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RINGERS AND PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

Speaking at the College Youths' dinner, Canon Coleridge, the President of the Central Council, touched upon a subject of real importance to ringers when he urged that they should take steps to secure representation upon the Parochial Church Councils. When these bodies were first formed we took the opportunity of pointing out that, wherever there was a peal of bells, efforts should be made to secure the election of a ringer upon the Council, and we believe, in a number of cases, this was done. We doubt, however, if this was anything like general throughout the country, and Canon Coleridge's reminder upon the matter is a timely one. Although ringers still remain subject to the authority of the incumbent, the reasons for their representation in the Parochial Councils are manifold. Not least is it necessary in order to emphasise the fact that ringers are a body of churchmen, carrying on a work as definite as are, say, the choir.

In these days when there is a much wider recognition of this fact than there used to be, it may be thought that such emphasis is not required. But just as a straw shows which way the wind blows, so an incident, brought to light this week by a correspondent who is, we believe, a Churchwarden as well as a ringer, indicates that the ringer is still sometimes forgotten, even among those highly placed in the Church. In an official leaflet dealing with a week of Intercession in the diocese of Canterbury, there is a request that the people should remember in their prayers the clergy, the choir, the sidesmen, the churchwardens and the Council. The bell ringers are not mentioned. It is only a little thing, perhaps, but it points to the fact that, despite all we are told when we are preached to at meetings, there is still the risk that ringers and the work that they do may be overlooked.

There are other reasons why ringers should be represented on the Parochial Councils. In many churches it is, unfortunately, only too true that visits of clergy or churchwardens to the belfry are few and far between, and it is, therefore, necessary that the needs of the belfry should be kept as much before those responsible for its upkeep as those of the rest of the church assuredly are. Although much has been done to improve the ringing chambers in a great number of churches—thanks chiefly to the efforts of the ringers themselves—there are still belfries the condition of which is a disgrace. In every such case of neglect, it is not only desirable, it is the absolute duty of the ringers to take steps to bring this before the Parochial Council, and the most effective way to do it is to get one of their number elected to the body. Here, then, are two of the

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important reasons for securing representation. It is, moreover, quite certain, as Canon Coleridge pointed out, that many things connected with the belfry will crop up from time to time, and the only way of assuring a satisfactory decision is by the Council having at least one among their number who can give them practical advice. We hope Canon Coleridge's reminder will not pass unheeded, and that in all cases where ringers are now unrepresented, serious steps will be taken to remedy the omission.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	*Treble*	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
HERBERT LANGDON	2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	3	WILSON RUSHTON	9
THOMAS WALKER	4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	10
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5	THOMAS LANGDON	11
EDWIN F. PIKE	6	RICHARD F. FORWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONS	*Treble*	ARTHUR K. HARRISON	6
WILLIAM LANGDON	2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	7
JOHN W. JONES	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	THOMAS LANGDON	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

BERT CHALLEN	*Treble*	GEORGE PIPER	6
WILLIAM PELLING	2	*WALTER CHARMAN	7
HERBERT RANN	3	JOHN JAY	8
WILLIAM WATTS	4	ROBERT J. DAWE	9
FRANK BENNETT	5	JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by A. HUBBARD. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Caters. This peal contains 48 tittum course-ends, 24 inverted and 24 plain, with the 6th at home throughout.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	EDWARD F. MITCHELL	6
BERT HORTON	2	WILLIAM A. COOPER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
GEORGE HUGHES	4	HERBERT KNIGHT	9
JOHN PERRY	5	REUBEN HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

This peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the veteran ringer of the Midlands, Mr. William Rock Small, who celebrated his 83rd birthday on the 12th inst. The composition of the peal was specially arranged for the occasion by Mr. James E. Groves, the odd 83 changes representing the veteran's age.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW & PATRICK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

THOMAS STAGG	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ADCOCK...	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	PERCY FORDHAM	6
THOMAS FITZJOHN	3	JAMES DAVIS...	7
ALFRED MACRO	4	FREDERICK SALTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells, which, with the tower and cloisters, were given by Viscount Iveagh in memory of the late Lady Iveagh. The 'go' of the bells, which were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, leaves nothing to be desired. The band were entertained to tea and supper by his lordship.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Nov. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JONES	...*Treble*	†ARCHIE PROBERT	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	†CHARLES SPARKS	6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	3	IVOR PROBERT	7
†WILLIAM WILLIAMS	4	*ROBERT LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mrs. Woodhouse, of Burghill House, a great benefactress to the church and bells.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS	...*Treble*	*HARRY BUNGAY	5
WALTER FARLEY	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE...	6
*DAVID G. TAYLOR	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
*GEORGE SIBLEY...	4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

* Elected members of the Guild before starting. The peal was arranged that Mr. S. J. Hector might conduct a peal at his birthplace. He kindly entertained the band after the peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*G. HARRY DEXTER	...*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS...	5
ARTHUR CATTELL	2	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	6
GEORGE S. MORRIS	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	7
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of the fallen.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY SIMMONS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
*RICHARD SMITH...	2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ...	7
RICHARD MORGAN	4	H. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with half-muffled clappers in grateful memory of those who fell in the Great War.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOODS' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE SHIPP	5
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	6
JEFFREY R. GAMMON	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER	7
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	4	JAMES BULLOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

Rung by special request of the Rector to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THEODORE RUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
EDWARD ROSE	3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	7
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ...	4	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Pemberton on the anniversary of his wedding.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARTHUR SALTMARSH ...	...*Treble*	†LESLIE J. CLARK	5
JAMES TARBUN	2	HENRY W. KIRTON	6
‡CYRIL GENTRY	3	†EDWARD KEMP	7
PERCY TIMSON	4	WILLIAM PEASE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled for 'Remembrance Day.' In this peal, four towers were represented, viz., Chelmsford Cathedral, Springfield, Writtle and Woodford. Two of the ringers are ex-Service men, 3rd in the Navy and 6th in the Army.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	5
WILLIAM D. WASE	2	LEONARD G. HEWITT	6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ...	4	WALTER LAGO	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. S. BAYLEY.

First peal of Triples as Conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen, also as a token of sympathy to all those bereaved in the neighbourhood.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*CHARLES H. BRIGGS...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES DRAPER	5
WALTER HORTON	2	*ABRAHAM WILKERSON ...	6
HARRY BRIGGS	3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ...	7
*HAROLD D. ARGYLE... ...	4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISSON. Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung on Armistice Day. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Rector (Canon Disney) for the use of the bells.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Christ Church, Southgate, Society.)
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Alfred G. Crane ...	...*Treble*	Norman A. Tomlinson ...	5
John Armstrong	2	Harry Miller	6
George Bester...	3	John E. Miller	7
Edmund G. Tomlinson ...	4	William Pickworth ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by J. Armstrong.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate Armistice Day, also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. K. Parker, who was unable to take part.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Edward H. Johnson ...	...*Treble*	Adolphus Roberts	5
William Smith	2	*Joseph F. Simpson	6
Oswald J. Hunt...	3	Frank Pervin	7
William T. Cox	4	William Clements ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by James Washbrook. Conducted by F. Pervin.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the men of Stoke who fell in the war, particularly L.-Cpl. F. Andrews, a late member of the Stoke band, and L.-Cpl. J. F. Simpson, the only son of the ringer of the 6th; also for the Rev. Arbuthnot, D.D., Archdeacon of Coventry, who passed away on Friday, the 10th inst., and who had been a Vice-President of the Warwickshire Guild since its formation.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Walter Sadler ...	...*Treble*	Andrew Shufflebotham	5
*William Howell	2	*William Elliott	6
William Keeble	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ...	7
Frank Claydon	4	*Arthur Saunders ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Keeble.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Association. Rung in honour of Armistice Day and to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, also as a birthday compliment to W. Sadler and Master E. Beckwith, son of the ringer of the 7th.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

Rev. William C. Pearson	*Treble*	Walter Ruffles	5
William C. Rumsey	2	Leslie C. Wightman ...	6
George Bennett	3	Thomas W. Last	7
Alphæus J. Berry	4	Thomas H. Chappell	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by T. W. Last.

Rung to commemorate Armistice Day; also as a birthday compliment to Alphæus J. Berry.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

John A. Godfrey ...	...*Treble*	†William B. Duncan ...	5
George T. Pegnall ...	2	Frank H. Davey	6
Tony Price	3	Frederick J. Howchin ...	7
*William J. Wasey	4	George H. Cross ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by George H. Cross.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of fallen comrades. * First peal on eight tower bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. W. B. Duncan's 50th peal.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

Harry Baker	...*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert, jun.	5
William E. Pitman	2	Reginald E. Lambert ...	6
Frederick J. Lambert ...	3	Benjamin Baker...	7
Robert T. Lambert	4	Albert E. Edwards ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. H. Martin. Conducted by A. E. Edwards.

Rung to celebrate Armistice Day and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Oldham & District Society.)
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

*F. Dunkerley	...*Treble*	J. W. Taylor	5
I. Schofield	2	S. M. Butterworth	6
S. Stott	3	C. E. Platt...	7
F. Lawton...	4	H. Barlow	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorpe. Conducted by H. Barlow.

* First peal. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect for those who lost their lives in the war.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 19¾ cwt. 6-8 covering.

Dan Phillips	...*Treble*	J. G. Macdougal	5
Charles Bone	2	*Albert Fry	6
Chris. Baker	3	John Dale...	7
*Arthur Rolph	4	*Henry Grimwood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Dale.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred Williams ...	...*Treble*	Harry A. Meredith	5
Joseph Bloomer...	2	Arthur Wyre	6
Harold Shuck	3	Joseph H. Cox	7
Harry Wyre	4	Arthur Beasley... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph H. Cox.

This peal was rung to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First peal in any method by all except ringer of the 5th, and also the first peal rung by a purely local band for 25 years.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
CHARLES COTTRELL	2	GEORGE F. SWANN	6
RICHARD INGRAM	3	GEORGE F. GARRISON	7
JONATHAN PRESTON	4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This was the conductor's 300th peal and was rung to celebrate Armistice Day.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

FRANK TURNER	*Treble*	FREDERICK MORTLOCK	5
FREDERICK LEEKS	2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	6
FREDERICK POULSON	3	WILLIAM FAYERS	7
ARTHUR SYMONDS	4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
OWEN H. GILES	2	*ALBERT MARKS	6
GEORGE PULLINGER	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
†WALTER G. ROWE	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † Birthday peal. This peal was rung for evening service on Armistice thanksgiving Sunday. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this Church.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 13, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	*CHARLES ROOPE	5
CHARLES COTTING	2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	6
HERBERT H. PIERCY	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* 100th peal.

HULL.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS S. MORTON	*Treble*	HARRY RODMELL	5
*ERNEST C. FIELD	2	†EDWARD S. FIELD	6
†JOHN MCKEAG	3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	7
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD	4	LEONARD RODMELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. The composition is now rung for the first time. J. McKeag was elected a member of the above association previous to starting.

Pressure upon our space has necessitated the holding over of the reports of a number of peals and other items this week.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK W. RADFORD	*Treble*	†HARRY BURDOCK	5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
ERNEST WEATHERBY	3	GEORGE W. STEERE	7
HARRY HUTTON	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by JAS. HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23¾ cwt.

ARTHUR J. LEWIS	*Treble*	HENRY J. SELBY	5
ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
GEORGE H. DAYNES	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Treble*	G. FREDERICK ALLAN	5
†MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE M. THORPE	3	†HAROLD WALKER	7
*MISS ELSIE E. SMITH	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM MILLER	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	HAROLD W. CLARKE	7
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The above is the conductor's 800th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN.	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

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SIX BELL PEALS.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Charles Edwards ...	...*Treble*	*Ivor Probert	4
†Alec Taylor	2	William H. Williams ...	5
*Archie Probert	3	Walter Taylor ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Edwards.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob and Double Court, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Woodbine.

H. G. Smith...	...*Treble*	J. Smy	4
W. Smith	2	A. E. Smith	5
W. Sawyer	3	A. Ling, jun.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Ling.

Rung on Remembrance Day.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

P.C. Luke Brookes ...	...*Treble*	Jesse Webb	4
Reginald Clements... ...	2	Walter Flitton	5
Percy Webb	3	Arthur G. Lilley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. Webb.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of the men of the village who fell in the war, including four local ringers; also as a token of respect for the two churchwardens who each lost his mother the week previous. It was also a 70th birthday compliment to J. Webb, who introduced method ringing at this town 25 years ago, and a birthday compliment to A. G. Lilley.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

William Spice	...*Treble*	Charles Milliard	4
Sydney Milliard	2	William J. Walker	5
Thomas Jull	3	William Nye	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Nye.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the war, and on the anniversary of signing the Armistice.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

Fred Stubbs	...*Treble*	*Amos Smart	4
Frank Kirk	2	Richard Dunkley	5
Thomas Jervis	3	Reginald C. Loveday	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald C. Loveday.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with bells half-muffled. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Dicker) for the excellent tea provided after the peal.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Arthur Firmager	...*Treble*	Edward E. Tidy...	4
Charles W. Clinch ...	2	George Tooth	5
Percival C. Tidy	3	Leonard A. Tidy ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. Tidy.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt. Rung with the bells half muffled for Remembrance Day.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Andrew Layton ...	...*Treble*	Chris. Bowers	4
*Roland Lewis	2	Geoffrey Lewis	5
David Horne	3	George Jordan	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Lewis.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

Charles Jennings ...	...*Treble*	Albert E. Austin	4
Percy Webb	2	T. Reginald Dennis... ...	5
Fred Nunn	3	Ernest G. Hibbins ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest G. Hibbins.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of the men of the village of Stapleford who fell in the Great War.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Vicarage, Perry Barr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

George F. Swann	1—2	Morris J. Morris	5—6
*Richard Ingram	3—4	*Frederick W. Rishworth	7—8

Conducted by Morris J. Morris.
Referee: George T. Mitchison.

* First peal on handbells. The band greatly appreciate the Vicar's invitation to ring the above in his comfortable study.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 16 in B.

Walter Lago	1—2	William Saunders	5—6
William D. Wase	3—4	Alfred S. Bayley	7—8

Conducted by A. S. Bayley.
Witness: W. R. Evans.

First peal of Triples 'in hand' as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Bert Rixom, one of the local ringers, who was 21 on Monday Nov. 13th.

NEW DERBYSHIRE PEAL.

BELLS DEDICATED AT WEST HALLAM

On Saturday, November 11th, the opening of the new peal of bells at West Hallam, Derbyshire, took place. The old peal of six bells had been considered unsafe, and very badly out of tune, and the whole were, therefore, recast and rehung in an iron frame for eight. At the same time Westminster clock chimes were added, the restoration having been undertaken as a war memorial. The work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and was carried out in a way which reflects the greatest credit upon the firm. The new peal are a very nice musical ring, and something for the parishioners to be proud of. The dedication service took place on the afternoon of Armistice Day, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Derby, who set the clock going, in order that it might chime and strike the hour of three. The bells were chimed by six of the local band while the Bishop and clergy returned to their places for the conclusion of the service.

Subsequently six members of the Ilkeston band raised the bells in peal, and rang a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob: J. H. Iliffe 1, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 2, C. J. Baker 3, H. Straw 4, H. Harrison 5, J. F. George 6.

A tea and social was held in the Schoolroom in the evening, at the invitation of the Rev. A. E. Wicks. After tea, the eight handbells, which had been supplied by the bell founders as part of their contract, were brought out, a few courses of Grandsire Triples being rung with the help of Mr. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, and Miss A. Parkins, who arrived just before tea.

The ringers returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and a 720 of Double Court was also rung, Miss A. Parkins taking part in most of the touches. The conducting was shared by Messrs. R. Richardson and E. C. Gobey. Other ringers were present from Derby (A. H. Ward), Silston and Ilkeston, also Mr. Denison Taylor from the Loughborough Foundry. Everyone was delighted with the tone and the 'go' of the bells. The Rector spent most of the evening in the tower, and brought several visitors, including Mrs. Wicks.

The Rector said the only complaint he had heard was that they were short of the other two trebles to complete the octave. He hoped, however, they would be coming very shortly.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced, including the inverted word 'his' on the 4th. To the treble, 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been added 'Recast 1922 by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.' The new tenor is 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. in G, the old tenor having been 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

Treble.—Bless ye the Lord all ye His Hosts. In memory of the Rev. Charles John Newdigate. Given by the congregation, A.D. 1876.

2nd.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo. In memoriam, Caroli Johannis Newdigate, A.D. 1876. Fratrum et Sororis Donum.

3rd.—Recast to the memory of Elizabeth Williamson. 1922.

4th.—GOD SAVE SIH CHVRCH, 1743.

5th.—GOD SAVE THE CHVRCH, 1618.

6th.—Laudate Nomen Domini. In memoriam, Caroli Johannis Newdigate, A.D. 1876. Fratrum et Sororis Donum.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S 'ROLL OF HONOUR.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, touch on two matters of interest to the Exercise.

(1) Ringers' Roll of Honour.—I have now corrected returns from the secretaries of just over half the number of ringers' associations. Realising the difficulty and work that such returns entail, I do not wish to be unduly pressing. I merely wish to point out that until all returns are in my hands I can get no further in the preparation of the roll.

Can someone give me any information as to the Irish Association?

(2) Library.—I have now available a record of ringing from 1871 to present date, except for 'Bell News,' 1906, January 27th and Sept. 8th; 1907, March 9th.

Can someone supply these?—Yours truly,

Broadlands, Caversham. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As there appears to be some misapprehension as to what was in the minds of the sub-committee appointed to deal with the above, when they issued their appeal, I would like to point out that the primary object is to erect a memorial tablet in Barnet Church.

The sub-committee hope that this will be generally understood, and that there will be a generous response to their appeal, so as to secure that a memorial worthy of their late president may be erected.

Several subscriptions, already received, will be duly acknowledged in your paper at an early date.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec. to the Sub-Committee.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One of those rare old peal boards upon which is recorded the figures, as well as other particulars of a noteworthy performance, is to be found in West Ham tower. This gives the details of a 15,120 of Bob Major rung in eight hours and 40 minutes by the Society of Eastern Scholars, on Monday, November 25th, 1737: Jn. Braby 1, Thos. Hart 2, Bob Goodyer 3, Jno. Bradshaw 4, Tho. Bennett 5, Jon. Long 6, Fra. Popham 7, P. Mainwaring 8.

Subject to correction, we believe this to have been the longest length ever rung at that early date. In March of the same year a 12,603 Graudsire Caters was rung at Norwich, and in April a 12,008 Grandsire Caters at Painswick, but the West Ham peal is the first 15,000 of which we have any knowledge.

Another early peal at West Ham was a 5,400 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberlands on Nov. 27th, 1758, and is recorded as being 'the greatest performance ever completed in this method on ten bells.' 'Samuel Wood called bobs,' and it is interesting to note that he and Francis, who also rang in the peal, were members of the family from which sprang that famous old London ringer, Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green.

On November 27th, 1729, a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and as far as records go this was the only successful peal rung by that old society, the London Scholars.

W. D. Crofts, who in his day was a ringer of great repute in the Midlands, died on November 29th, 1809, aged 67 years. He rang his first peal peal in 1765, and his last on November 11th, 1793. Of the 29 peals which he rang, he conducted 26, and included in his list were peals of 6,012, 8,046 and 10,260 Grandsire Caters. Other methods in which he rang peals were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Royal, Double Bob Royal and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal.

On November 25th, 1799, a peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, by the Union Society.

The first peal of Treble Bob Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 25th, 1821.

After a period of twenty-six years, Mr. William Lomas has, through failing health, reluctantly resigned from the position of hon. secretary to the Sheffield Cathedral company. This office was also held by his late father for a similar number of years. Although giving up the reins as an official, Mr. Lomas will remain an active ringing member, and still retains the good wishes of the company for his future health and happiness.

Mr. Sidney F. Palmer has been appointed his successor, and attention is directed to our notice columns as to details with regard to ringing affairs at the Cathedral.

Mr. James George, of 'England,' will be 69 next Monday. He had 3 hours' practice last Saturday with the 'little 'un' at 'Wedgbury' previous to turning the Southwark tenor in next Saturday to Kent Maximus. Since his last birthday he has rung his first two peals of London Surprise Major with a working bell, and rung Bow tenor to a peal.

The man that rang the Wednesbury tenor last Saturday is over 70 years of age. When is J. G. going to ring that one to a peal?

Two new trebles have been added at Wicken to make a ring of eight. The whole peal has been hung in a new frame upon the existing oak beams, and the old bells have been overhauled. The work was carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the bells have been dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Minor, at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on November 11th, was William Bettles.

BELL RINGERS FORGOTTEN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In our diocese of Canterbury there is to be, from Nov. 26th to December 3rd, a week of prayer for the Church, and for all those who work in the Church. In the pamphlet of suggestions which has been issued, several departments of church workers are mentioned for intercession, viz., the choir, sidesman, churchwardens, the Council, and, of course, the clergy, but one fails to find the least word of reference to the (as some in their modesty term us) humble bell ringer. Now, sir, it may be that the once despised servant of the Church has at last raised himself to the exalted position of perfection that no prayers are now necessary—or is it that his work is not deemed by high authority to be of sufficient importance to be included in an intercession? Perhaps if he made a little more noise it might be.—Faithfully yours, A. CASTLE.

Elham.

THE LATE MR. TOM WALLIS.

Mr. J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge, Kent, acknowledges with thanks donations towards the fund in aid of the widow and daughter of the late Mr. T. Wallis, who are left totally unprovided for. Previous list £7 5s.; Lewisham district meeting, per Mr. Groombridge, £1 4s. As the fund will definitely close on Nov. 30th, will all intending subscribers kindly send at once?

THE SUGGESTED FEDERATION IN SUFFOLK

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Coleman states that I 'endorsed' a memorandum, of which he sends you a copy, which appears printed with my name 'signed' at the foot. These epithets cannot both be correct; in fact, neither are. I only put my name to the document in order to affix some strong reservations. What right has Mr. Coleman to let my name appear unreservedly, when I attached lengthy reservations to it? How can any sort of business be transacted if one's intentions are to be so flagrantly perverted as this?

Moreover, in the body of this memorandum there is printed a 'note' in the first person. Who is this person? It is obviously not I who would have written it. Why, then, is my signature put at the foot, when I never attached my name to it? Apparently it is a private note between Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Coleman. At any rate I know nothing about it, and have never authorised my signature to be attached.

My signature was attached to the reservations (at Mr. Coleman's request, by the way), in order to make it clear that I was quite opposed to all the proposals, but that if the other two members of the sub-committee were agreed, I would not press my opposition.

Some weeks later Mr. Fawcett told me that he had not drawn up the memorandum, but that it was entirely the work of Mr. Coleman: he also had only signed it at Mr. Coleman's request, and did not agree with it. As Mr. Coleman knows that I repudiated this memorandum as soon as I knew that he had fathered it on me at the committee meeting at the beginning of this year, and as I told him he must not use it unless his signature appeared on it, why does he mention it in his report, and now insert it in your columns?

The statement upon which Mr. Coleman says 'further comment appears unnecessary' was that no member of the new Diocesan Society had supported these proposals. To prove that they have, he publishes a tinkered document to which are attached the disputed signatures of two persons, who have both since repudiated the use which he has made of this document, and one of whom was not even a member. I say without any hesitation that there is no foundation for the statement which appears in Mr. Coleman's report. If that objectionable statement appears in the printed copies of the report, it will be untrue and actionable, and every member of the Norwich Society will be involved.—Yours, etc., HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
Nov. 17th, 1922.

CONFUSION OF NAMES.

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal of Bob Major rung at Lavenham on Thursday, Oct. 19th, 1922, should be recorded for the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association, and not the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, as published.

It is a great pity, and unfair, that the Norwich and Ipswich Association should still use 'St. Edmundsbury' in their title, after being unsuccessful in their attempt at winning St. Edmundsbury territory and ringers over. The word is meaningless in that title, and will give rise to such trouble as above correction, also to the Peal Analysis Committee.

It is hoped that the N. and I.A. will revert to their old title, and give up that territory which 'they have not won,' thereby showing the friendly spirit voiced at their last general meeting, and more strongly 'cementing' that brotherhood existing between Norfolk and Suffolk 'brother strings.'—Yours truly, S. H. SYMONDS.

P.S.—The foregoing is the general opinion of the ringers of the St. Edmundsbury District Branch, St. E. and I.D.A.

THE SEPTUAGENARIANS' PEAL.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, writes: It was very interesting to read of the veterans' peal at Pulham Market, in which the performers were all over 70 years of age, but I find in looking over the peal book of James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, there is a peal recorded by a still older band, although they were not all over 70 years of age. The record is as follows:—

On Tuesday, January 1st, 1793, was rung at home (Leeds, Kent), 5,040 changes of Bob Major, in 3 hours 12 mins., by

	Age		Age
Samuel Grayling	82—1	James Hunt	70—5
Thomas Barham	70—2	Thomas Lacy	65—6
Abraham Barham	77—3	James Barham	67—7
William Davis	65—4	James Freeland	86—8

The whole making 582 years.

This peal completes the hundred rung at several places by James Barham.

The Pulham Market band, adds Mr. Hodgkin, will, therefore, have to ring a peal in another year's time to beat this performance.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £24 16s.; Mr. J. Gould, Bristol, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. George, Birmingham, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. G. Hornsby, £1 1s.; total, £26 2s.

PAID SERVICE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You are certainly correct, when you say that the report of the annual meeting of the Fylde Branch makes sad reading, but I am very much afraid that many other areas besides Fylde could tell the same tale of apathy. But cannot we also see in this report the glimmer of a glorious dawn, for it takes no small amount of moral courage on the part of the secretary to state so boldly in his report what he considers to be the root cause of this apathy; and though we have shirked it, many of us ringers know in our hearts that this is one of the two great obstacles that are today standing in the way of real progress in our noble art. It is certainly up to the ringers themselves to remove these obstacles from our path. And, Mr. Editor, I would go even a step further than you, and say that even out-of-pocket expenses, incurred for service ringing, should be part of the self-sacrifice a ringer makes for his church, for at the most, it only means some small luxury occasionally sacrificed, and, placed in the light of the sacrifices made by our forefathers, is really too trivial to be mentioned. Is it not the first duty of a ringer to place his talent at the feet of the giver?

And this leads to the other great obstacle in our path, which is, the churchmanship of ringers. How many of the thousands of ringers in this country of ours are taking a real active part in the work of the whole church? Are not too many of us satisfied to do a little in the ringing chamber, and leave the rest to take care of itself? Do we really give our service in the tower to the praise and worship of God? Is there not more of the selfish pleasure our art affords us than there should be? Does it really take a second's place, making worship the primary object of our art, the proud position of the lead?

I am certainly convinced that if we ringers would only shoulder more of our own responsibilities, take an active part in the work of the whole Church, see that we had full representation on her councils, a far better spirit of fellowship would be maintained, and we should hear no more of these continual quarrels between ringers and clergy, or councils; for, working together for the common cause of Christ, they would each realise the other's difficulty, and by mutual self-sacrifice and forbearance work together for the good of the whole.

In conclusion, allow me to offer my thanks to the secretary of the Fylde branch for placing the matter boldly before the eyes of the Exercise, and I trust that my old friend, his deputy Master, will support him with all the power behind him. He, too, has had the worries of secretaryship. They have a cause in front of them well worth the fight; and that the ringers of the whole country, who have their hearts in the work of the church, will rally to their ranks to hasten forward the glorious dawn, when the pure voice of the Church shall sound over hill and dale thrown out by bands of a true Christian brotherhood—is the hope of

A HUMBLE SERVANT IN THE ART.

NORTH WINGFIELD'S NEW TENOR.

REMEMBRANCE DAY DEDICATION.

On Saturday, November 11th, the parishioners of North Wingfield were delighted to again hear their bells, which had been silent for four months. The whole peal has been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the bells are now on ball bearings, the clappers have been rebushed, and pulley wheels renewed. The tenor bell has been recast at the expense of Brig.-General Jackson, in memory of his son who was killed during the late war. The church was filled to its utmost capacity for the dedication ceremony, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse officiated. He first dedicated the tablets which had been placed in church in memory of the men of North Wingfield, Tupton and Egston. Afterwards the choir and clergy proceeded to the tower, and the new bell was solemnly dedicated. General Jackson ascended the tower with the parish clerk (Mr. T. Allibone), and sounded the tenor the first few strokes, after which it was raised by the parish clerk. The hymn, 'Let our bells ring from the steeple,' was sung by the choir and congregation. The organist, Mr. Butterworth, had harmonised the old tune 'Stuttgart,' and bell effects were beautifully brought in on the organ.

A public tea was held after the service, to which over 200 sat down. The clergy present were Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, the Rev. A. J. B. Ellerton (Rector), the Rev. C. J. Boden, a former Rector, who read the lesson, the Rev. R. P. Tinsley (curate), and the Rev. R. V. Dodd, of Tupton. Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) and many others. The bells were kept merrily going until 8 p.m. by mixed bands, one and all being highly satisfied with the beautiful tenor and the 'go' of the bells.

The old tenor was brought to North Wingfield in 1820, when the new ten were put in the crooked steeple at Chesterfield. It bore the date 1611, and was cast of George Oldfield. The previous tenor was dated 1749, and was cast by Daniel Hedderley, according to the church registers.

The new bell bears the old inscription, with the following added: Recast 1922. In memory of Geoffrey Laird Jackson, captain, Rifle Brigade, killed in action near Arras, April 9th, 1917. — A. J. B. Ellerton, Rector. T. Allibone, parish clerk.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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THE YEAR'S DOINGS.

Mr. Cockerill, who was cordially received, responded to the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' and said expressions of regret for absence had been received from Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. Stainer, and Mr. R. A. Daniell, while a telegram had been received from Mr. C. S. Burden, from Darlington, conveying best wishes to the 'Master and all ancients and friends doing honour to our beloved society.' During the year, continued Mr. Cockerill, 68 practices had been held, which 118 members had attended at some time or other. The members made during the past year numbered 34, and they had lost, by death, Mr. W. W. Gifford, Mr. F. Hayes and Mr. S. Howe. The number of peals rung was 35, viz., Grandsire Triples 5 (3 on handbells), Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major (on handbells) 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 12, including one rung that day at Stepney (applause), Stedman Cinques 4 (one on handbells), Cambridge Royal 1, London Major 1. Mr. Jenkyn had mentioned the long peal at Appleton, and several who took part in the peal were present in the room that night (applause). He thanked them very sincerely for the kind way they had honoured the toast.

IN MEMORIAM.

An impressive feature followed, when, at the request of the Master, the company rose in remembrance of the men who laid down their lives in the war. No speech was made, but the Master read the following lines, written by Mr. J. Rowbotham, in memory of the illustrious dead, and particularly of the members of the society who fell:—

They have passed away,
Those stalwarts of our art,
Who, by their love and labour,
Toiled incessantly,
Probing the mysteries of Campanology.
Their ring was true, in every chime,
Their works shall stand, like monuments,
For all time.
Let those who follow, though unseen,
Cherish their works, honour their names,
And keep them ever green.

In those silent graves, over there,
Our brother Youths lie sleeping.
They died that we might live in peace;
Their souls are in safe keeping.
All honour them, though their lives are o'er,
Their names shall live for evermore.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and expressed the pleasure of the members at seeing so many friends present that evening from north, south, east, west and the Midlands, and it said much for the interest in change ringing that so many friends should be gathered together in one centre. He would like to mention as a matter of special interest the augmentation of the peal at St. Mary's, Taunton, from 10 to 12 bells. It was a matter of gratification, and they would all look forward with added interest to the doings of their friends in the west. They also welcomed friends from the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, who had just re-opened their bells at St. Martin's, their headquarters. They also had representatives present from the London County Association, who were still progressing in their activities from the foundations laid by the St. James' Society. He had to couple with the toast the names of Mr. Young and Mr. Howard. Mr. Young, as they all knew, was secretary of the Central Council, and did a very valuable work in that connection. Mr. Howard needed no introduction, for, when they mentioned the Essex Association they instinctively thought of Mr. Howard, the Master (applause).

Mr. Young, who first responded, expressed the pleasure it was to the members of kindred societies to be present upon the anniversary of that fine old society, the College Youths. The lesser Associations operating in the London area were, he felt, doing excellent work in feeding the two larger societies. In conclusion Mr. Young mentioned the newest of these organisation, and one with which he was connected, the St. Clement's Youths, on whose behalf, as well as for the other London Societies, he thanked the College Youths for their kind reception.

Responding for the Provincial Societies, Mr. Howard said his own association held the Ancient Society in great reverence. His connection with the Essex Association went back to 1885, when in Braintree they had a band of expert six-bell ringers, all members of the College Youths, and in looking through the College Youths' peal book that evening he had come across a peal rung in 1884 by Braintree ringers in 14 Minor methods. Mr. William Dyson took part in that peal, and four of the ringers were alive to-day. Mr. Howard recalled the help which the then young Essex Association received from the College Youths. To-day he was pleased to say the Essex Association had secured its place among the change ringing societies of England, and they were in the proud position of having over a thousand members (applause). When he joined the Association there were only two eight bell towers in the neighbourhood of Braintree, now there were nine or ten. Only a few years ago Essex could not boast of a single twelve bell tower, to-day they had three. Continuing, Mr. Howard said he had always had one object in view in ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, but he had always tried to raise the standard of ringers, and no one had helped him more than the clergy. At one time the clergy were even suspicious when the association went into a parish, but now they were welcomed, and the clergy looked upon them as a valuable body of church workers. He happened to be not only a member of the Parochial Church Council, but secretary of the Rural-Decanal Conference, and a member of the Diocesan Conference, and when the matter to which Canon Coleridge had referred came before the National Assembly he mentioned the matter to Conference, urging that ringers should remain under the clergy. They had always got on well together, and the ringers did not want better masters (applause).

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed 'The Visitors,' in felicitous terms, and Canon Haldane, who first responded, said he felt he was only returning the many visits which the Society had paid to him at the Cathedral. They were always glad to see them there (hear, hear). He was careful how he put that (laughter), because last year, when he paid them a compliment which was perfectly true, and told them that people who had heard them ring had said to him 'Why doesn't everybody ring like that?' it got into 'The Ringing World' and his ringers read it. They could imagine what happened after that (laughter). On this occasion, therefore, he did not want to make any suggestion that the College Youths were any better than the Southwark ringers. When, later, it devolved upon him to get a fresh body of ringers he went straight to the College Youths and asked them to find him the best man they could to train a new band, and he was pleased to say they were making great progress under a well-known member of that society, Mr. Newton (applause). He was very grateful to the society for what they had done for the ringers at Southwark.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford also responded, and remarked that while he had not aspired to be Master of their Ancient Society, he happened this year to be a Master in another Ancient Society, the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and was Master of his own parish lodge. The Rev. Pennington Bickford referred to the assistance which he received from Mr. Young in connection with the formation of St. Clement's Youths at his own Church, and the help which was given to them by many members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. C. H. Horton gave 'The Press,' and, referring to the early days of ringing, said that all that the Exercise was able to secure was a little corner in 'Bell's Life,' which was a sporting paper. Then came that famous little organ, 'Church Bells,' after that 'Bell News,' then 'Campanology' and 'The Bellringer,' and now they had 'The Ringing World.' It was a paper of great advantage to ringers, and he was sure everyone appreciated the work that was done by the journal in the interests of change ringing. The only thing they had to wish was that they could have a larger paper at a smaller price (laughter). They had with them the Editor of the paper, who had done everything that man could do to increase interest in change ringing generally, and he was sure that that society and all interested in ringing wished Mr. Goldsmith and his paper the greatest success and long life (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast, and remarked that Mr. Horton's wish for a larger paper at a smaller price would be realised as soon as a sufficiently large number of ringers by their support made it justifiable (applause). It should be the aim of all ringers to do their utmost to spread the knowledge of the art and to strengthen the bonds of that brotherhood to which they were all so proud to belong, so that when the time came to say 'This is all,' they could feel satisfied they were leaving the Exercise a little better than they found it. This was the aim which he had in 'The Ringing World,' and which would continue to animate its conduct in the future (applause).

The speeches were interspersed with musical items of a very enjoyable nature. Songs were sung by Mr. Harold Judd, Mr. Percy Judd, L.R.A.M., A.R.A.M., Mr. H Castell and Mr. W. H. Judd. All were encored, and Mr. W. H. Judd had an uproarious reception for his most amusing topical song, 'Ringing Reminiscences.' On more than one occasion this title has covered entertaining verses, but this year the 'mixture' was even better than ever. A feature of the programme was the handbell selections of Mrs. A. A Hughes, who rang 'Friend o' Mine' and 'Love, could I only tell thee' upon some very sweet-toned bells in a most delightful way. It was quite a remarkable performance, and needless to say, was vociferously encored.

'Auld Lang Syne' brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Cassel 1, J Herbert 2, H. Whanslaw 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Smale 5, T. Bolton 6, W. T. Elson 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Conducted by W. T Elson. Arranged for Mr. Smale, of Potter Street, Harlow, Essex. C. Moody stood out to oblige G. F. Edwards, of Fulham.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, J. Walsom 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Wood 4, G. C. Iles 5, F. H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, H. A. Folkard 9, H. F. Rivers (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 10.

NORTHFIELD.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, in 30 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Russell 1, E. Rose 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, J. Vaughan 4, P. O. Laflin 5, J. Withers (conductor) 6.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes), in 52 mins.: Miss Emma Franklin 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, S. Chapman 4, J. Hazel 5, F. Freeman 6, W. Mathews 7, Miss Stella Davis (conductor) 8.

BRAINTREE.—For Matins, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 640 Kent Treble Bob: G. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, E. J. Slade 8.—On Monday, October 23rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Blyth and Miss N. Mayo, 864 and 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard 3, G. Wiffen 4, G. Lindridge 5, W. Pye 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, F. Ely 8.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wraight (first 504) 1, L. Twyman 2, T. Scott 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, H. W. Moody, R.A.F., 6, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 7, J. Jarman 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the late A. E. Seer, in 45 mins.: W. Crocker 1, G. Temple 2, C. Densley 3, F. C. Rich 4, H. W. Brown 5, T. F. King 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for afternoon men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Berry 1, S. W. Corden 2, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 3, G. Bacon 4, C. P. Chalk 5, W. Dowsett 6, W. Dudley 7, Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett (Chatham) 8, G. E. Wilson 9, W. Bacon 10.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 52 mins.: W. Richards 1, F. Smith 2, W. Bolton 3, S. Dawe 4, E. Hunt 5, H. West 6, E. Coombes 7, A. Parnell 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. First quarter-peal for the ringer of 1 and 8.

LATE NOTICES.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Armley, on Saturday, December 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Thomas Goodchild), the new peal of 8 bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be served in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., and all applications for same must reach Mr. P. Whiteley, 9, Darris Place, Wortley, not later than first post on Saturday, November 25th. For further particulars, please see circulars.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke Hon. District Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30, with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Keigh). Tea in Church House, 6d. each, at 5. The new ring of 6 at Corfe Mullen will be available.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—A meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at Oxford. Service in St. Aldate's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in Rectory Room, 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s. Please notify W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

REMEMBRANCE DAY RINGING.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. Strattou 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS. — A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Abbott 1, P. J. Manning 2, H. Tompkins 3, H. Ette 4, G. Ette 5, J. R. Main 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, H. J. Buckby 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BURSLEM, STAFFS. — On Armistice Day, at the Parish Church, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in three different callings, with the bells half-muffled: H. Box 1, P. Kelsall 2, A. Lees 3, T. Hurd (conductor) 4, J. Hurd 5, T. Hilditch 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—At St. Sannan's Church, on Armistice Day, 360 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: T. Lewis 1, L. Rowlands 2, G. Fopnell (conductor) 3, W. Williams 4, W. Powell 5, T. Popnell 6, B. Hughes 7, J. Powell 8. Also 240, with M. Thomas 4. First 120 for all the band except the conductor. All are local ringers.

FRAMLINGHAM.—An attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, half-muffled, was lost two courses from home: F. Reeve 1, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 2, A. Watson 3, J. Garratt 4, V. Kerridge 5, D. G. Wightman 6, C. Button 7, J. Hall 8.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12th, for memorial service, half-muffled 944 Bob Major, composed by G. Hollis: J. Foreman 1, V. Kerridge 2, J. Hall 3, J. Garratt 4, A. Watson 5, W. E. Maulden (conductor) 6, C. Button 7, H. Hall 8.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 of Bob Minor, in 33 minutes: Mrs. Bruce 1, G. Chandler (conductor) 2, Miss K. Avenell 3, C. Slyfield 4, C. Heather 5, S. Petter 6.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—With the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's Twelve-part: S. Fleuty 1, J. Fleuty 2, W. Scillitoe 3, R. Fleuty 4, W. Arnold 5, F. Claydon (conductor) 6, J. French 7, S. Warno 8. Also 216 of Bob Minor, conducted by J. French.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The ringers taking part were: G. Dixon, M. Silvester, T. Chinery, W. Lee, G. Tatum, A. Scott, D. Elliott (conductor), A. Maxim, C. Clarke, L. Ollerton, W. Head.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters, half-muffled, in 55 mins.: C. Winsor 1, A. Osborne 2, J. Haigh 3, J. Kidd 4, R. Paine 5, C. H. Norris 6, W. Easter 7, W. Haigh 8, F. Richardson (conductor) 9, F. Belsey (first quarter-peal on ten) 10.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles): A. Cherryman, junr., 1, W. White 2, G. Steele 3, A. Cherryman, senr., 4, E. Godley 5, A. White (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise, 240 London Surprise, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with F. Trusler, R. Stredwick and R. S. Cherryman taking part.

EDENBRIDGE.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Leigh, junr., 1, R. Jenner 2, H. Leigh 3, W. Leigh 4, J. Heasman 5, G. Malyan 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, E. Collison 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—With the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: J. C. King 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, G. W. Heley 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 7. Also first quarter-peal of Double Norwich ever rung in the tower by an entirely local band.

FAMILY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat amused at 'Once a Beginner's' article on delusions, in which he appears to infer that I am guilty of trying to filch the honour due to the Banister family.

I must ask him to get rid of this 'delusion' at once, for in my letter to you at the time, I claimed nothing beyond the fact that I rang a peal of London Surprise Major with my father on a certain date, not thinking at the time of the Woolwich peal, but a letter I sent a few days after, calling attention to the Banister activities in bygone days, appears to have miscarried, as it was not published.

I would also like to ask 'Once a Beginner,' if he was so surprised at my statement that we had rung such a peal, that he could not pull himself together sufficiently to write you about that peal of which he knew so well, for had he done so, surely one of our letters would have caught your eye, and the matter would have been settled there and then, instead of dragging along all this time, to be finally disposed of to the accompaniment of personal digs, which have, more than once in the past, produced in your correspondence columns, a spirit which should be foreign to a body united for the purpose of advancing our art in general, and confined to specialists in throat-cutting for footnotes.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. ALLEN.

PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN NORTHAMPTON RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death, at his residence, 10, Talbot Road, Northampton, of Mr. William John Allen, one of the best known and most respected Northampton ringers. The sad event occurred on Sunday morning, November 5th. Mr. Allen contracted double pneumonia, and despite all that skill could do, and the unremitting care of a devoted wife, he passed away within a week. The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mrs. Allen and family in the heavy bereavement they have suffered.

Mr. Allen first learnt to ring at St. Edmunds, where he stayed for a short time, afterwards joining St. Peter's Society, and subsequently, in 1900, the All Saints' ringers, when he made rapid progress as a ringer and conductor. He rang his first peal in 1902; his first of Stedman in 1906, which he also conducted, at St. Edmund's, Northampton. It was also the first peal of Stedman in Northampton by a local band. He conducted the only peal of Cambridge Major rung in Northampton, at All Saints' in December last year. Altogether he had rung 77 peals in the following methods: Doubles 2, Minor 16 (conducted 3), Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 18 (conducted 10), Bob Major 7 (conducted 2), Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 5, Superlative 14 (conducted 8), Cambridge Major 1 (conducted) 1, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 2, Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Royal 2, Cambridge Royal 1, Erin Triples 1. He was appointed foreman of All Saints' belfry on the Tuesday he lay ill; but, alas! he never fulfilled the office.

Deceased was most regular and punctual in his attendance for Sunday ringing at All Saints', ever ready to help at other towers when not on duty at his own; always ready to help to make up a band for a peal, being an able conductor, a very good striker and a safe ringer. He will be very much missed, and his loss to All Saints', Northampton, and to the other towers in town and county, cannot be measured.

The funeral took place on Thursday, November 2nd. The service at mid-day was at All Saints' Church, when there assembled many ringers and friends, including Messrs. S. Lawrence (district secretary), F. Wilford, F. Hopper, J. Metherall, B. Soden, W. Gammage, A. Moore, W. Moore, W. Parker, W. G. Farey, Mrs. Waldock (representing Mr. Grant, treasurer of the All Saints' ringers), Mrs. Eales, Mr. Wilford, senr., Mrs. Oxley. The cortege was met at the west door by the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey C. Lunt, M.A., M.C.) and the Rev. O. St. M. Williams, B.A., curate. The coffin was borne in to the church by four of the deceased brother ringers and two of his fellow-workers: Messrs. H. Blundell, W. Farey, H. Rainbow, J. Dean, E. Malpas and A. Underwood. The mourners were the widow and other members of the family. The service was taken by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by the Rev. O. St. M. Williams.

The interment took place at Kingsthorpe Cemetery, where the committal prayers were said by the Rev. O. St. M. Williams. There were a large number of floral tributes, including wreaths from All Saints' belfry, and ringing friends of Northampton.

Touches were rung with the bells half-muffled in the evening. At All Saints' Church the whole pull and stand was rung, also 168 Grandsire Triples by H. Blundell 1, A. Robinson 2, S. J. Lawrence 3, L. Farey 4, F. Wilford 5, A. Moore 6, W. Farey 7, W. G. Farey 8. A course of Stedman Triples and a course of Superlative were also rung. Messrs. Moore (Daventry) and Stewart (Northampton), who took part, were old ringing friends. At St. Edmund's Church the whole pull and stand was rung 42 times, representing the deceased's age, also various touches, the ringers being T. Tebbutt, J. Metherall, F. Hopper, W. Rogers, J. Hensman, W. Gammage, S. Burton (Leicester), J. Mackay and R. O. Soden.

At St. Giles' Church, two courses of Grandsire Caters and three of Stedman Caters were rung by W. Rogers, H. L. Key, W. Sibley, J. Metherall, B. O. Soden, F. Hopper, J. Hensman, S. Burton, G. Flavell, J. Freeman, E. James and A. Monk.

On Saturday a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Edmund's.

Mrs. Allen and family desire to express thanks to all those who assisted in the ringing, and those who sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.

RINGING AT 84.

To commemorate the 84th birthday of Mr. Wm. Newell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on November 8th, at Reading, Mr. Newell ringing the 8th. For a man of his years the performance was remarkable, the striking and handling of his bell being an example to many a younger ringer.

Mr. Newell has been associated with St. Lawrence's tower for many years, and still does all that is necessary to keep the bells in good going order, while he also is an outstanding example of regularity and punctuality in attendance.

The quarter-peal of 1,349 changes was rung in 55 minutes by Miss M. Mackman 1, A. Osborne 2, S. E. Davis 3, F. Hopgood 4, C. Giles 5, A. Sweetzer 6, A. Wiggins 7, W. Newell 8, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 9, A. Lovejoy 10. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor.

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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.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting afterwards.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meering will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Right Rev. Bishop G. D. Iliff, D.D.). Bells (8) available from 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, at which it is hoped the address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea in Church Schools at 5 o'clock.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Collis). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped all who can will attend.—George T. Pegnall, Dist. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 25th, when the bells of All Saints (10), St. Andrews (8), and Bengeo (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Andrew's at 5 o'clock; address by the Rector. Tea 1/-; business meeting after. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, commencing at 2.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells—Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicholas (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting and social to follow.—E. Raddon, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at "The Grange" after service.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th November. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. It is hoped all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Temperford Road, Sandy.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Bedfont to-morrow (Saturday) Nov. 25th, by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. M. Kingston). Ringing from 3 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Nov. 27th; 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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral, Nov. 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tenbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1922. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Tring.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston. Tower open 3 p.m. (8 bells). Guild service in Church 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. E. Ford). Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 9*d*. each, to those only who notify me first post Nov. 30th latest. Subscription, 6d. per member, for 1922 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Trusting for a good attendance.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street. Miles Platting.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 2nd.—A Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the White Cot Dairy, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea, 1/- each, at The Black Dog at 5 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will take place at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 2. Bells (6) available from 2.30.—W. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staveley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Rectory Barn, 1/6 each.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service, 6 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

DEDICATION.—The ring of 10 at St. Nicholas', Brighton, recast and rehung by Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lewes, on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 1922, at 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY.—With a view to encouraging the art of ringing on the higher number of bells, an open practice will be held every Thursday from 7.30 to 9 p.m., commencing on Thursday, Dec. 7th. All ringers welcomed. Will ringers kindly note that future applications for the loan of books from the late Charles Henry Hattersley Library should be made to the Company Librarian, Mr. William Chown, 68, Canada Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield; but applications for the use of the bells and all other business matters must be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at the Parish Church, Rotherham. Bells (10) ready at 3. Service at 5; preacher: the Rev. Canon Allen. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Church Hall, Moorgate, at a reasonable charge. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 6th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Ave., Bentley Road, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.; tea and business to follow at Chequers Hotel.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15 followed by tea and a business meeting, at which it is hoped every member will make a special effort to be present. The subscriptions for the current year should then be paid. Miss E. K. Parker hopes to attend this meeting. All ringers will be very welcome, and other bells will be available in the evening. Names of those who intend to be present at the tea should please be sent to Miss Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol, by Dec. 4th without fail.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. David's Institute, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Service 4.30 p.m., Parish Church. Tea, 5 p.m., 9d. each; meeting and election of officers to follow. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open from 2.30 p.m.: St. David's, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's, Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Hon. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1922. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Unveiling of Peal Tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee, 3.30. Tea will be provided in the School at 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly send word early to Mr. A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn? A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Meeting to follow tea.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting, 6.30. All ringers welcome. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS. — SECOND ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1923, at 6.30 p.m. Most of the City church bells will be available for ringing between 2.30 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. The dinner will be followed by a social evening. Tickets (on sale now), 6s. each, may be had from Mr. J. Gould, Mr. H. Howell, Mr. J. G. Jeffries, Miss Smith, all Bristol Guild secretaries; Mr. A. Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham; Mr. P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol; or from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday, November 11th. The Abbey bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea was held in the Churchroom, the Vicar of Romsey being present.

At the business meeting afterwards, with the Rev. W. E. Colchester in the chair, Canon Braithwaite being unable to attend, the balance sheet was adopted. This showed a balance with the treasurer of £8 and balance in hand £1 12s. 2d.

The retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Canon Braithwaite; secretary, W. T. Tucker; Central Committee, W. Andrews and J. W. Faithfull; auditor, G. Smith.—The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Andrews seconded, a hearty vote of congratulation to Mr. Geo. Williams, Master of the Guild, upon being the first official of the Guild to achieve the great distinction of ringing his 1,000th peal.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Williams briefly replied.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on November 3rd, 1923, and quarterly meetings at New Alresford in February; Lockerley and East Tytherley in May; Thursley in August.

Amongst those present at the meeting were the Rev. N. C. Woods, general secretary; Mr. George Williams, Master; Mr. E. J. Harding, secretary, Portsmouth district; Mr. C. W. Clarke, Bedford, and members from Alton, Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Porisea, Bournemouth, North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, and the Abbey band.

A vote of thanks was passed to the District Secretary, and also to the Vicar of Romsey for the bells and room for the meeting.

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