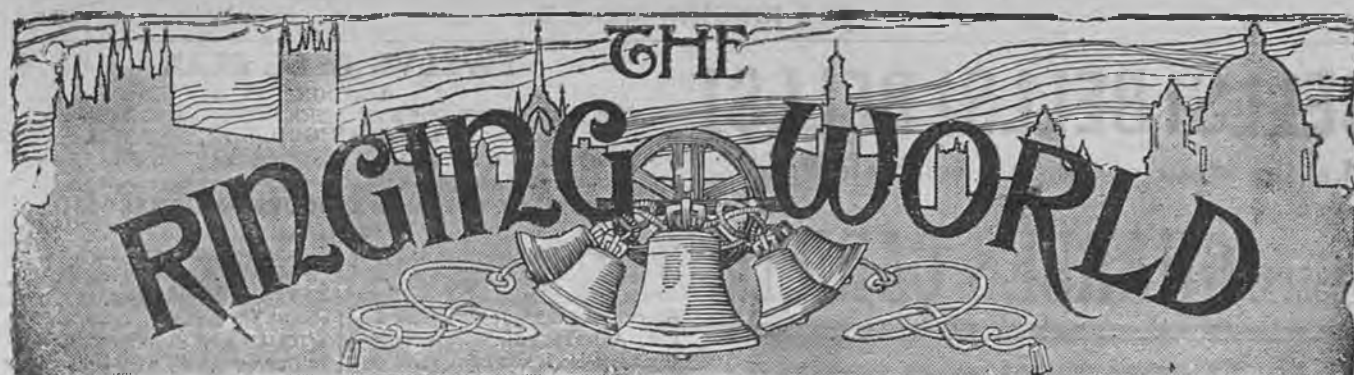




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Slowly, but surely, the number of rings of twelve bells are increasing, and the latest addition—Taunton, opened last Saturday—is not only a welcome one, but stands out as a striking example of a triumph of constructional engineering in connection with modern bell hanging. St. Mary's Church possesses a very fine tower, but the movement of the steeple when the old peal of ten was ringing was such as to influence the Advisory Board of the Diocese to recommend refusal of the application to increase the peal to twelve, and thus the promoters of the scheme met with a serious obstacle when the Chancellor refused the faculty. Calling in an expert architect and practised ringer in Mr. G. H. Phillott, the Committee obtained a professional opinion which eventually convinced the Chancellor that there would be no risk to the fabric if the work was placed in the hands of competent bell-bangers; and Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, whose contract was accepted for the work, have provided a splendid illustration of how the present-day bell-hanger can actually, in carrying out an augmentation, strengthen a tower instead of weakening it. The cross-braced girder foundation anchored into the walls and carrying the bell frame has given the tall tower a stability which it never had in the past, and when objections are raised in other places to increasing the number of bells on account of a supposed risk to the tower, Taunton can be pointed to as a classical example of what can be done when a firm of experience and competence is called in.

As to the bells themselves, they are of a useful weight, and should thus be a great centre of progressive work in that part of the country. Heavy peals of twelve are often a handicap to beginners upon this number on account of the additional difficulties of ropesight caused by the big bells having to be pulled off in changes in front of some of the little ones they are striking over, but on a peal with a tenor just under 30 cwt., this disadvantage is much minimised. Hence Taunton should prove an ideal place—when management of the seventy-five feet draught has been secured—for Somerset ringers to make their initial acquaintance with twelve-bell ringing. We hope the new peal will afford opportunities for many West-Country ringers, as well as the Taunton men, to become proficient upon twelve, and that it will give a really good fillip to change-ringing in Somerset. There is room in that county for a much wider extension of change ringing, particularly in the higher methods, and with the Taunton men entering upon their new possession with increased zest, it is hoped an even greater activity than now prevails may be manifest in other towers in that area.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS 1	...Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2		GEORGE B. LUCAS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3		THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 4		REUBEN SANDERS 10
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5		WILLIAM PYE 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6		JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD 1	...Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 6
*CHARLES F. MITCHELL ... 2		HENRY S. ELLIS 7
GEORGE A. CARD 3		WILLIAM ESSERY 8
ERNEST A. REEVE 4		HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM J. DEAN 5		WILLIAM J. HEWSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN BRADLEY. Conducted by HARRY MANCE.
* First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 1	...Treble	*CHARLES WINNER 6
*HERBERT AUDSLEY 2		WILLIAM DUDLEY 7
*CHARLES P. CHALK 3		WILLIAM H. JUDD 8
HENRY T. WILSON 4		*CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 9
*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5		GEORGE E. WILSON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.
* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung on the 117th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & THE DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT 1	...Treble	GEORGE LEWIS 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2		ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON... 3		†A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 8
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4		WALTER ALLWOOD 9
JOHN THORPE 5		*HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE 1	...Treble	†ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2		ARTHUR W. DAVIS 7
*REV. R. F. R. ROUGH ... 3		ALBERT V. SELBY 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4		HENRY G. MILES 9
WILLIAM E. JUDD 5		PERCY E. CLARK Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.
* First peal in the method, also first peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. A. COX	Treble	WM. HOLLIFIELD... ..	5
T. EAST, SEN.	2	G. CAUDWELL	6
MRS. A. E. LOCKE	3	J. S. WAPPER	7
*F. JUGGINS	4	W. GOODENOUGH... ..	Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST, SEN.

* First peal.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES... ..	Treble	CHARLES CUTTING	5
ROBERT RICHES	2	ERNEST WHITING... ..	6
HERBERT H. PIERCY	3	WALTER RICHES	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	ALBERT RICHES	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS	Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN	5
WILLIAM HARRIS... ..	2	JOHN AUSTIN... ..	6
JESSE GILLET	3	GEORGE CONDICK... ..	7
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	4	ALBERT MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Harris, also in honour
of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, of Newent.

ST. BRIAVEL'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM W. COATES	Treble	WILLIAM BISHOP	5
JOHN J. BRVAN	2	ERNEST MATTHEWS	6
*WILLIAM T. POSTON... ..	3	WILLIAM POSTON... ..	7
JAMES BISHOP	4	GEORGE WILKS	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM ESSERY	Treble	*ERNEST A. REEVE	5
†WILLIAM H. WOOD	2	*RALPH MACKRILL	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	3	AMOS W. CLARK	7
*ALFRED J. H. NEWMAN	4	*HARRY MANCE	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from treble.

ALFRED BOWELL,
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GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM	Treble	WALTER RUFFLES	5
JAMES DURRANT	2	*HARRY R. ROPER	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
GEORGE ABLITT	4	ERNEST E. LANHAM	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method, also first peal on an 'inside' bell.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	Treble	ROBERT J. DAWES	5
FREDERICK WHITE	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN	4	ALFRED J. PIERPOINT	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	Treble	JOHN WHEADON	5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN	2	SPENCER MARSHALL	6
CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HENRY SIMMONS	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES S. H. STILES	Treble	RICHARD SMITH	5
ROBERT RICHARDSON	2	RICHARD MACKMAN	6
JOHN T. BROWN	3	*STEPHEN MADDISON	7
ARTHUR J. FARR	4	JOHN G. AMES	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EVANS... ..	Treble	DAVID APPLEBY	5
BERT HORTON	2	WILLIAM FISHER... ..	6
WILLIAM E. WATHEN... ..	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
EDWARD HORTON	4	JOHN T. DAVIES	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Wathen.

STOKE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FRANK ROSE	Treble	WILLIAM GRICE	5
GEORGE BLOOR	2	FREDERICK PAGE	6
ERNEST LONDON	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
THOMAS AUSTIN... ..	4	HAROLD AUSTIN	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN, E.C.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES BULLOCK Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	GEORGE A. CARD 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal upon this fine-toned ring since the 5th and tenor were recast and the whole rehung in a new iron frame. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Edwin C. Bedford, the attempt on July 3rd not materialising.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	LAURENCE WILLIAMS ... 5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
WILLIAM RILEY 3	WILLIAM RILEY 7
HARRY ANDERTON 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JAMES SHAW.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 4th hails from Blackburn, 5th from Churchkirk, the rest belong to the local company. Arranged for Mr. H. Anderton.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
* JOHN WILKINSON 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	EDWIN BREEZE 7
* GEORGE LUNT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
FREDERICK BIRD 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	HENRY DEW 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Conducted by HENRY DEW.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to John Prior.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR DAY Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 5
* JOHN MALYON 2	THOMAS KENDALL 6
HARRY WOOD 3	BEN JARMAN 7
FREDERICK HUNT 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd belongs to St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 5th to St. Albans Abbey, 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor to Luton, treble and 7th to the local band.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Friday, Oct. 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
* ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* Proposed a member of the above society previous to starting peal, and who obliged at very short notice. Rung by Sunday service ringers and communicants with half-muffled bells to the memory of their beloved Vicar, the Rev. James Arthur Price, who passed to his eternal rest (suddenly) on Monday, Oct. 16th, and was interred in the parish churchyard on Friday afternoon, Oct. 20th.

BARTON LE CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* RICHARD KENDALL ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	HORACE H. SMITH 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	* GEORGE W. HELEY 7
ALFRED KING 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th belong to Husbome Crawley, 4th to Luton, 3rd, 7th and tenor to Dunstable, and treble to the local band.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	* WILLIAM HEATH 5
JESSE GILLET 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	JOHN CLARK 7
HERBERT BECKETT 4	* ALFRED POULTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman and elected members before starting. Rung as a golden wedding peal for the esteemed and genial leader of the Newent ringers, ex-Sergt. Williams. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th are from Gloucester, 3rd from Newport, Mon., 5th from Cardiff, 7th and tenor are local ringers. Opportunity is now taken of expressing the thanks of all to the Vicar for kindly putting off the service until the peal was finished.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GILBERT GUEST ... Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 5
* HECTOR BIRD 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK EVANS 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method, and elected a member of this Guild previous to starting. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Shepherd. It was arranged to ring Grandsire Caters, but, meeting one short, the above was rung instead. The ringer of the 2nd belongs to Old Hill, 3rd to Smethwick, 4th to Sedgley, tenor to Bilston; the others are members of the Dudley band.

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BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LYDDIARD Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung for the festival of St. Luke, also the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the spire and bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in E.

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

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

* First peal peal of New Cambridge. G. Bailey's 50th peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	JOHN B. WOOLLEY 5
PERCY WEBB 2	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 6
*WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

This peal has only 4-5-6 in 6th's place, the 2nd never in 5-6.

* First peal. Arranged for W. H. Hollier, who is staying in the district.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN E. CLARKE 5
† G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	ARTHUR CATTELL 7
FRED STANFORTH 4	CHARLES CATTELL Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Messrs. J. and E. Morris have rung peals on each bell in this tower. The composition is rung for the first time. A birthday compliment to Harold J. Poole.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
WILLIAM A. COOPER 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
*HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to E. F. Mitchell on his 60th birthday. At the conclusion of the peal the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to a sumptuous tea followed by items on the piano and handbells. Thanks are due to Mr. A. Fallon for getting things ready for the visitors. * First peal of Stedman.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ALFRED MEARS 5
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 6
*GILBERT BULL 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
PERCY W. CAVE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Robert Ryves (a member of the local band) and Miss Alice Amelia Osborne, of Curdridge. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryves, sen., for their kind hospitality after the peal.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JAMES R. KEMP Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
*HARRY DAVISON 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
ERNEST SIMPSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Broadley, also in honour of the 14th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN NEWMAN Treble	*CYRIL FEASE 5
*ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
*PERCY TINSON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 36th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. in B flat.

HENRY E. COLLYER Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
JOHN E. BISBY 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
FRANCIS BISBY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Harry Fairclough for obtaining, and the Rev. H. Maddox for granting, permission to attempt a peal on this grand ring.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge. 100th peal for M.C.A. by H. Broughton. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Poole, and for the anniversary of Trafalgar.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. T. CLARK... .. Treble	WILLIAM YOUNG 4
F. BROWN 2	J. FEAR 5
WILFRED YOUNG 3	A. E. MOXHAM Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. First peal as conductor.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JACK DOVE Treble	FRED WILFORD 4
WALTER AUSTIN 2	JOSEPH DEAN 5
WILLIAM PARKER 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor.

REDMARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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.

ANDREW LAYTON... .. Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS 4
DAVID HORNE 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

Rung for the harvest festival at the request of the Rector, who afterwards kindly entertained the band to tea.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. R. DRAGE Treble	† F. W. TURNER 4
* J. ANDREWS 2	J. BAILEY 5
† C. GEARY 3	E. C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by W. R. DRAGE.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Minor. Rung, after meeting short for Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to W. J. Hunting, late churchwarden.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Oct. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and six 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

* WILLIAM H. SUTTON Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 4
† GEORGE SEWELL 2	JOHN CURRY 5
GEORGE LADD 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Sutton.

COLNE, LANCs.—On Monday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Brook 1, R. Whitehead 2, J. E. Foulds 3, T. Foulds 4, C. Mallinson 5, W. H. Harrison 6, J. P. Foulds (conductor) 7, H. Nutter 8. This is the longest touch by a local band since before the war. The bells have recently been rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are in perfect condition.

HOLBETON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN MILLER Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 4
* HARRY BURNER 2	A. C. BOOKLESS-BROWNE 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	WARREN S. HORN BROOK Tenor

Conducted by WARREN S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON Treble	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 4
JOHN GARRATT 2	JOHN HALL 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN G. AMES Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER 4
* JOHN PHILLIPS 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY 5
GEORGE LADD 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

* First attempt at Treble Bob 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar of Frampton for kindly allowing the use of the bells at a moment's notice, also to the local ringers for arranging same. The original intention was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the neighbouring parish of Kirton, but this was abandoned, after raising the bells, through illness near the church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1922, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE VICTORIA ROAD SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BERT GOGLE 1—2	JOHN FOSTER 3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5—6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First double-handed 5,000.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

IN ST. MARY-LE-TOWER BELFRY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

* HOBART E. SMITH 1—2	* GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5—6
* CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3—4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 7—8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 9—10	

Composed by B. ANNALE. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: MR. MAYHEW.

100th peal as conductor. * First peal of Bob Royal on handbells. Composition No. 7, C.C. Collection.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Oxford Bob: L. Brookes 1, A. E. Austin (conductor) 2, P. Webb 3, R. Clements 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, E. Griggs 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Samlesbury on Saturday, October 14th, about 25 members being present. The towers represented were Chorley, Eccleston, Hoghton, Leyland St. James, Preston Parish, Penwortham, Walton-le-Dale, Whittle-le-Woods, the local band, and visitors from Blackburn. The methods rung during the afternoon were Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire being the Triple methods. One regrets that the striking was not all that could be desired. The cause is that many, and this applies in a few cases to the older hands, do not appear to be listening to the sound of their bell, or, perhaps, cannot distinguish its sound from the other bells. Another cause is that many, again including some of the older hands, will persist in giving close leads at hand stroke and further aggravating the trouble by keeping slightly open at back stroke. It is quite impossible to maintain a regular beat if one or two are giving irregular leads, the natural consequence being that the striking is poor and irregular, thus greatly magnifying the difficulties of a new or intricate method.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Broadhead) was present at the meeting, and invited the members to come and ring a muffled touch on the eve of Armistice Day. His invitation was accepted, and a quarter-peal of Stedman is to be attempted.

Mr. A. Woodhouse, who presided, invited the branch to tea at the Walton-le-Dale meeting, in November, when they hope to unveil two peal tablets recording peals rung in honour of two Walton church-workers of long standing. He wishes it to be a record meeting for the branch.

A Branch peal book has long been talked of. Mr. D. Sanderson offered to make one and present it to the branch. His generous offer was unanimously accepted.—The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

LAVENHAM MEN AND SUPERLATIVE.

At Lavenham, on Saturday evening, for practice, a 672 of Superlative Surprise Major was rung by A. Symonds 1, M. Symonds 2, F. Leeks 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Mortlock 5, F. Turner 6, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 7, F. Poulson 8. This was the first touch in the method on the bells by a local company; also for the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association since its formation.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondents are not alone in their views on the above subject. It was one of the practical points I put forward over 20 years ago. Now, another generation begins to see that something of the sort is necessary. As Mr. Wright has pointed out, the matter is now under discussion by a special committee of the Midland Counties Association. I quite agree that there ought to be one or more diplomas of merit in the same manner as those of 'Associate' or 'Licentiate' of a College of Music. The grading may cause some dissension if done by individual associations, as it can be logically argued that a man who can call Holt's Original or a one-part peal of Stedman Triples is equal to any Surprise ringer. At the same time there is to-day a deal too much of peal piling in the lower methods. A ringer may boast of his 200 or 300 peals—largely Doubles and Minor—the whole bunch of which would not equal a solitary peal of London, and the cure for this, I think, would be for the Central Council to issue diplomas, franked by each affiliated society. — Yours very truly,
WILLIAM WILLSON.

'FORM AT A GLANCE.'

Sir,—In reference to ringers' badges, etc., I would suggest a medal in bronze, silver and gold, for Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise peals, the medal to vary in size according to weight of bell rung for the first peal; also a bar might be added to denote lengths above 5,000; a chevron to be worn for every peal rung. Think of the man with a thousand or so! Then for the convenience of conductors making up teams, perhaps the Editor would compile a small handbook entitled 'Form at a glance.' As to anyone who rang 25 per cent. of peals in any one method he should be suitably 'crimed.' Thus should we know and be known.—Yours,
T. H. VALLANCE.

AN OCTOGENARIAN RINGER.

Mr. J. Whitaker, the veteran Yorkshire ringer, has just celebrated his 80th birthday, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) was rung at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds. Mr. Whitaker rang the treble, and received the good wishes of the band, as he will those of the Exercise: J. Whitaker 1, G. Robinson 2, R. Thomas 3, H. Williams 4, W. O. Talbot 5, W. Wood 6, H. Lindsay (conductor) 7, P. J. Johnson 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has been elected President of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute for two years, an honour upon which he will be heartily congratulated by his friends in the Exercise.

Up to the present about £440 has been collected towards the cost of recasting and rehanging the bells of Haslemere, Surrey. A sum of about £700 is required, and Major Hesse, to whose initiative the proposal for the restoration is due, is actively engaged in raising the money.

It is interesting to note that Haslemere was the last 'inspection' carried out by the late Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The contract will be placed with Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Among the ten-bell towers in London it is seldom that peals are rung at St. Luke's, Chelsea, or St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. By a coincidence a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at each of these churches on Saturday.

Taunton is the 40th tower (including St. Patrick's, Dublin), in which there are twelve bells hung for ringing.

The older he gets, the more vigorous seems to grow that 'youthful' veteran, James George, of Rugby, Birmingham and England. His latest escapade, within a month of his 69th birthday, is to ring the tenor (53 cwt.) to the fastest peal of Cinques yet rung on the famous Bow bells. There can be only one higher pinnacle; and that will be to turn Exeter Cathedral into a peal of Maximus, after he is 70!

Two Kent ladies, Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) and Miss Rose Thomas (Mersham) stood side by side on Saturday last in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore, Kent, ringing the treble and second respectively. It was Mrs. Baker's first peal, and the first by Miss Thomas with an inside bell. Appledore bells are light (tenor 12½ cwt.), with a long draught and no guides. The ladies, however, controlled their ropes excellently, and listeners to the peal described the ringing as very good indeed. We congratulate the ladies on their highly creditable achievement.

There are 'speed merchants' in the tower as well as on the road, apparently. Last Saturday a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at the Loughborough Foundry in 2 hrs. 22 mins. Surely Middleton's composition has never been got through in such quick time before, at any rate on tower bells!

Walter P. Whitehead, the very youthful Leicester ringer, rang his first peal in the method in this performance, and, in the words of one of the band, was on top of his task from 'go' to 'this is all.' This boy is a remarkable ringer for his age, and the speed of the peal alone vouches for the fact that there were no trips. A single slip at this pace puts an end to any attempt.

On October 28th, 1837, Henry Dains was born at Tibbenham.

A peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Holbeck, Leeds, on October 28th, 1876.

On October 29th, 1827, a peal of 6,011 Grandsire Caters was rung in 4 hours 10 minutes at the Parish Church, Bromsgrove. It was composed and conducted by Richard Pearce.

The first handbell peal (Oxford Treble Bob Major) was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811. On the same day in the year 1749 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Dartford, Kent, by the parish ringers.

A 7,002 Grandsire 'Quaters' was rung at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, on October 31st, 1791.

November 1st is an interesting anniversary, for on that date in the year 1878 St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened.

FATHERS AND SONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am afraid your correspondent, 'Once a Beginner,' is labouring under a great delusion. Neither I nor my son claimed to have rung the first peal of London Surprise, in which father and son took part. When the peal in question appeared in print, my son wrote saying we had accomplished that several years previous, and also quoted other Surprise peals we had rung together. He forgot to mention the Banister peal, although aware of it.

There is, I think, one peal we can claim to be the 'first' which father and son took part in, and that was our first in the method on twelve bells, viz., Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at Waltham Abbey, 11th June, 1921.—Yours truly,

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

THE W. W. GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

Contributions to the fund for the memorial to the late Mr. W. W. Gifford have been received as follows: Amount previously acknowledged, £21 16s.; the Ancient Society of College Youths, per Mr. W. T. Cockerill, £2 15s.; Mr. Thomas Haslam (Kendal), 5s.; total, £24 16s. This fund will be closed at the end of October.—L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury; F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury, hon. secretaries; J. R. Jerram, Church House, Salisbury, hon. treasurer.

TAUNTON BELLS.

THE NEW PEAL OF TWELVE.

Another addition to the twelve bell towers of the country was completed on Saturday by the dedication of the two new trebles which have been added in the magnificent steeple of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Taunton. Among West Somerset ringers it was a red-letter day, the memory of which will long remain. The work has been carried out after surmounting many obstacles, the first and by no means least being the refusal of a faculty. The Chancellor of the Diocese was willing to grant a faculty for the rehanging in a new frame of the old peal of ten, but the committee were not prepared



THE TOWER OF ST. MARY'S, TAUNTON.

to accept this as final. They called in Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, who is not only an experienced ringer but also an eminent architect. He examined the tower and reported favourably upon the proposal. Further application, backed by this expert opinion, was then made, and eventually the faculty was granted. A committee was elected to carry out the scheme, and included, in addition to the clergy, Messrs. J. R. F. Lightowers, R. L. Cozens and C. Hiscock (churchwardens), H. A. Jeboult (organist), P. Brown, T. Doble, J. Burge, Stenlake and J. Hunt. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have added further to their great reputation.

A FINE ENGINEERING JOB.

The augmentation of the 'ringing' peal from ten to twelve was effected by recasting the smallest of the four 'half tone' bells used in the carillon, to take its place as the second in the twelve, and the addition of a new treble. This bell is the gift of Mr. Henry Joseph Van Trump, and the inscription is:—

To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of

Harry Van Trump,
William Albert Fowler,
William Fudge,

Sidney Archibald Phillips,

Members of the St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, who gave
their lives for their Country in the Great War,
1914—1918.

This bell was presented by Henry Joseph Van Trump.

The twelve bells are all hung on one level in heavy cast iron framework, mounted on a foundation of steel girders. The foundation girders are in two tiers, one set spanning the tower east to west, and the other north to south. The girders are anchored into the four walls, both sets being bolted together, and heavily cross-braced, forming a very effective tie to the tower. The bells are hung with the most modern type of fittings. The smaller nine bells hang in ball bearings in totally enclosed dust-proof housings, and the larger three bells are in roller bearings similarly housed, the headstocks being of cast iron.

Prior to this restoration, the 'go' of these bells had never been satisfactory. It is, however, gratifying to know that every bell now goes perfectly, and the movement in the tower, which had always been a marked feature, is considerably less than it was. This is the more pleasing, as being further proof that first-class modern bell hanging is advantageous to a tower. The reduction of strain upon the tower is apparent by the much reduced oscillation, and in place of uneven 'go' in the bells, they now run perfectly.

In the opinion of those qualified to speak on the subject, the restoration is a very fine engineering job, and with regard to the trebles, the people are delighted with them. They blend well in quality of tone with the old bells, and can be heard splendidly, so that the whole peal make an exceptionally fine twelve for the weight.

The weights of the two new bells are: Treble 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb., 2nd 6 cwt. The tenor is 29 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., in C sharp. There are now 15 bells in the tower fourteen of them being used in the carillon.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication was performed by the Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Prebendary Corfield, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the Rev. S. W. Payne, curate, also taking part in the ceremony. The service was choral, and immediately after the formal dedication the twelve bells rang out in rounds, handled by S. Wyatt, F. Chedghey, H. J. Creed, E. Lloyd, A. Wyatt, P. Merson, E. Wyatt, J. Burge (conductor), A. Tout, F. Sadd, J. Hunt and W. White. The service below then proceeded, and the ringers returned to take their place amongst the congregation. The Rev. C. C. Parker preached an appropriate sermon, dwelling on the use of the bells, and appealing to all ringers to try their best when at the bell ropes, and to work together as one on behalf of God's House.

The service over, twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, eleven from Bristol, and J. Hunt, of Taunton, rang 1,047 of Stedman Cinques: F. Leaker 1, W. A. Cave (composer and conductor) 2, A. Reeves 3, E. Guise 4, R. Clark 5, C. Gordon 6, E. Brown 7, H. Pring 8, W. Knight 9, J. Hunt 10, J. Burford 11, H. Howell 12. The critics outside passed very favourable comments on the ringing, which was 'clean,' with good striking, considering the 75ft. of rope. The Bristol men fully upheld their reputation as twelve-bell ringers.

A move was then made to the School Room for tea, 127 sitting down. Prebendary Corfield presided, supported by the Rev. C. C. Parker and the churchwardens of St. Mary's. Amongst those present were Mr. E. E. Burgess, secretary, Bath and Wells Association; the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Bampton; the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; Mr. P. Williams, Bristol district secretary; Mr. A. Walker, Ringing Master, St. Martin's, Birmingham; Mr. W. C. Hunt, Nottingham; Mr. A. W. Brighton, Mr. J. Waghorn, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. A. A. Hughes (of Mears and Stainbank), London; Mr. G. H. Phillott, Cheltenham; Mr. E. Bishop, Swindon; Mr. C. H. Jennings, Salisbury Guild; and ringers from the following places: Taunton (29), Martock (1), Bridgwater (6), Milverton (5), Ilminster (8), Trull (4), Pitminster (5), Chipstable (1), Bristol (30), Exeter (6), Thorverton (1), Minchhead (3), Stogumber, etc.

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to all, and had a special word for those who had come a long way. He was delighted to see so many present, and expressed a wish they would all come again. The speaker amused the company with some anecdotes, and concluded by hoping that everyone would have a good time and get home safe.

Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) replied for the visitors, and said

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how delighted he was to be there to have a hand in the opening of this fine peal of twelve, which he considered, for their weight, were second to none he had heard. In his opinion, an excellent job had been made by the bell hangers.

Mr. J. Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens and the committee who had done so much to bring the augmentation and restoration to a successful issue, and included in the vote Mr. H. J. Van Trump for his generous gift of the new treble, with his son's name, and those of three other fallen ringers.

Ringings were again indulged in, the twelve being rung in rounds by several bands, while some tried Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus. St. James's eight were also kept going to various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, and brought an eventful day to a close.

Special services were continued on Sunday, and in the ringing which took place Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. J. Waghorn took part. The bells were raised in peal, and a course of Stedman Cinques was just pushed home, and rounds of 'queens,' etc., followed. Canon Morrow, of Clifton, was the preacher, and he delivered a powerful sermon. Prebendary Maynard was the preacher at evensong.

A word of praise must be given to the vergers for putting everything in order, even to draping the ringing room with flags. Any ringer desiring to ring at St. Mary's should send a card to Mr. J. Burge, 32, Greenbrook Terrace, Taunton.

PREBENDARY FARRER'S MISCONCEPTIONS.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE'S REPLY.

No time has been lost in calling Prebendary Farrer's attention to erroneous basis of the statements he made at the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance, alleging that damage is done to churches by bells, and to which we referred in our issue of Sept. 27th. The following letter to the Prebendary is from Major J. H. B. Hesse, who is a member of the Central Council's Towers and Beltries Committee:—

'It often occurs when a ring of bells is undergoing restoration, that a suggestion is put forward to increase them from 6 to 8, 8 to 10, or 10 to 12, and the first question the Church Authorities ask is "Is the Tower strong enough?" and it is quite a natural question to ask.

'An architect may be called in—and generally is. If he knows anything about ringing, and understands bell hanging from the engineering point of view, one may be sure to get a fair answer as to whether the tower is sufficiently strong, or not; but, on the other hand, if he knows nothing whatever of ringing, or of bell hanging, he will generally advise that the number of bells be not increased.

'For the sake of argument, take a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 30 cwt. hung in a timber frame, the bells fitted with timber headstocks, and going badly, the framework moving with the motion from the bells, and the bells hung well out of their headstocks with long old-fashioned canons. Added to this, a considerable movement noticeable in the tower, which has been pronounced just safe for these eight bells, and no more. The time arrives for these bells to be rehung, and it is proposed to increase them to ten. In such an instance, it can be done with perfect safety, providing the authorities employ a first-class firm to do the work, the reasons being as follows:—

'A modern metal bell frame, if properly designed and built, helps to support the tower, whereas the old timber frame does not. The metal frame is mounted on steel girders which run north to south and east to west; each end of the girder is anchored into the wall, and all the girders are horizontally cross-braced, with the result that no one wall can take any strain independent of the other three, i.e., the load is equally distributed over the four walls. The headstocks are made of cast iron, instead of wood, and the bells are tucked higher into the stocks, i.e., more weight is placed above the line of the gudgeons. This means a very great deal less strain on the tower. Now, if this peal of eight with a 30 cwt. tenor were all rehung by a first-class firm, with two smaller bells added to make ten, the strain on the tower would be a great deal less than when there were only eight bells hung in the old-fashioned way. The writer has in mind a ring of six bells with a tenor of 37 cwt., which were rehung about twelve years ago, with the addition of four smaller bells to make ten. The work was carried out in a first-class manner, and the movement in the tower is now very small indeed compared to what it was when there were six bells only, because, prior to the restoration and augmentation, the old six bells were hung in the old-fashioned way in a timber frame which oscillated considerably, and the bells fitted in wooden headstocks and "hung out." There are many other instances the writer could give.'

PRESTON, STIFFOLK.—On Saturday, Sept. 8th, 720 St. Clement's Minor: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1. F. Turner 2. F. Leeks 3. A. Symonds 4. K. Whittall 5. H. D. Lister 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and first attempt in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

HEADCORN BELLS RESTORED.

A FINE KENT PEAL.

Through the kind exertions of Mrs. Gatehouse and a grant from the Kent County Association, the Vicar and Church Council of Headcorn undertook the restoration of the church bells, upon the recommendation of the captain of the local band. The work has been successfully carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The treble, 2nd and 4th have been recast, and the 7th and tenor rehung, while the bearings of the 3rd, 5th and 6th have been cleaned, and all the bells fitted with Mr. Bowell's new oil boxes, which are a very great improvement on the old plan.

The re-dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Maidstone. The hour fixed for the service (7.30 p.m.) was rather late in the day to get many visiting ringers, but Mrs. Gatehouse (now of Biddenden), and her son, Captain R. A. O. Gatehouse, of the Indian Army, at present home on leave, assisted in the ringing after the service. Mrs. Gatehouse rang the 2nd bell, for the recasting of which she was responsible. She also rang the treble to a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering.

There have been several visitors from the Ashford district, also from the Tonbridge and Maidstone districts, as well as the Ospringe ringers from the Canterbury district, all of whom were pleased with the 'go' and tone of the new bells. The parishioners and ringers of Headcorn especially are very pleased with the possession of such a fine ring of bells, which are among the best in the kingdom.

In addition to the old inscription reproduced, the treble bears the words: 'Rev. Clement P. Dale, Vicar. Recast by Bowell, of Ipswich, 1922.'

The new inscription on the 2nd is: 'Te Deum Laudamus. Recast in memory of the Rev. Arthur Gatehouse, Vicar 1912-1917, by his widow and a few friends. Philip Hodgkin, captain of ringers. Recast by Bowell, of Ipswich, 1922.'

No. 4 (a maiden bell) recast by Bowell, of Ipswich, 1922.

All the old inscriptions have been reproduced, the treble and 2nd having been founded by Lester and Pack, 1766; and the 4th by R. Phelps in 1714.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMS.

On Saturday, September 23rd, the ringers of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and one or two friends—in all 19 strong—thoroughly enjoyed their annual outing. As last year, Kent was favoured with their patronage, the objective this time being Canterbury. A start was made from Southend for Gravesend at the early hour of 6.30 a.m. A charabanc had been chartered to pick up the party at the Clock Tower, Gravesend, at 8 a.m., and shortly after that hour the 'Happy Band of Pilgrims' were en route for Rainham, which was reached about 9 a.m. A halt was called, and in a short while the bells were going to touches of Stedman, Norwich, and Bob Major. Everyone having had a pull, and the interesting old church, with its wonderful old oak chest, its painted ceiling and its curious brasses having been admired, the 'progress' continued.

Faversham was the next stop. Again all had a 'go' at some method or another on the bells and a short stay was made for light refreshment! Tragedy nearly overlooked the party here, for when the ringing was over one 'Pilgrim,' who is keenly interested in bells, slipped up above to have a look at them, and on returning to the ringing chamber found himself locked in, for the others had gone, not knowing he was there. He immediately started a course of 'Stoney' on his own, but didn't get far before he was liberated.

Canterbury was reached in good time, and after a preliminary glance at the Cathedral, the band adjourned to The City Arms for dinner. Ringing was not due to start before 4 o'clock, so the spare time was spent by most in the Cathedral, viewing the crypts, and hearing the graphic account of Becket's murder on the actual spot where the crime was committed. Then, piloted by Mr. Andrews, a most obliging and painstaking guide, the long way to the belfry was undertaken, and after a somewhat hazardous climb to the top of the tower to see the big clock bell and admire the extensive view, some none too good ringing was indulged in. The ringers were all pleased to have Canon Helmore present, and stand in with them for a touch. About 5 o'clock, after bidding good-bye to The City Arms, and the genial and kindly host and hostesses, a reluctant start for Gravesend via Sittingbourne was made. After enjoying a splendid tea at the latter place, the tower was invaded. Here excellent touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung, and the 'Highbrows' indulged in a course of Superlative. Followed the long run to Gravesend through the night, including a stretch of six miles, where lanterns marked where the road was being widened. Indeed, the lanterns stretching ahead, made quite a fairy-like scene.

Gravesend was reached about 9.45 p.m., in plenty of time for the last train home to Southend. The day was enjoyed by all, and the ringers wish to thank their Kentish friends for the welcome and hospitality extended to them. They were greeted and made welcome everywhere and it is no wonder that Kent is the favourite ground of the Prittlewell band when they decide the venue of their annual outing.

S. W. O.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, five different six-scores repeated: R. Greed 1, H. Pocock 2, W. Underhill (conductor) 3, E. Elson, junr., 4, C. Avis 5, F. Cavill 6. Longest length by all except tenor man. The conductor's age is 14, and treble and second ringers, 16 and 15 years old respectively.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival, on October 1st, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: J. Glow 1, C. Haycock 2, W. Poyser 3, F. Waldron 4, W. Hayward (Bridgenorth, Shropshire), conductor, 5, J. Garratt (Framlingham, Suffolk), 6.—For evening service, 1,150 Kent Major: F. Waldron 1, W. Hayward (longest touch) 2, J. Garratt 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. H. Buxton 6, W. A. Parsons 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. H. Myhill 1, W. E. Fraill 2, I. J. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal by all in the two methods.

PONTYPRIDD.—At St. Katherine's Church, on Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hallett 1, E. Mitchell 2, S. Ridgeway 3, A. Grey 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Darteh 7, R. Dorward 8. Arranged especially for the conductor, who was on a visit to Pontypridd.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Pooley 1, H. Ewens 2, A. Bashford 3, C. Killick 4, G. Hoad 5, F. Rice 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, A. F. Cheasley (first quarter-peal) 8.

DONCASTER.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, for the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Halksworth 1, G. Jackson 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Newsome 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, R. Henson 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 14 years old.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. S. Palmer 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, H. Belcher 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, L. H. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: A. Mansfield 1, J. W. Haynes 2, F. Lucas 3, H. Polwell 4, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 5, H. Birch 6. First quarter by ringer of the treble and third.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On October 1st, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, 240 Bob Minor and five 120's Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Pierce, S. Finn, C. Cheeseman, W. Cheeseman, E. Cheeseman (local men), and F. and A. Castle (Elham).

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes (first attempt and longest touch) 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, H. Kynaston 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, in 50 minutes, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), was rung in memory of Hubert Watkins: J. Harper, junr., 1, J. Harper 2, G. Wilks 3, J. Bishop 4, H. Reid 5, E. Matthews 6, W. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8.

WORTHFIELD.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, at the Church of St. Lawrence, for harvest festival: P. C. Luffin 1, E. Rose (first 720 'inside') 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, J. Vaughan 4, H. Withers 5, J. Withers, senr. (conductor), 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 1st, for dedication festival, for early celebration, 720 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—For morning service, 360 York Surprise; for afternoon service (Mothers' Union), 720 Cambridge Surprise, and for evening service, 720 London Surprise. Those taking part (who are all members of the local band) were: C. Barlow, F. Barlow, C. Doe, G. Englefield, J. Motli, A. Payne and G. Riches. The conductors were F. Barlow (Kent), G. Riches (Oxford), C. Doe (York), G. Englefield (Cambridge) and J. Motli (London).

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor), 7, A. E. King 8. All the ringers are members of the local band.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Charman 1, R. Whittington 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, A. Charman 4, C. Charman 5, E. Warner (first quarter of Bob Major) 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 49 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. J. Smith 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—For morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Davey 1, W. Clover 2, G. Brown 3, A. Berry 4, W. E. Garrard 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.—At St. Mary's Church, Thornham Magna, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Cattermole (conductor) 1, G. Brown 2, W. Clover 3, G. Kemp 4, A. Berry 5, W. E. Garrard 6. Arranged to oblige W. E. Garrard, who hails from St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

DEATH OF FORMER STAFFS SECRETARY.

The death occurred suddenly at Coseley Staffs, on October 16th, of the Rev. James Arthur Price (Vicar). For three or four years he acted as clerical secretary and treasurer of the society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs, and was an hon. member for ten years. He was also an hon. member of the Dudley and District Guild, and was beloved and esteemed by all the ringers with whom he came in contact.

The deceased gentleman, who was Rural Dean of Himley, preached for the harvest festival at Brierley Hill on the evening before his death.

He was a real 'ringer's Vicar,' and always ready to encourage and receive ringers in a most cordial manner. He will be greatly missed by the Coseley band, as well as in the parish and district in which he worked so arduously and successfully.

The body was taken on Thursday evening into the church in which the reverend gentleman had laboured for the past ten years, and placed in the chapel. It was preceded by members of the choir, and followed by the wardens and sidesmen, a short but impressive service being afterwards conducted by the Rev. L. J. Lamplough. Friends remained in attendance the whole night, and on Friday morning solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon. The members of the Coseley District Council and the Education Committee (of which the reverend gentleman had been a member) walked in procession from the Council House to the church, which was filled in every part by sympathisers. The chancel was one mass of beautiful floral tributes, one containing the message, 'From the last congregation to whom he ministered at Brierley Hill.'

The service, which was choral in character, was conducted by the Bishop of Stafford (Dr. Crawford), Archdeacon Graham (Stoke), with whom deceased was once a curate, and the Revs. L. J. Lamplough and C. S. Cook.

The attendance included people of all classes, and many local bodies were also represented.

A muffled peal was rung in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Fryerning on Saturday, October 14th. The handy ring of six bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until about 9 p.m., the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise. This was the first meeting held at this tower since the new treble was added about two years ago. A few months ago it was decided to have a new frame, and the work was carried out by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. A steel frame has been put in, and the bells were taken away and retuned. This has made a vast improvement both in the tone and 'go' of the peal.

Service was held at 4.30, and a good number of parishioners, as well as the ringers, attended. The address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Canon S. L. Brown).

A splendid tea was provided by the Rector in the Parish Room, and the local ringers' wives acted as waitresses.

At the business which followed, Mr. A. Edwards and Mr. W. Lincoln (retiring Master) were proposed for the office, and Mr. A. Edwards was elected by 12 votes to 8.

Mr. C. Pease and Mr. P. Timson (retiring secretary) were proposed for secretary. Mr. P. Timson was re-elected.—Mr. A. Edwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Master for his 10 years' past services.

Two new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in the new year, at Boreham, and a by-meeting at Maldon on Saturday, November 4th, as the bells of All Saints' have been made into a peal of eight by Mr. Bowell.

Mr. W. Lincoln proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for making the ringers welcome, to the organist, and to the ladies for their services at tea.

The ringers afterwards returned to the tower, while some brought touches round on the handbells, and others proceeded to Ingatestone, a heavy peal of five, and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire. Members present represented Boreham Broomfield, Bentley, Chelmsford, Ingatestone, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, and the local company.

'MATHE-LOGICS' AND A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One has nothing but admiration for the skipper who sticks to his sinking ship; and Mr. Powell has at least succeeded in calling forth an expression of support; even if, as the only one, it comes from our old friend, the 'echoist,' on the opposition benches. But I challenge the production of data (resulting from the so-called 'tests'), which will demonstrate the application of strict Q-set principles as the true foundation of method construction. The truth is that Mr. Powell himself, in the concluding statement in his latest letter, has knocked the bottom out of his whole argument; since he has there arrived at a conclusion which is the very recrudescence of ours. But we will refer to this later.

Without wishing to appear as one applying the cold douche of ridicule, I cannot help expressing that I am reminded, by Mr. Powell's references to mathematics and logic and by his line of argument, of a certain [small-ill]-logical process of school-boy days, whereby those who could not follow the more involved algebraical fallacy generally used for the purpose, attempted to demonstrate that all numbers are equal! It ran something like this:—

1 cat has 1 tail.
And 0 cat has 2 tails (No! of course not!)
*(Adding up) 1 cat has 3 tails.
But, 1 cat has 1 tail (By hypothesis).
3=1 (And so on ad lib!) [Q.E.D.]

Now, if Mr. Powell's 'independent investigator with the mathematical mind' would care to honour me with a little of his attention, I will gladly show him that his supposed request for 'an example of a method produced independently of these arbitrary rules and free from the characteristics which are observed,' can actually be met. In which case that investigator would (presumably) thereupon retract all he has been made to say in Mr. Powell's letter.

And now for that unfortunately-chosen concluding statement in the letter, namely, that a certain authority 'recognises no distinction between the production of the so-called plain course and that of the touch or peal.' Quite so! We are all agreed on this, and why? Because the production of a plain course from change blocks is not method construction, it is composition, as we have previously insisted. The linking together of change blocks (leads or divisions), by means of varied place making positions and dodgings, at the junctions, is composition pure and simple; just as varied call positions lengthen or shorten courses. But method construction is confined entirely with the manufacture of the change block. Mr. Powell cannot realise that composition can only begin where method construction is completed; but an analogy with brick-making and house-building should make the position clear to the most prejudiced mind. The wall of the house (the touch or peal) is composed of courses of brick-work or stone (the courses of changes); and these courses of brick-work or stone are formed by joining blocks (of brick or stone) together by means of mortar (the place making and dodging at the junction of change blocks). All this is performed by the bricklayer or stonemason (the composer of touches or peals); and he cannot lay a single brick until it has been made for him. Now, is the bricklayer concerned in the very least degree with the actual making of the bricks at the brick kiln? No, for this is the job of those in the brickyards; i.e., the method builders, who construct the change blocks in ringing.

And just as the bricks must have uniform exterior measurement, so does the method builder conform to the given conventions of 'lead-ends in coursing order,' etc.; and that is all. But Mr. Powell would tell us that the bricklayer is most anxiously concerned in (in fact, is actually responsible for) the manufacture of the bricks themselves, so closely does he suppose the two operations to be related.

No, sir, the truth is, perhaps, that we should be attacked because of our attempt to enjoy a progressive conservatism in these matters, rather than a retrograde radicalism.—Yours truly,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Kinner on October 14th, and a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent. Favoured with beautiful weather, the drive through the pretty country was much enjoyed. A fairly good muster of members and friends assembled, and made good use of the handy ring of eight bells. During the afternoon the 'Black Country veteran' (Mr. W. Rock Small) put in an appearance for a short period, but had to leave early on account of his inability to get about in the dark. He, however, had climbed the high hill whereon the church is situated—and this is no mean feat for one who is verging on 83 years of age!

A service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper (Vicar), who also gave a helpful address. Tea was provided at the White Hart Hotel, at which the Vicar was unable to be present on account of prior engagements. When tea was over, some returned to the tower, while others enjoyed a short time in social intercourse. This was indeed a pleasurable outing.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 6th, 1923.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 285th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6 each, may be obtained from any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.

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.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 8-bell contest will be held at Elland on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The draw will take place at the Mexborough Arms 2.45 prompt.—W. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk will be held at Ufford on Oct. 28th at 4 p.m. Bells available all day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, S.E., on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. A. N. Pickering (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton (by permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3.20. Service at 5.30. Tea arranged for 6 p.m. at 1/-.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A combined practice meeting of the District will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Oct. 28th, commencing about 6 o'clock. All members of the District are invited to attend this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 45th Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Committee meeting in the Upper Vestry of the Cathedral at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner, 2/- to mem-

bers, 3/6 to non-members, at The Collingwood Restaurant at 2 p.m.; general meeting following. Bells available: Cathedral (12), All Saints', Gosforth (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. John's (8), All Saints', Newcastle (8), St. George's (8), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8) and Benwell (6).—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30; election of secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rowberrow, near Winscombe, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Stevenage on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Service in the church at 4.30.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Newark on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield (Stainforth G.C. Station), on Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready early.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 31st. Business meeting afterwards (nomination of officers).—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

BELL OPENING.—The bells at Corfe Mullen, near Weymouth, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be opened on Wednesday, 1st Nov., at 3.15 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hampton Bishop on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., service 5 p.m. Tea at Parish Room 5.45 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Nov. 1st.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Nov. 4th. *Not* St. Michael's, Blackburn, as was arranged. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting directly after tea. Also the tower of Bromham (6 bells) open for ringing, 6 p.m.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, at a small charge, at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. The bells at St. John-at-Hackney (Old Hackney) will be available from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Naunton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service at 4 o'clock, business meeting and election of officers afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 4th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Tea provided.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, November 4th. Both towers available from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room to follow. Private bus leaves Chelmsford at 2.30, returning from Maldon 8.30, to hold 16. A few seats available, fare 2s. 6d. return. Will all members intending to be present please notify on or before Wednesday, Nov. 1st, Mr. F. Chalk, Elmsley, Weybridge, Maldon?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Efforts are being made for Emmanuel Church bells to be available the same day.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The Annual Autumn meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at The Lamb.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Newton Abbot. Bells available—Highweek (8), St. Leonards (8), from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 1st. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., "Tauntonia," Church Street, Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will take place at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells ready at 3.15, meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec. 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Fleet, Holbeach, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea in Village Hall at 4.15.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Nov. 4th at Birstall. Peal attempt 2 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.—Charles E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 4th. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please inform me by October 31st.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—Dedication of new tenor bell, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1/6 each to all who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, N. Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than Nov. 8th. All ringers and friends invited.—T. Allibone, Local Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts Branch will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells at Hemingford Abbots (6) and Houghton (5) available from 2 p.m. All requiring tea (9d.) please send me notice by Nov. 7th.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Oct. 30th, Nov. 13th and 27th; Bishopsgate, Nov. 20th. Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 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.

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