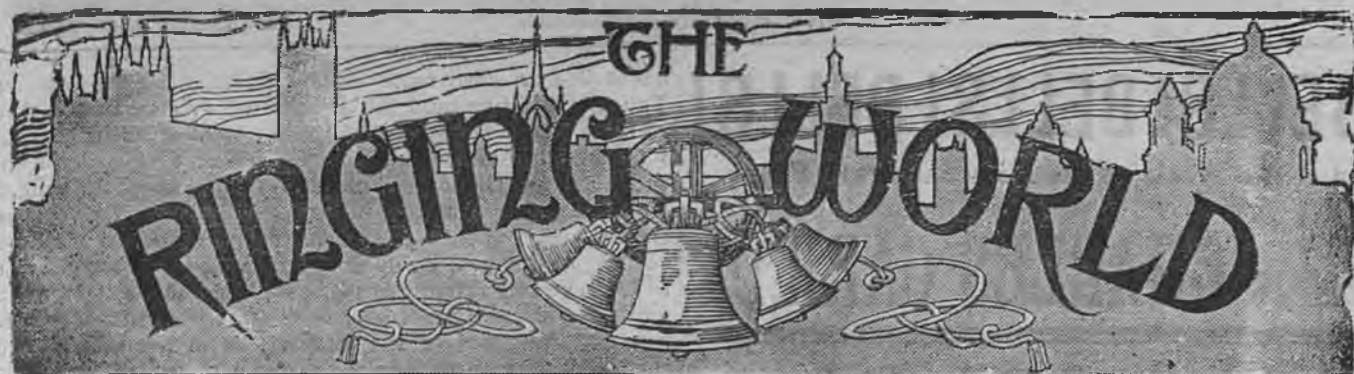




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ILL-INFORMED CRITICISM.

Much of the criticism to which bells and ringing are subjected by the public is ill-informed, but happily one seldom finds such misleading statements made by a person in an official position in the Church, as that reported to have been made by Prebendary Farrer, at a meeting last week of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance. In another column we quote the statement attributed to him, and have no hesitation whatever in saying that in almost every particular Prebendary Farrer is wrong. It would be interesting, therefore, to know upon what he bases his sweeping assertion. In the first place, to attribute the cause of churches falling into disrepair to the bells is ludicrous. If, in some isolated instances, the towers have shown signs of dilapidation and the cause has been traced to the bells, it is because the responsible church officials have neglected their duty and, instead of maintaining the bell frames, have allowed them to decay and thus to damage the walls, or, if they have been attended to, have left them to some inexperienced carpenter or blacksmith, who has probably inserted wedges. We know of no case where, when a reputable firm of bell hangers have been called in, their work has caused the fabric of the tower, much less that of the church, to fall into disrepair.

But stranger still is the statement that towers were only built to hold four or five bells, and that church authorities who want to augment their peals do not go to an architect, but to a bell hanger, who crams in as many bells as he can without regard for the building. One only needs to apply common sense to the history of the development of bells to know that the six, eight, ten or twelve bells of to-day, hung with scientific precision, are a totally different proposition to the old four or five heavy and rudely hung bells of centuries ago; and further, we doubt if Prebendary Farrer can quote a single instance of an important addition to the bells at any church in his diocese in the last fifty years where expert opinion has not been called in when there was any doubt as to the stability of the tower.

The one example which Prebendary Farrer quotes—apparently in general support of his accusation—is an unfortunate one for him. He says: 'There is one church in this diocese that has ten bells already and they want twelve. Really there ought to be some moderation. Church towers ought not to be expected to stand a strain for which they were never built.' The only tower in the diocese of Bath and Wells where 12 bells were contemplated was Taunton, and Taunton not merely 'wants' twelve, but has already got them. Moreover, there has

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never been a case more closely investigated as was this Taunton addition, and the Diocesan Advisory Board, who were at first against the proposal, were eventually convinced of the safety of the scheme, which also had the approval of the Diocesan architect. The original ten bells at Taunton weigh approximately six and a half tons, the two new trebles weigh about twelve cwt., but the modern methods of hanging the peal by slightly 'tucking up' some of the bells, have more than compensated for the extra weight, while the tower has actually been strengthened by the new frame. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and there is less movement in the tower with the twelve bells ringing than there was when there was only ten.

The 'moderation' for which Prebendary Farrer appeals should really be exercised by officials speaking in public. Their words carry far, and in this case the statement has gained widespread publicity through the county and London press. It is not easy to scotch an impression thus created, and it may do great harm. We hope Prebendary Farrer's attention will be called to the error of his statement, and suggest that here is a case where the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council might step in, so that Prebendary Farrer and all associated with the management of the diocese of Bath and Wells, may be made acquainted with the real facts.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMMINGS Treble	* WILLIAM HUNTER 6
HENRY J. WAY 2	ALFRED PEARCE 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. 8
EDWIN J. BROWN 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	WILLIAM ABRAHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED CHAPMAN Treble	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. 6
HENRY RUMENS 2	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 3	HENRY J. MAYNARD 8
JOHN H. WILKINS 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBT. MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung as a birthday peal to R. Maynard, sen. The composition is Peal No. 56, C.C. Collection.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
ALFRED BERRY 3	FREDERICK SALTER 7
JOHN CUNNINGHAM 4	HERBERT PIERCY Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

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

JAMES SHAW... .. Treble	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... 2	*RUSHION GRIMSHAW... .. 6
ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
WILLIAM RILEY 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. SHAW.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor. This composition is number 227 in Mr. Arthur Knight's collection.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE T. PEGNELL Treble	FRANK R. COPEMAN 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FRANK H. DAVEY 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7
CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by ROBERT HARDY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Mr. George H. Daynes was elected a member of the Association prior to starting the peal. First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 3rd.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTREAD Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT ADDSLEY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
FRANK H. DAVEY... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBBS... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	*JOSEPH DAVIES 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER
SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
WILLIAM TILLET 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	CHARLES WOODCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The ringers wish to thank Dean Carter for granting permission, also Mr. Thomas Read for having everything ready. He kindly stood down to allow C. Woodcock to ring the tenor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES FLEURY Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
P.S. FREDK. REDGEWELL ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
CYRIL PEASE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method by ringers of the 2nd and 4th and by the Association. The conductor has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal, which is the 4th eight-bell tower he has accomplished this in. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, who attained the age of 69 on Sept. 18th and 22nd respectively.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

EOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED MARKWELL Treble	†PERCY JERVIS 5
†BERNARD DITCHER 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
†ALFRED TOMLINSON 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*RALPH SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM NASH 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE H. BARKER 3	*ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Ward) and Mr. A. Shepherd.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
HERBERT E. ALDSLEY ... 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
EDWIN F. FIRE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

REDMARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS 4
DAVID HORNE 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* EDWARD WOOD Treble	JAMES F. LAKER 4
STANLEY G. WHITE 2	SIDNEY WALTER 5
JACK WALTER 3	HARRISON SMITH Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY E. WHITE.

* First peal. Arranged for J. F. Laker, of Bridgewater, Mass., U.S.A., who is home on a short holiday after 10 years' absence in the States, and was elected a member previous to starting. All the ringers belong to the local band. J. F. Laker was a member before he left the old country, having rung five peals in the above tower, the first in February, 1907.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single and Double Court, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

* RICHARD BARNES Treble	THOS. ROGERS 4
* WALTER J. BATTLE 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
* JOHN COOKE 3	* SIDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor in six methods and first 720 of Surprise. This is the first peal rung by a Wirral band to include a 720 of Surprise.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* ALBERT HALSEY Treble	THOMAS HULL 4
* SAMUEL FARMER 2	RICHARD CHALKLEY 5
JOHN MALVAN 3	HARRY HOLLICK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALVAN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Samuel Farmer on his recent wedding. * First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Sept. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	* JOHN BAYLISS 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS 3	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Conducted by C. CANN.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES A. ROBINSON Treble	HARRY TYSOE 4
FRANK WEBB 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

TONY PRICE Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
* EDWARD BARKER 2	TOM GREENACRE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in more than one method. Quickest peal on the bells.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Single Oxford and four of Bob Minor, each called differently.

† WILLIAM E. HOLDEN Treble	* THOMAS BARTRAM 4
ALFRED O. BAILEY 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
* CHARLES G. BALL 3	GEORGE W. INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor rung in two methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to W. H. Compton, one of the local ringers, who was interred on the 12th.

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WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED H. ROSE Treble	ALEX. SHARPE 4
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5
CECIL H. HOLMES 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Arranged for Mr. C. H. Holmes, who was on a visit to the district, and was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting, it being his first attempt for a peal; also first peal by the ringer of the treble.

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. ROCK Treble	JOHN J. BEVAN 4
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS 5
JOHN GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Witnesses: H. PEARSON and W. BRIGHTWELL.

* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.'

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5046 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ERNEST S. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8

EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witness: S. HONE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3-4	† J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 1-2	* W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3-4	† J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7-8

Conducted by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand,' by the Guild.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

GOLDHANGER.—On Saturday, Sept. 9th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (12 bobs): J. D. Buckenham 1, H. B. Gardener 2, W. J. Sadler 3, O. J. Mann 4, F. Chalk 5, O. H. Howard (conductor) 6.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Sept. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3-4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Major.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT INSTITUTION HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER LAGO 1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5-6
WILLIAM D. WASE 3-4	*BERT RIXON 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY. Witness: WILLIAM R. EVANS.

* First peal on handbells. This is the first handbell peal of Triples rung by local ringers for the Hereford Guild, 'in the Diocese,' or in the county of Salop. The ringers are also members of the Salop Guild. Rung on Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst's bells.

THE EXTENSION OF BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In extending Bristol, Mr. Bankes James has added exactly the same places as Shipway did in extending Double Oxford.

In the Minor of the latter 4th's and 3rd's become 4th's and 3rd's, and 6th's and 5th's in Major; 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's, and 8th's and 7th's in Royal; 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's, 8th's and 7th's, 10th's and 9th's in Maximus, and so on, in regular progression to infinity. In the Major of the former 4th's and 3rd's and 6th's and 5th's become 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's, 8th's and 7th's and 10th's and 9th's in the Maximus, and so on in regular progression. In both cases it is this extension of place alone that produces the equivalent lead end on all numbers. That the extra dodging produced by the extra places is hidden in the Bristol is nothing to the point. The 'whole turns' have no more to do with the lead end than the 3-4 places of Kent have. Omit them, and you have the extra dodging fully revealed.

So far as Mr. James' extension is a correct one, it is just because he has extended it as Shipway did Double Oxford.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The O.U.G.C.R. held its annual ringing week this year in Lancashire. The headquarters were at the Diocesan Retreat House in Bolton, and the arrangements, which were on the same plan as in the last two years, were made by Canon Elsee, Vicar of St. George's. The following towers were visited: Monday: Holy Trinity, Bolton (a peal of Double Norwich), St. George's, Bolton; Tuesday, Horwich (peal attempt), Deane; The Saviour's, Bolton; and Manchester Town Hall; Wednesday, Whitworth (peal attempt), Rochdale, Milnrow and Heywood; Thursday, Stand, Prestwich, Middleton and Manchester Cathedral (a peal of Grandsire Caters); Friday, Hoghton (a peal of Little Bob Major), Brindle, Samlesbury, Tarleton, Croston and Whittle-le-Woods. There were thus only five peal attempts (of which three were successful), but no fewer than twenty towers were visited.

THE LATE MR. T. WALLIS.

Our readers will hear with regret that the widow and daughter of Mr. Tom Wallis, of Edenbridge, who, as reported in our last issue, died under such tragic circumstances, are through no fault of his left almost totally unprovided for.

At a meeting called to consider what could be done in these distressing circumstances, at which representatives from the various public bodies were present, a committee was appointed to organise the collection of a fund from which a small sum weekly could be paid to Mrs. Wallis, at any rate to tide over the present.

The representative character of the meeting testified in the strongest way to the services which Mr. Wallis had rendered to the place, and to the esteem in which he was held, and we do not feel we need emphasise this claim upon the many ringers who knew him. Contributions may be sent to Mr. J. Steady, Clothing Stores, Edenbridge, Kent.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following peals were rung during a ringing tour in the counties of Bedford and Buckingham, September 9th to 16th, 1922:—

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	...Treble	EDWIN JENKINS	5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	2	CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE... ..	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	4	KEITH HART... ..	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal in this method on the bells. Messrs. Sharman, Jenkins and Sippetts were proposed as N.R. life members of the Guild previous to making the attempt.

LINSLADE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. in A.	
EDWIN JENKINS	...Treble
EDMUND J. HOBBS	2
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	3
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4
GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.
The first peal of Major on these bells.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in D.	
*ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	...Treble
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2
CECIL C. MAYNE	3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	5
EDWIN JENKINS	6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
CHARLES W. CLARKE	8
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	9
KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Royal upon the bells. * First peal of Royal.

As a compliment to the Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association, seven visiting ringers were elected members of the Association in the belfry of All Saints'.

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	...Treble
ISAAC G. SHADE	2
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	3
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4
CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	5
EDWIN JENKINS	6
KEITH HART... ..	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The first peal of Stedman upon these bells, which were recast in 1910.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	...Treble
ISAAC G. SHADE	2
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	4
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	6
CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	7
JAMES GEORGE	...Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	...Treble
ARTHUR R. SHARMAN	2
CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	3
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE... ..	5
EDWIN JENKINS	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
KEITH HART... ..	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells, which were recast in 1911.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.	
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	...Treble
FRED HAYES	2
*ALBERT W. WALKER	3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4
EDWIN JENKINS	5
RALPH COLES	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
JAMES W. WILKINS	8
JAMES GEORGE	9
KEITH HART... ..	10
JAMES E. GROVES	11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	...Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT W. WALKER.
* 150th peal of Stedman Cinques by Mr. Walker, who was elected to membership of the Guild previous to calling 'go.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
*EDWARD R. COLES	...Treble
FRANK BOREHAM	2
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	3
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	5
EDWIN JENKINS	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
KEITH HART... ..	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.
* First Surprise peal. Mr. Jenkins' 100th peal. An attempt for this peal was made in the morning and failed at 2 hrs. and 40 mins.

WOBBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
EDWIN JENKINS	...Treble
ISAAC G. SHADE	2
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	5
CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	6
KEITH HART... ..	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.
Earlier in the day the same band rang nearly two hours for Superlative Surprise Major.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F flat.	
ISAAC G. SHADE	...Treble
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2
WILLIAM NEVARD	3
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	4
JOHN EVANS	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	6
KEITH HART... ..	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
The first peal on these bells, which were recast in 1912. A birthday greeting for the 2nd ringer. This performance completed the conductor's 1,000th peal.

A peal of London Surprise Major was attempted at Old Windsor in the evening and lost after 1 hr. and 40 mins. ringing.

SONNING DEANERY RINGERS AT CROYDON FOUNDRY

On Monday, Sept. 11th, members of the Sonning Deanery Branch availed themselves of the kind invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to visit the foundry at Croydon. Meeting at Wokingham, they travelled by charabanc to Sandhurst, where others were taken aboard, and thence to Croydon. Arrived at the foundry they were met by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Dean. Lunch was kindly provided for the party, during which tunes were played on the carillon in the foundry tower. Afterwards the party were shown over the works, seeing bells in every stage of production, including a carillon of 27 bells, which the firm is sending to Canada, and upon which Mr. Johnston struck tunes and chimes. Some most interesting things were seen in the clock-making departments, which emphasised the reputation this firm possesses, while a visit to the top of the tower was made, where a good view was obtained of the district. Tea was then partaken of, and Mr. Dentry, the branch secretary, thanked Mr. Johnston and Mr. Dean for their kindness, and for giving them such an enjoyable time.—Mr. Johnston replied, and said he hoped they would pay them another visit.

The return journey was made, and Wokingham reached about 8.45 p.m., when a touch of Stedman Triples on All Saints' bells concluded a very pleasant day.

Ringers forming the party came from All Saints', Wokingham (including Miss V. Robinson), Twyford, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Binsfield, and Sandhurst. Great praise is due to the combined practice committee, and especially to Mr. Jos. White, who made the arrangements.

10,848 BOB MAJOR.

By E. MULLINS.

23456 W M H

43652 — 3

54632 — 3

56342 — 2

53462 — 2

Repeat four times, with 5th's and 4th's instead of M in 2nd and 3rd parts; and W, S at H instead of the last two courses of the 5th part; bringing up the half peal end, 32456.

This is the composition which Mr. E. Morris proposes to 'tap' on handbells on Saturday, October 7th.

ACCIDENT TO MR. BEN GOUGH.

The ringing friends of Mr. Ben Gough, of Princes End, Tipton, will regret to learn that a serious accident befel him on the night of Saturday, Sept. 18th. He had been paying a visit to the veteran Midland ringer, Mr. Wm. R. Small, of Great Bridge, during the early part of the evening, and together they went to St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton, to listen to the finish of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. After extending his congratulations to the band, Mr. Gough wended his way home via what is known locally as Summer Hill Bridge. The roads in this particular area in recent years have been 'swagged' by mining operations, and just at this particular spot are very dangerous to pedestrians in the dark. Mr. Gough accidentally stepped into a hole, which held him by the heel of his boot, and caused him badly to twist his left ankle. The accident is to be regretted, as his absence from the ringing world will be keenly felt. All who know him will wish the genial 'Ben' a speedy recovery, and trust he will soon be about again amongst his brother ringers with all his wonted interest and enthusiasm.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S OUTING.

On Thursday, Sept. 14th, the Oxford Society had an outing which took the form of a charabanc trip to Reading via Abingdon, Dorchester, Henley and Shiplake. The party left Oxford at 9.15 a.m., and Dorchester was reached in about an hour. After inspecting the historic old Abbey, the bells were set going to Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The party then proceeded to Henley, where touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Major were rung. The next stop was Shiplake, where a most enjoyable lunch was served at the Plough Inn. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. (Master of the Oxford Guild), honoured the company with his presence at lunch, and continued with them during the afternoon. In Reading the party visited the towers of St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Lawrence's, where Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were successfully brought round. After finishing at St. Lawrence's Church, the party left for home via Streteley and Wallingford, Oxford being reached at 8.30 p.m. The weather was dull, but this did not materially affect the day's programme, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The members of the party greatly appreciated the kindness extended to them by members of the towers visited, and this contributed largely towards the success of the outing. They also wish to thank the incumbents of the various towers for the use of the bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new peal of six for Peckham, near Canterbury, are being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and the firm are also adding two trebles to increase the ring at Stanmore, Middlesex, to eight.

At Thames Ditton, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the peal of six, and they are also rehangings the six at Hampton, Devon.

Mr. James George has sustained another bereavement by the death of a sister—the third member of his family to pass away within the last two years, one being Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh. Of a family of nine brothers and sisters, only two now remain.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

Henry Bagley, the son of a blacksmith, and the first of the Northamptonshire bell founders, was baptised at Chacombe on October 2nd, 1608.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells was rung by Messrs. G. R., W. and E. Pye and W. Keeble at Romford on October 1st, 1907.

On October 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short.

A 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (the first on record) was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on Oct. 3rd, 1863.

Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham, rang his 150th peal of Stedman Cinques on Sept. 13th. Of these he has conducted 55. This is a remarkable achievement even for a ringer in such a centre of twelve-bell ringing as Birmingham.

On Saturday, October 7th, Mr. A. T. Morris, of Harwich, who has 'tapped' such a large number of peals, will attempt a 10,848 Bob Major at 5, King's Head Street, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. Any ringers who wish to be present should communicate with Mr. Morris as soon as possible. The figures of the peal are available.

Mr. Tom Russam was the referee of the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham on September 7th. This was omitted from the report.

The report of the peal of Stedman Caters, at Ewerby, Lincolnshire, should read: First peal of Stedman Caters by ringer of 9th, 50th peal by ringer of 4th. The ringer of the 2nd was Holden, not Holmes.

Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer are rehangings the peal of six at Freiston and the ring of five at Algakirk (both near Boston, Lincs), the work including new gudgeons and bearings and general overhauling.

There are many lady ringers in the West of England who do not yet belong to the Ladies' Guild, and the district secretary, Miss E. Smith, of 25, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol, will be very glad to welcome them as members.

A PEAL OF 12 FOR EXETER.

Just as we are going to press we hear that two new trebles are to be added to Exeter Cathedral's magnificent ring, to make a peal of twelve.

The new bells have been offered by Mr. Arthur Thomas, a well-known resident of Exeter, and have been accepted by the Dean and Chapter.

It is hoped that the bells, which will be a crowning glory to the grandest peal in the world, will be installed before Christmas.

LADIES' GUILD.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS POSTPONED.

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last, at St. Mark's, Bath, and was much enjoyed by a good company of ringers, including a band from St. Mark's, Swindon.

As, unfortunately, only six members of the Guild were present, it was considered impossible to hold the annual business meeting for the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, and this was postponed until the next quarterly meeting, which it was decided should take place in Bristol, as being most central, early in December, and that the present secretary make arrangements.

One new member, Miss Ethel Pacey, of Rumney, Cardiff, was elected.

The Ladies' Guild is much indebted to the Vicar and ringers of St. Mark's for their kind welcome.

LATE NOTICE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abergavenny, Mon., on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available. Church service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

A PREBENDARY'S NONSENSE.**WHAT A FINANCE BOARD WAS ASKED TO BELIEVE.**

A remarkable accusation with regard to bells was made last week by Prebendary Farrer at a meeting of the Board of Finance for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, at which the Marquis of Bath presided, and the Bishop of the Diocese and the Bishop of Taunton were among those present. Having commented upon the fact that the committee had only been able to make comparatively small grants to parishes that had to raise large sums, and that further large claims for church maintenance were expected, he added:

One of the causes, I may almost say curse, of our churches falling into disrepair, are the bells. Our towers were never built to hold an enormous number of bells. They were built to hold four or five, and now in some parishes there is a race to see how many bells they can cram in. They do not go to an architect, but to a firm of bell hangers, who put as many bells as they can without regard for the building. There is one church in this diocese that has ten bells already, and they want twelve. Really, there ought to be some moderation. Church towers ought not to be expected to stand a strain for which they were never built.

Bell founders and ringers know how to appraise such nonsense, but it is a serious matter when a statement of this kind goes forth to the world as the considered opinion of a member of a Diocesan Finance Board. Prebendary Farrer was unlucky when he alighted on the Taunton augmentation to illumine his case, as we endeavour to show in our leading article.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS.**MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' ACHIEVEMENT.**

Mr. George Williams, the present Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, whose name for more than a generation has been almost a household word among ringers, has just achieved a distinction shared only by three other members of the Exercise. On Sept. 16th, at Wraybury, Bucks, he completed his one thousand peals, the only other ringers who have as yet reached that number being the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. William Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association), and Mr. I. G. Shade, of Greenwich.

Few ringers have done more spadework in the teaching of beginners than has Mr. Williams, and the majority of the peals which he has rung in the simpler methods have been in assisting young ringers in their early efforts.

Mr. Williams was born at East Meon, Hants, on May 7th, 1857, and was first introduced to a bell at the age of twelve, when residing at Droxford. Here he used to chime for service, and sometimes with an uncle and two cousins rang the four bells at this church. In the neighbouring parish of Soberton he commenced ringing Grand-sire Doubles, but as the only method employed was that of learning the work of a bell all through, Mr. Williams became tired of it, and left the bellry for the pastimes of cricket, bicycling (in the days of the old high ordinary) and volunteering. With the formation of the Winchester Guild in 1879 and 1880, better opportunities for ringing presented themselves, and Mr. Williams was drawn back to the tower. He rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—on January 7th, 1884, at Soberton—the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. The next year he removed to Reigate, and afterwards to Fareham (where he was appointed instructor to the Guild). Next he moved to Midhurst, where the Sussex Association made him one of its instructors. Many hands in Hampshire and Sussex owed their start in ringing to his aid, and when he left Fareham he was presented with a nicely bound volume of the Shipway reprint, while on leaving Midhurst his services were recognised by the gift of a handsomely written and bound peal book.

After his departure from West Sussex, Mr. Williams lived in Brighton for 16 years, and it was during his connection with the St. Peter's Company that Sussex was raised to a proud position in the ringing world, a position for which the enterprise of the Brighton band was largely responsible. The band were pioneers in Surprise methods outside London, Cambridge and Superlative, and they rang peals of New Cumberland, Oxford, Bristol, Gloucester, Westminster and Norfolk Surprise Major. Mr. Williams was their principal conductor, and to his ability they owed a large share of their success.

In 1893, Mr. Williams was elected hon. sec. of the Central Division of the Sussex Association, which post he held until he left Brighton in 1905, when his great services to the Association were recognised by the presentation of a handsome silver tea service suitably engraved, and his election as a life honorary member.

After taking up his residence at West End, Southampton, Mr. Williams joined the North Stoneham band. Here he has done much to raise them to the forefront among Winchester Diocesan ringers, after being largely instrumental in getting the peal increased from six to eight. Mr. Williams' knowledge and enthusiasm were soon made use of by the Guild, and he served for some years as general hon. secretary before being elected to the position of Master.

It was on one of the annual peal ringing tours which Mr. Williams has made in various parts of the country that he completed his 1,000 peals, the list of which is appended.

	Rung.	Conducted.
On six bells	28	23
Bob Triples	6	4
Bob Major	61	43
Bob Royal	2	2
Grandsire Triples	100	78
Grandsire Triples (on handbells) ...	4	4
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Caters	10	5
Union Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	257	191
Stedman Caters	34	21
Stedman Cinques	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	83	70
Kent Treble Bob Royal	18	11
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Double Norwich Major	142	125
Double Norwich Royal	1	—
College Exercise Major	1	—
Champion Major	1	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	1
Westminster Surprise Major	3	1
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	1
Oxford Surprise Major	3	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major ...	6	6
Bristol Surprise Major	3	2
London Surprise Major	48	41
Superlative Surprise Major	126	91
Cambridge Surprise Major	47	37
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	—
Total ...	1,000	763

THE YORKSHIRE DINNER.

The first commemoration dinner, organised by the Yorkshire Association, to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Association, was held last Saturday at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, and was a great success. The proceedings were attended by visitors from all parts of Yorkshire, and from London, Surrey, Loughborough, Birmingham and Newcastle. There was ringing during the afternoon at various churches, and a company of 117 sat down to dinner.

A fuller report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**GRATIFYING EXPANSION OF EXETER BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter District of the Guild of Devonshire ringers was held at Honiton-Clyst on Saturday week, when members, to the number of 30, were present from St. Sidwell's and St. David's, Exeter, Topsham, Withycombe Raleigh, Newton St. Cyres, Cheriton Fitzpain, Honiton-Clyst, Sowton and Christow. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. B. Clarke (Vicar), who gave a very impressive address, and Mrs. Clarke very ably presided at the organ.

Tea was subsequently partaken of in the Institute, and was followed by the business meeting. Among those present were the chairman of the district (Mr. E. Shepherd), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. N. J. Southwood) and assistant secretary (Mr. J. C. Oke), the Rev. H. B. Clarke, and the Rev. N. H. Arundel (Cheriton Fitzpain).

One of the most gratifying features of the meeting was the number of new members proposed, which speaks volumes for the work now being carried on in the interest of change ringing in the district. It is hoped that this will be an incentive to other bands to join the Guild, take up the art, and receive the help given by the Guild. The following are the bands who were proposed: Poughill, Rev. N. B. Gurney, hon. member and 4 associate members; Otterton, Rev. Grimaldi, hon. members and 9 associate members; Kenn, Rev. Vining, hon. members and 8 associate members; Cheriton Fitzpain, Rev. N. H. Arundel, hon. member and 5 associate members; Honiton-Clyst, 1 associate member.

Four members who had qualified were awarded the Guild certificate.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the excellent arrangements made, and to Mrs. Clarke.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome the Guild to Honiton-Clyst, and he hoped they would pay a further visit in the near future.—The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The bells, a fine peal of eight, were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening, and some nice touches brought round.

HELD OVER.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have had to hold over the reports of several outings and other items.

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Q-SET PRINCIPLES IN METHOD CONSTRUCTION.*To the Editor.***NO BEARING UPON INTERNAL ROWS.**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Powell really must excuse our 'ordinary mid-Victorian' minds in that they were led into misinterpreting his remarks, ancient the gaudy bit of patchwork—as being intentionally humorous. But his pursuance of this mixed method of argument in last week's 'Ringing World,' wherein two distinct issues are set in conflict, calls for prompt reply in all seriousness. Space here is far too valuable to be occupied in quibbling over particular meanings of words employed in connection with ringing. But every ringer knows that by the 'science' of ringing is understood that phase which is distinctive from the practical side of it—the art of the thing. Our question, at the time of Mr. Powell's entry into the arena, was simply that of method construction and extension, particularly as it related to Bristol; and as explained in the earlier sections of the article, method construction deals solely with the design of a change-block itself; that is, the arrangement of changes between lead-head and lead-end. Now 'Q-set' is a term which was coined by the late W. H. Thompson to express the relation between certain rows of changes which occur in methods at the parting only of the leads; and in principles at the parting only of the divisions; that is to say, the principles of the Q-set theory, relating as they do to composition (as embracing the junction of leads or divisions into courses, and of courses into extents and peals), have no bearing whatever upon method designing, which constitutes the arrangement of rows within a lead or division and that alone. Indeed, composition in any given method can only begin where method construction leaves off; and unfortunately Mr. Powell's last letter confuses the two distinct issues. Now it was to the former that we referred, when we spoke of 'the fabric'; and although Mr. Powell now suggests otherwise, we are fully alive to the fact that this fabric, in itself, is constructed 'scientifically' in the true sense; and that it abounds in theorems and laws; as has been amply demonstrated by Heywood, Thompson and others. But let us get down below this fabric; on what does it rest? Why, sir, it rests on something which, as we explained in our last letter, is evolved from one or two arbitrary conventions; something, for the production of which there are no fixed laws whatever; and that something is the change block; more often called a 'lead' in a method, and a 'division' in a principle; and this fact becomes all the more clear when it is remembered that except for the limitations imposed by the few conventions above mentioned, the scope of the designer, in building his block, is unbounded.

One of his limitations is that his lead-heads and lead-ends must be of the normal coursing order; and once this is established the composer, stringing together the leads into courses by means of varied call-positions, follows the principles of the Q-set theory; and this brings about inevitably the association of leads when extension is entered upon. At this juncture it is worth noting that Mr. Powell, in raising the question of the Q-set principle, is only adding a stronger plank to my platform, since it serves to illustrate that association of leads is vital—a fact which Mr. Powell strove, in his first letter, to disprove. On the other hand, it is at once evident, to anyone who looks at the matter even superficially, that in the field of composition, things could not 'just grow, like Topsy'; they must be tended and cultivated carefully in the early stages; and then their subsequent growth proceeds under the government of the laws as defined by the Q-set theory. But there is a particular Q-set governing composition in every different method whose lead ends are arranged in varied order.

One thing should be borne constantly in mind by all theorists; namely, that in the ringers' court, as constituted by this invaluable paper, all cases should be conducted in terms which cannot mislead or confuse any one member in its public benches. To this end, we would point out that every member of a Q-set (in methods at least) has the treble bell at lead; and thus it is that any attempt to treat the interior rows of a change-block as members of a Q-set, results in nothing else but another patch in that cloak of mystery which some theorists are prone to throw over the whole matter.

And so, sir, do we find ourselves in a position in which we can make a bold and incontrovertible statement: The Q-set theory, since it deals solely with the rows found at the parting of change-blocks, cannot have the slightest bearing upon the inside rows of a change-block; and since the business of method construction is confined to the arrangements of these inside rows (the 'head' and 'end' rows of any block being fixed by convention) the Q-set principles can never have the slightest effect, either one way or the other on method construction and extension.

No, sir, the actual truth is that apart from the observation of the given conventions the designer may freely exercise his will in building a change-block, certain 'shunts,' of course, producing certain inevitable results within the block. There yet remain to be formulated the principles governing these latter; and it is these principles which some misguided theorists would have the Exercise believe to be of the Q-set order. Frankly, sir, is not that too absurd?—Very truly yours,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

Q-SETS REQUIRE CLEAN PROOF SCALE.

Dear Sir,—The Q-set is of such a nature that if you do not violate it, it will produce the extent of the changes. It follows from this, that every method which follows the Q-set rule must have a clean proof scale, even with the tenors apart. Why will people keep on wasting your valuable space by rushing into print before testing their theories?—Yours, etc.,

Surfleet.

H. LAW JAMES.

DEATH OF AN OLD ESSEX RINGER.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5th the death occurred at High Street, Kelvedon, after a short illness, of Mr. H. Elliott, who had until recently been a ringer at the Parish Church for about 50 years, and had also been employed in Felix Hall gardens for 54 years. He was laid to rest on Friday, Sept. 8th, amid every token of respect, and in the evening a date touch of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by E. Dale 1, F. Dale, junr. 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, J. Elliott 4, E. Bone 5, W. Elliott 6. The number of calls used (69) was the same as the age of the deceased ringer.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A DELAYED ANNUAL REPORT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Barcombe on Saturday, Sept. 16th. This meeting was on the programme for 1914-15. Barcombe, situated a few miles from Lewes, has six bells, and this is the first meeting the Association has held there. Although the number present was not great, some spade-work was done, and it is hoped, progress made. Ringing commenced at about 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Farrar), who also gave a very interesting address. Afterwards all adjourned to the Rectory, where a splendid tea had been provided.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, and being supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).—The Rector opened the meeting by giving the Association a most hearty welcome to Barcombe, and gave for a motto, 'I'll try.' The business was mostly of a routine nature, and the election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: Messrs. R. Sanders (Stepney), H. W. Clark (Cubitt Town), W. Perkins (Irthlingborough), W. B. Cartwright (Birmingham), H. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells), H. A. Edwards (Asherwood, East Grinstead).

Discussion arose as to when the report would appear, and disappointment was expressed that it was not yet published. The following resolution was passed: 'That this quarterly meeting respectfully express its regret that the annual report of the Association is so very late in appearing this year.'

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and for his kind hospitality; also to the organist and the ladies who waited upon the visitors at tea. The jovial manner in which the Rector welcomed the Association was remarked by all.

The tower was again visited until about 8 o'clock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at Ambleside on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Members from Broughton-in-Furness, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Ulverston and Silverdale, attended, and had a smooth passage on Windermere Lake.—The Rev. J. B. Bolland (Vicar) presided, and warmly welcomed the visitors. Dalton-in-Furness was the place chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, and Kirkby-in-Furness for the next half-yearly ringing meeting.

Before and after partaking of the hospitality provided by the local ringers, the 20 members present, including six ladies, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

It was agreed that efforts be made to increase the membership of the Branch.

SOUTH WALES RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 16th, the Rumney Guild visited Bristol for their annual outing. The boat trip from Cardiff was much enjoyed, and by the time Bristol was reached everyone had gained a keen appetite. Afterwards the band adjourned to St. Michael's, where they were heartily welcomed by Miss Smith (the local secretary) and other ringers. Several touches were rung, and then tracks were made for the city, where a most pleasant time was spent in various ways.

Later in the evening the party took charabanc to Weston, and from thence reached Cardiff by boat. Rumney was eventually safely reached, everyone voting it had been 'a grand day.' The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Rector of St. Michael's for use of bells, and also those who helped to give them such a pleasant time.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from 'Holt's Original,' in 40 mins.: L. H. Page 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, 720 Bob Minor: C. Slingsby 1, Miss R. Thomas 2, W. Sherwood 3, V. Sherwood 4, B. Baker 5, H. Parkes (conductor) 6.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss H. E. Mackie (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Spencer 2, A. Beckensale 3, W. C. Parker 4, J. Milner 5, J. H. Preston (conductor) 6, J. Phillips 7, W. F. Smith 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Wild 1, S. E. Moye (first quarter-peal in any method) 2, T. W. Taffender, junr., 3, J. R. Gammon 4, J. S. Hawkins 5, W. Berry 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, J. Trimmer (first quarter-peal) 8.

GORSEINON, GLAM.—At St. Catherine's Church, for morning service, on Sept. 17th, 760 Grandsire Doubles: *Reg. Dobbins (age 14) 1, C. Willie 2, J. Williams (conductor) 3, W. Dobbins 4, A. Sluman 5, *Alan MacMillan 6. *Longest touch.—For evening service, 210 Grandsire Triples: Alan MacMillan 1, A. Sluman 2, C. Willis (longest touch on an inside bell) 3, R. Baird 4, Wal. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, H. Warrie 8.

KESWICK.—At Crosthwaite Church, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Hartley 1, Mrs. T. Wilson 2, T. Wilson 3, Rev. M. C. Potter (Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne) 4, F. Grisdale 5, T. Hogarth (conductor) 6.

BURSLEM, STAFF.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Parish Church a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for the evening service: H. Box 1, P. Kelsall (first 720) 2, A. Lees 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hurd (conductor) 5, T. Hilditch 6.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Moody 1, W. G. Matthews 2, P. J. Norton (first quarter inside) 3, W. T. Elson 4, A. Jones 5, J. Herbert 6, E. Cassel (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

ROYSTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 672 Stedman Triples: A. Gilbert 1, W. L. Darlow 2, W. B. Manning (conductor) 3, C. S. Gouldthorpe 4, S. E. Roberts 5, J. W. Ward 6, R. G. King 7, F. Harper 8.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Harris 1, W. Ricketts 2, F. Smith 3, O. Attwood 4, E. Wallace 5, T. Devereux 6, C. W. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 240 of Kent and Oxford, and a course of Cambridge Surprise: F. Simpson 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. Tilley 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.—Also 360 of College Single: H. Hayes 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, H. Holmes 4, W. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6.—For evening service, 720 of St. Clement's: H. Hayes 1, F. Simpson (first in the method inside) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Baker 1, Miss R. Thomas 2, W. H. Lambert 3, C. Tribe 4, H. Baker 5, B. Baker 6, R. E. Burgess 7, J. Neve 8, and 168 with R. Want 4 and W. Button 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 10th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, H. Barton (conductor) 3, J. Bacon 4, H. Phillips 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, after the unveiling of the town's war memorial by H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, three 168's of Grandsire, one 168 of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by W. Johnson, W. Chambers, W. Scott, senr., J. Bacon, A. Callaway, W. Scott, junr., H. Phillips, W. Upton and J. Leal.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for Matins, 420 Stedman Triples and 377 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8.—For evensong, 420 Stedman and 224 Bob Major. All conducted by A. Callaway. First touch of Major as conductor.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 27th, a 504 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy M. Leader 1, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 2, A. W. Leader 3, G. W. Bedford 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, B. T. Beeson (Guildford) 7, A. Perryman 8.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.—On Sunday morning, August 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: E. Wood 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, J. F. Laker 4, H. Smith 5, S. G. White (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, Aug. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 22 mins.: E. Wood 1, H. Smith 2, S. Walter 3, J. F. Laker 4, J. Walter 5, S. G. White (conductor) 6. Rung as a welcome home for a short holiday to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Laker, both natives of the village, after an absence of ten years in Bridgwater, Mass., U.S.A.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

AN ABANDONED MEETING.

The meeting that should have taken place at Cogenhoe on Saturday last, was unavoidably cancelled on the preceding Thursday, which prevented stopping intending visitors by notice in 'The Ringing World.' Each tower in the district was notified of the fact, and it was also advertised in the 'Northampton Chronicle,' but perhaps all members did not see this notice. If any members went to Cogenhoe and were disappointed, the hon. secretary (Mr. S. J. Lawrence) hopes they will forgive.

The Rector of Milton (the Rev. B. E. Evans) has kindly asked the Association to hold a meeting at Milton, and also given cordial invitation to all members and friends to tea (see notice on another page). As this will be the first visit to Milton it is hoped members will make a special effort to attend, and give encouragement to the young band who are making great strides in the art of campanology at that tower. There are frequent buses from Guildhall Road, Northampton. Fare 5d.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ORSETT.

A quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Orsett on Saturday last, members attending from Barking, Brentwood, Bentley, Romford, Leytonstone, Stanford-le-Hope, and Gravesend. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Wells and London Surprise Minor, were brought round. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Eisdell), who also gave an appropriate address. An excellent tea, arranged by Mr. A. Keeling, the genial steeplekeeper, was partaken of at the Whitmore Arms, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mrs. Eisdell.

At the meeting which followed, two honorary members, three probationers and two ringing members were elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting (annual) at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.—Mr. E. Butler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the kind welcome extended to the members, also to Mr. A. Keeling and other friends who helped to make the meeting a success.—Messrs. Wightman, Morris and Plummer, of Woodford, gave a selection of tunes on the handbells, which was much appreciated. After a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the visitors returned to the tower till 8.30, when all made tracks for home to the tune of Triples and Bob Major, and another selection on the handbells in the bus. The meeting was one of the best held for some time.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH BRANCH MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Quatt on Saturday, September 9th, and was well attended by members from St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Stockton, Coalbrookdale and Quatt.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Roper), the Guild form being used. Both before and after service the bells were kept going. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Rector.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. J. Roper presiding.—Six new ringing members were elected, including the Rev. James Stewart Jobling, the new Rector of St. Mary's, Bridgnorth.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1922.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kind hospitality, and to Mrs. Garbett for her kindness in waiting on the visitors.—The Rector, responding, said he was only too pleased to do what lay in his power for ringers, and ringing generally.

A short musical programme followed by St. Leonard's handbell ringers on the Green outside the Parish Room, and was greatly appreciated by all. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, and ringing continued till 7.30. Five ringers qualified for certificates, and the methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, this bringing to a close a very enjoyable and instructive meeting.

MANCHESTER.—At St. Philip's, Hulme, on Friday, Sept. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss E. Tonge 1, A. Bailey 2, J. Hall 3, F. Page 4, W. H. Shaker 5, J. Wilson 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, W. J. Bradshaw (first quarter-peal) 8.

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THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR. PEAL RINGING IN BEDS AND BUCKS.

By W. H. F.

Preparations were begun rather late for our expedition in September, consequently several well-known men were absent, and we were not favoured by the ever-welcome company of a clergyman. Some two or three apologies for absence by old members compelled the organiser to seek 'fresh blood' to make up the full party, for, after securing the kind co-operation of the respective clergy and foremen of towers to be visited, it would never do to 'close down' at the eleventh hour.

The peals list compares very favourably with those of other years—when George Williams, of Brighton, and his stalwart men were a byword in 'Bell News' days—because the first seven attempts came off straight from the handstroke. Bucks alone was to have been the limit of our wanderings for the metal, but the county of Bedford has an up-to-date honorary ringing secretary, and his encouragement relieved the writer of much trouble, and made a happy beginning to our week's tour by three good days—and don't forget the nights, in Bed—fordshire. Perhaps in the form of a diary it would be better to offer my notes of the seven days' proceedings which may be of some interest to those readers who have enjoyed similar holidays in the past. Programmes, with instructions and details as to bed, board and travelling, had been sent out in advance to all concerned, yet the man who prepared them was the first to be marked up 'absent.'

Dunstable.—Rev. Canon W. W. O. Baker, Rector; Mr. G. W. Healey, foreman.

Ten men were to have met here on Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 3 p.m. Eight of them met, and rang the peal. The other two were kicking themselves for an hour or two on the station platform at Knebworth, having passed the junction at Hatfield for Dunstable. We—the two Bills—took the opportunity of seeing Hatfield Church and Lord Salisbury's tomb, and arrived at Dunstable Church at six o'clock, in time to hear the last hour of some good ringing. Mr. Tom Blackburne (of Blackburne and Greenleaf's fame), Mr. A. Edwards (Boreham), and several local ringers, joined us in front of the beautiful Norman west elevation of this ancient priory church and offered congratulations to the peal hands. Canon Baker, who usually takes a spell with the ringers here, was away on holiday, and, although a Bedfordshire band rang 3 hours and 10 minutes last spring for a peal of Cambridge Major, these men—sportsmen, I might add—raised no objection to our party attempting the same method. Not long ago a certain Lincolnshire Vicar was ringing the tenor to a peal of Major at this church. The tenor box is beside the trap door in the floor, which is reached only by means of a long dangerous old rung ladder. The curate, taking duty for evensong, climbed the ladder to ask the ringers to cease for 20 minutes; but when the trap door began to lift, the reverend conductor jumped heavily on to it, and resumed his place on the box. His identity might be discovered from the curate's exclamation of surprise, 'Oh! lor', James.' Tea at 7 p.m. in the High Street was enjoyed to the sound of a well-trained brass band, and the 8.12 train to Leighton Buzzard boarded.

Leighton Buzzard.—Rev. G. F. Hills, Vicar; Mr. J. Nicholls, foreman.

'The Plume of Feathers' offered us accommodation, and we were most homely here—thanks to Bertram Studley—with a room all to ourselves. Our members were divided in the morning, some going to Linslade Church to make up their morning band, and others to Leighton tower, less than a mile away. All Saints' Church is wide and spacious, having two transepts of similar proportion, with a central tower and spire (all in stone). The ringing room is consequently very large. Touches of Caters and Major were rung for Divine service at 11 a.m., assisted by Mr. A. Edwards, Foreman Nicholls, and Mrs. E. Brownsworth, the last of a war team of ladies taught by Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Bonfield, the local conductor, who, alas, has had to give up tower ringing on account of ill-health. Our grandfathers in the Exercise realised that one must feed well to work well, and this applies to ringing, especially when there's a week of it. The luncheon at 12.30 consisted of boiled leg of mutton—a favourite dish of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford's, who did some mighty work at the 'big end' in his day—in the tower?

Linslade (Bucks) and Leighton Buzzard (Beds), divided by the River Ouse, are now merged into one since the L. and N.W.R. made a station at the former parish. Linslade old church, now in ruins, is two miles away, surrounded by one or two old farmhouses. The modern church at Southcott made use of the bells from the old tower in its present ring. It was so badly planned that the ringing room possessed no window or ventilator until the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Mahony, had two put in before leaving for Boyne Hill, Maidenhead. Mrs. L. Lydekker, wife of the present Vicar, is a daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and both she and the Vicar evinced much interest in our visit. The foreman, Mr. J. Vickers, and Mr. J. Sears, 'yes, uncle,' to the Brothers Sears, of Bletchley, added their congratula-

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 285th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at 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. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tea will be provided at the Imperial Café at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Rd., Grantham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. After service, tea and business meeting. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at Wigston. The bells (two rings of 8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Committee meet at 4.30. Tea will be at 5.30, followed by general meeting, in the Church School, Wigston Magna.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Heckfield on Saturday, Sept. 30th (visiting Sherfield en route). Tower open after tea. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Visit Rotherwick at about 6.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GREASLEY.—Preliminary Notice.—The new peal at St. Mary's, Greasley, will be available for ringing on Saturday, September 30th, from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All ringers are cordially invited.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 26th. A good attendance of members is desired, there being some important business to discuss. A hearty welcome to members of other Societies.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Business: Annual report and election of officers. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolroom 5 o'clock. Trams from the Cross every 10 minutes.—Capt. A. A. Bennett, Hon. Sec., Newton House, London Road, Gloucester.

tions to the team on finishing the Major here. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was expected, but as a solace we found a Mr. Jenkins to introduce to our friends during the tour in the Master's absence. (To be continued.)

LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Isham, near Kettering, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All desiring tea please notify Miss Hepburn, The Pines, Isham.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock and business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after the service.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 30th, commencing at 3.30 p.m.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 2 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Visitors the guests of the Vicar. Short service 6 o'clock, all ringers welcomed.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wooton, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. If possible it is hoped that all members will try and attend.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A Special meeting will be held at Watford, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough, Northants.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Autumn meeting will be held as usual at Royston, on Saturday, 30th September. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringers heartily welcomed.—F. R. Bacon, Sec., Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. The Annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough (8) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, preacher, Rev. H. T. Parry, of Bigby. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Co-operative Hall.—H. L. Pask, Hon. Sec., 28, The Strait, Lincoln.

ALTERATION OF DATE OF MEETING.—**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Sept. 30th. Service, 4 o'clock, with address, followed by tea at moderate charge. Kindly let me know not later than October 2nd.—Bert Redgwell, Hudson's Hill, Wethersfield, near Braintree.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, October 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m. Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement's, Oct. 16th and 30th; Wilton Road, Oct. 9th, at 7 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Oct. 23rd. Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 3rd and 31st; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on the

12th and 26th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, October 4th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The ring of bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (5), St. Lawrence (5), will be open for the use of members throughout the day, excepting during the time of Divine service. Divine service will be conducted by the Dean of Norwich in the church of St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.30 p.m. The preacher, the Venerable A. R. Buckland, M.A., Archdeacon of Norfolk. The president and committee earnestly hope that all the members attending the annual meeting of the Association will be present at the service. Dinner will be served in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, at 1.30 p.m.; tickets 2s. 6d. each. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must without fail notify the General Secretary on or before Saturday, September 30th. Committee meeting will be held at 11.15 a.m. in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street. Members, District Secretaries and leaders of Companies are particularly requested to remit to the General Secretary all outstanding subscriptions, on or before September 30th.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House at 5.30 for those who notify A. Panther, 25, Sandymount Road, not later than 3rd Oct., at 1/6 per head.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. M. Allen. Tea provided by the Association, at Cremer's Restaurant, High Street, and business meeting to follow. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me by first post, October 4th. Tunstall (6) will be open after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1922. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacey, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea provided for those only that let me know by Oct. 4th.—A. Tomkins, Bredenbury, Bromyard.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, October 7th. Tea 1/3. Send numbers to Rev. A. G. Allen, Whiston Rectory, Rotherham.—J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th, at Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Annual party at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tickets, 2/6 and 2/3, from local Secretaries.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea arranged.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/1 per head after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. B. E. Evans, to those who notify Mr. J. A. Townsend, Milton, before Oct. 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Brown. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Bradley, Dodd's Farm, Fryerning?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th. Distribution of reports.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (6) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHURCH CONGRESS ASSEMBLY IN SHEFFIELD.—Will visitors to the above Congress who are desirous of ringing on the Cathedral bells (12), kindly communicate with me as early as possible?—Colin Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

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