall 4.30 and meeting 5.15 p.m. Bells available throughout the day. All ringers welcome. Many towers in district open for the day. For particulars apply to John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 9.30 a.m. Service in St. Paul's at 12 noon. Preacher: The Rev. Guy Beech, Rector of Turvey. Luncheon in the Drill Hall, St. Loyes, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the Business meeting. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Wooburn, Bucks (Bourne End Station), on Easter Monday. Service at Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall (adjoining) at 5.15, and business meeting at 6 p.m. The following towers will be open for visitors and friends: Slough 10-11, Cookham 12-1, Beaconsfield 10-11 and High Wycombe 11 to 1 p.m. Road motor cars available and Great Western and Great Central trains. —W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—A General meeting will be held on Easter Monday. By permission of the Revs. Garrett and Wood, the bells of Helmingham and Framsden will be available throughout the day. Business meeting to follow Dinner, which will be served at the White Hart, Otley, at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner pleasenotify me not later than Monday, April 10th. Buses passing Helmingham Church leave Ipswich 10.30 a.m., Debenham, 9 a.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The Annual meeting of the Division will be held at Ditchling on Easter Monday. Tower open at 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5. Business meeting to follow. Keymer tower will also be open from 1 till 4, and in the evening.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 o'clock.—A. J. Trappit, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Postponed meeting of Feb. 4th will take place on Easter Monday at Brading. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.30.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W., Hon. Dist. Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Norwich Diocesan Branch.—A General meeting of this Branch will be held at Wymondham on Easter Monday, April 17th. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. S. Martin-Jones, M.A.), the ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon will be served at the Green Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, tickets 3/6 each; followed by the general business meeting for the election of officers, etc.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BRIGHTON & DISTRICT RINGERS' SOCIAL GUILD.—Next meeting (by arrangement) at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association, to be held at Ditchling on Easter Monday. New Committeeman and Secretary to be elected; sing-song to conclude.—Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upper Cam on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation at 5 o'clock. —W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Grimsby District.—A meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Humber, on April 22nd. Bells available from noon. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Vicar's Room. Members and visitors requiring tea please inform E. Dannatt not later than April 17th. All ringers are welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Birstall on Saturday, April 22nd. Draw 2.30. For entries and tea tickets write to H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, not later than Monday, April 17th.—W. Frith, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 3 to 9. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea at Hare and Hounds, 9d. each, to all sending word not later than April 20th to H. F. Cooper, Dist. Master, Red Lion, Stisted, near Braintree, Essex.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will take place at Holcombe Rogus (6) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.15. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by the previous Tuesday?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Local Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Kitcat). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Hall. The cost of the tea will be 1s. per head, and as a guarantee of 50 has to be given, all who intend being present should advise either of the undersigned not later than April 18th. The ringing arrangements are are as follows: St. John's (10) from 3.5 p.m. and after the meeting, St. Andrew's (8) from 3.15 to 4.40 and afterwards until 9.15. Members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next Branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, April 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. The Rectory Grounds will be open to members. —J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, April 22nd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next Quarter meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1922 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent on Saturday, 22nd April. Ringing from 3—8 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices, Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: Wilton Road, April 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th and Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 29th. Meeting at 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Further particulars to be announced.—F. Ll. Edwards, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in by April 25th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Poulton (six bells.) Visitors welcomed. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5.15 p.m., with an address. Tea will be provided at 1/- each for those who send word not later than Tuesday, 25th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meetting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 29th. Evensong at Cathedral, at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their

Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 25th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Luton. Will member visitors please note that failure to comply with this request has frequently caused great inconvenience to those responsible for arranging tea.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Patron: The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop. President: The Ven. Archdeacon Farmiloe. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Sudbury: Rev. R. L. Gardner, Rector of Chelsworth, Ipswich. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Suffolk: Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Saturday, April 29th, at 3 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting, so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled. The business will be to finally pass the rules, and arrange the programme for 1922. The subscription (for 1922) was due on January 1st; it is 2s. each for clergy and ringers alike, with an entrance fee of 6d. Honorary Members 5s. the first year, and 2s. 6d. in subsequent years.—Herbert Drake, Diocesan Secretary, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, March 28th, 1922.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, 29th April. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The District Annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the George Inn at 5.45. Business meeting to follow. All subscriptions must be paid at or before this meeting. All ringers intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, April 25th, or tea cannot be provided for them. —Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—The Annual ringing day will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address 4 o'clock, followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Church Room, 1/- each. All ringers welcome. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than April 26th.—J. T. Barker (Sec. to Stebbing Company), Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.), on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30; tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

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