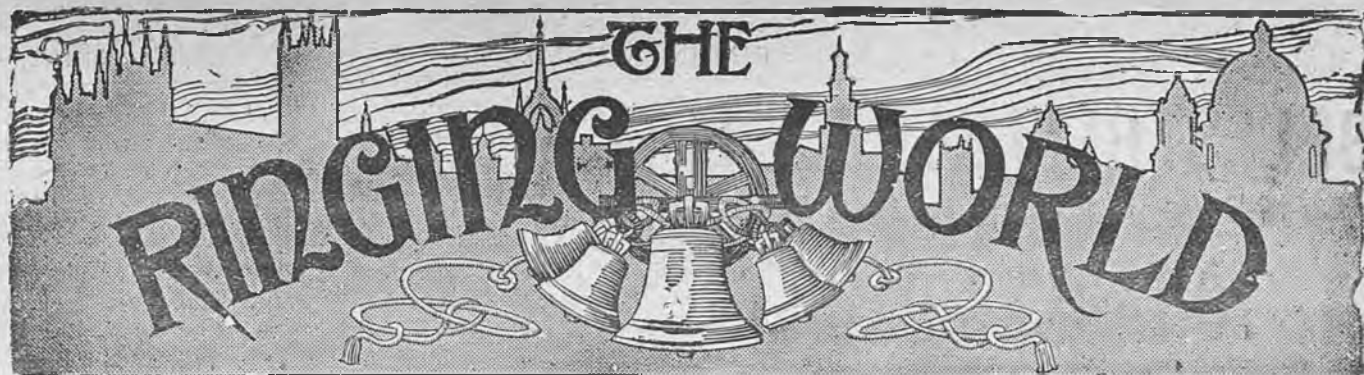




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THE NAMING OF METHODS.

One of the most mysterious things about ringing is the curious manner in which certain words and names have crept into use in connection with the art. They have come in the process of time, though no one knows their real origin. The mists of the past surround them, and in these days we cling to them largely for the sake of tradition, but without knowing exactly why they came to mean what they at present convey, or how they came to be used. How many people, for instance, can tell us why the word 'Grandsire' was applied to the method, or whence comes the word 'Bob' as applied to Treble Bob? So with many of the names applied to other methods, they are presumably just the designation given at the caprice of composer or ringers, and in not a few cases they are ludicrous, and would seem so to ringers were it not for their familiarity. There is no reason, however, why these absurdities should be amplified and perpetuated when the opportunity occurs to remedy some of the ridiculous appellations of the past. Yet, in the report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which is to be presented for adoption at the meeting at Whitsun, there appear names for methods which some may think picturesque, but which we venture to believe will be a laughing-stock to the majority of ringers. To give such names as Dahlia and Geranium, to mention only two, to Treble Bob methods seems to us sufficient to kill the methods for ever. We can only think the Committee adopted flower names for some of this group because some unimaginative persons in the past designated a few of the earlier methods by titles such as 'Tulip' and 'Primrose.' Then, too, they have retained such a name as 'Trinity Sunday' for a Treble Bob method, 'Francis' Genius' for a third's place Delight, and 'Ringers' Surprise' for one in the highest group.

The Committee tell us that they have been guided in their selection by priority of use and the advisability of retaining as much as possible, consistent with present definitions, of all that has been in use in the past. There can, however, be no advantage in extending the absurdities of the years gone by, and while there is much less objection to the word 'abbey' or 'castle' as part of a title, there can be no gainsaying the fact that nothing sounds so well as the plain name of a county, city, or town applied to the names of the methods we ring. There is still a vast number of such names left, and if there were not sufficient of these, even the rivers would have given us a better type of name than flowers. At any rate, we fancy there is something a little more impres-

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sive about such titles as 'Thames,' 'Severn' and 'Trent,' for instance, than 'Bluebell,' 'Fuchsia' and 'Marigold,' which, pretty as they may be in themselves, savour of fairy stories and nursery rhymes, instead of a serious art. If it is desired to preserve the ancient names which were given to some of these methods, it should have been sufficient to place them on record with a reference to the new designation, and thus kept the identity of the ancient titles from being lost. For the sake of the dignity of the art we hope the Committee will feel inclined to take back their report and amend it so that the Exercise may be rid of some of these absurdities. At the same time the question of naming new methods might be taken in hand by way of laying down some lines for the future. Only last week the Leicester men, ringing the first peal of Mr. Arthur Craven's new method, felt that the name given was not a suitable one. It is difficult to dispute an author's right to call his creation what he chooses—that is how some of the names in the past were handed down to us—but if the Council expressed their views as to the limits within which titles should be found, it is more than likely that they would be readily accepted, and, in any event, when the day arrives that all affiliated associations acknowledge the rulings of the Council as binding, the Council will have power to change any names that do not comply with their requirements.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes.

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 9
GEORGE R. RYE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 2	FRANK COLE 7
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	*JAMES SMITH 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	WILSON RUSHTON 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 5	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ABRAM WILKERSON Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	*EDWIN MARTIN 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	†DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE ... 7
THOMAS DICKENS... .. 4	FRANK BRASSINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal in the method as conductor.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*SYDNEY SADLER... .. Treble	RALPH UMPLEBY... .. 5
ERNEST SIMPSON 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	GEORGE McHALE 7
HARRY DAVISON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN H. BLAKISTON (Middlesborough).

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ambler, Jun., of Pudsey.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	PERCY MAY 5
CHARLES PARKER 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt, who hails from Hasketon. Calling, see page 89 of Hubbard's 'Art of Ringing.'

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DONALD FINDLAY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	WILLIAM LATTEY 7
BERNARD COLLISON 4	ALEC. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. The ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Horsmonden, Kent, the rest from Tunbridge Wells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
JOHN COOK 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ARTHUR MARKS 6
*GEORGE PEERS 3	JAMES PRATT 7
MAURICE J. SWINFELD ... 4	WALTER J. COPE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

Ringers of 2nd and 4th belong to Burton, 8th to Lichfield, the rest to Tamworth. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Stedman Triples. John H. Swinfeld and Maurice J. Swinfeld were made members of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM STANCLIFFE 5
*HARRY TOMLINSON 2	†EDWIN OGDEN 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WATSON 7
HERBERT WORMWELL ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in method. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Burnley, tenor from Church Kirk, and remainder from Blackburn.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4	ALBERT M. HALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Archdale. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Canon for his kind hospitality before and after the peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. NORTON Treble	*HARRY KILBY 5
ROBERT HOLLOWAY 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
EDWARD LANKESTER 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* Fiftieth peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	JOHN LYDDIAED 5
GEORGE HUXLEY 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
*THOMAS I. KNIGHT 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. SPICE.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... .. Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
ARTHUR W. DIN 2	WALTER AYRE 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. M. Hall, M.A. (President of the Bushey Society, and Patron of the Hertford County Association), on completion of 25 years' service as Rector of Bushey. M. Hibbert's 50th peal upon these bells, also 75th for the above Association.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7360 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST LONDON Treble	*SAMUEL CARDELL 5
ALBERT E. ALDERSEA 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	CHARLES MORLEY 7
GEORGE CRAWLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by S. THURSTON. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This is a record for the Association, also the longest length by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 9.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FRED GRUNDY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
TOM LINGARD 3	ARTHUR RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR RIDYARD.

This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Dean of Manchester (Rev. J. G. McCormick), on his safe return from a mission tour in India.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*WILLIAM PARKER 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	*WALTER AUSTIN 6
†HARRY BAXTER 8... 3	FRED HOPPER 7
*THOMAS LAW 4	GEORGE BASFORD Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal on eight bells. The 3rd ringer hails from Broughton, nr. Kettering, the tenor from Finedon, the rest from Northampton. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. A. Moore for having everything in readiness.

EYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*WILLIAM BUTTON, JUN. ... Treble	BENJAMIN BAKER... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MISS ROSE THOMAS 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	GEORGE THOMAS Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. The above is the first time that ladies have attempted a peal at Eye. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rose Thomas. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. E. Curd and Miss Curd.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD BARLOW Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	JOHN POTTER 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

The conductor's 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
JAMES F. CLARKE 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and 5 of Plain Bob.

*LEONARD MASON Treble	JOHN FOSTER 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	BERT GOGLE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	*HARRY SEINKINS Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in two methods and first attempt.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JAMES E. LILLEY... .. Treble	REGINALD R. POLE 4
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 2	DENIS J. BOUCHER 5
GEORGE W. JONES 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Minor in seven methods by the Guild and St. Chad's Society, also in the county by resident members. Rung at the first attempt and is the first peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. It was a birthday compliment to the conductor, also rung as a welcome to the new churchwardens, Mr. H. C. Harris and Mr. J. Robertson.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	WALTER AYRE 4
THOMAS J. HULL 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	HARRY HOLLICK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal on the bells which were recast in 1883. Many attempts have been made but have failed through the long draught of rope. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, represent 4 towers of St. Albans. The company wish to express their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Baird-Smith) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	WILLIAM HAMPSON 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM GOULD 3	JAMES ORME Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

† JACK BOURNE Treble	* CHARLIE JONES 4
* IVOR RAWLINGS 2	ARCHIE PROBERT 5
* WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	IVOR PROBERT Tenor

Conducted by IVOR PROBERT.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by the local band. † First peal. * First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

BLISWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 Six Score of Bob Doubles, and 30 Six Score of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 19½ cwt.

* PHILLIP C. ASPLIN Treble	JOHN A. TOWNSEND 3
ALBERT W. TURNER 2	J. WILFRED SHEAR 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell.

EASTRINGTON, NEAR HOWDEN.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Plain Bob, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2,880 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE CURTIS TERRY ... Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 4
J. WILLIAM HALL 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
HORACE MORLEY 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

This is the first peal on the bells which were opened on Easter Monday. The ringers wish to give all praise to the founders, Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, for the 'go' and tone of the bells. The peal was also rung in honour of the Vicar's 42nd Wedding Day. The Vicar entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 19 cwt.

* SIDNEY FRANCIS Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	CHARLES DOEL 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Vicarage.

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7—8

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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Vicarage.

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7—8

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Vicarage,

PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7—8

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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Vicarage,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7—8

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7—8
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 9—10	

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: H. BROUGHTON.

Witnesses: J. MORRIS and G. S. MORRIS.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band, and first attempt. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
RUNG ON THE TOP OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BERT RIXOM 1—2 | *THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3—4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5—6

Conducted by A. S. BAYLEY.

Witnesses: WILLIAM R. EVANS and JAMES L. JONES.

* First peal in hand. Rung as a welcome home to T. E. Abbott on his return from service with H.M. Forces in India, he being proposed a member of the above Guild before starting.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size in B.

BERT RIXOM 1—2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5—6
*THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3—4 | ALFRED S. BAYLEY 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

Umpire: WILLIAM D. WASE.

Witness: WILLIAM R. EVANS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At No. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JACK PILGRIM 1—2 | ROY PILGRIM 5—6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3—4 | LEONARD W. BALE 7—8

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2 | ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 5—6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3—4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

By kind invitation of the Rector and Mr. W. Neuth an extra by-meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, April 7th, at Ardleigh, 42 members attending from 14 towers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. This was followed by an excellent tea provided at the Neuth Hall. Mr. W. J. Nevard (the District Master) was in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard). Six new members were elected, and the Master, in thanking Mr. Neuth for his generosity, spoke of the good feeling amongst ringers in the district, and hoped the next meeting, on May 12th, at Tendring, would be equally well attended.

YEOVIL.—On Easter Day, for morning service, Mr. James George's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Batty 1, J. E. Baker (conductor) 2, F. Hunt 3, E. T. Griffen 4, C. Norman 5, R. C. Maunders 6, W. Fry 7, S. J. Baker 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by a Yeovil band, and first quarter for all except the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th. The tenor is 45 cwt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Jas. Goodsell 1, L. Booth 2, T. Hoad (conductor) 3, F. Morgan 4, T. Booth 5, Wm. Hoad 6, E. Mills 7, G. Mills 8. First quarter as conductor, and first attempt.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: T. Clark (conductor), 1, F. Brown 2, Wilf. Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, G. Hasell (first quarter-peal) 6.

ANCIENT WILTSHIRE BELLS RESTORED.

The ancient village of Ogbourne St. George, Wilts, lying in a pretty valley between two ridges of the celebrated Wiltshire Downs, has charming pastoral surroundings, and just below the venerable parish church the clear waters of the Ogbourne, a tributary of the Kennet, flow placidly by. The church contains a grand old ring of five bells, with a noble tenor, described in 'Church Bells' by W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., as follows:—

1. To be the leading bell,
To prayse and ring well,
I was given by Master Thomas Baude, R.T., July fifteenth, 1825.
2. God be our guyd. R.B. 1603.
3. Geve thanks to God. R.B. 1603.
4. William Goddard, William Dixon, Churchwardens. William Purdue and Thomas Purdue, 1652.
5. William Goddard, William Dixon, Churchwardens. William Purdue and Thomas Purdue cast mee 1652.

For many years these beautiful bells have been practically unringable, but they have recently been rehung in a new steel and iron frame with entirely new fittings and ropes by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, needless to say, the work has been admirably done. The tone of the bells has been greatly improved by careful tuning.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Smith, M.A.) has worked with characteristic energy in collecting the funds amounting to £375, and a further sum is required to carry out some necessary repairs to the tower and the provision of a new floor.

A dedication service was held on Saturday, April 14th, when the opening ringing was performed by local ringers, and their experiences were not too happy, the transformation to the easy-going bells somewhat upsetting them, and one enthusiast soon had a stay off. A number of ringers from neighbouring towers were also present, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Parish Room by the Vicar, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his kind hospitality.

The Rector's subject in his sermon was a unique one. It was based on simplicity and the superiority of all things represented by simple words or monosyllables. 'In the farm,' he said, 'you have the sheep, the horse, the cow, the ox, the goat, corn, wheat, hay. In life you have love, light, food, sleep. All the best things were expressed by simple words. What more musical word could you find than that of "bell"? The preacher congratulated the people of Ogbourne on their efforts which had culminated so successfully that day, and on the comparatively short period which had elapsed from the inauguration of the scheme to the completion of it. He greatly regretted that indisposition had prevented the Archdeacon of Wiltshire from performing the ceremony, which he had been called upon to do in his place.

At the conclusion, Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and expressed his entire satisfaction at the excellent way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had restored the bells. Mr. C. F. Johnston seconded the vote of thanks, and expressed the hope that the Ogbourne ringers would soon master the art of change ringing.

Thus another of Wiltshire's grand old rings has been restored, and it is safe to say that if the bells, frame and fittings are properly cared for they will continue to ring out their messages for many generations to come. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E.

In the adjoining village of Ogbourne St. Andrew there is another interesting ring of five bells, with a Pre-Reformation tenor, and the Rev. W. C. Lukis in the book above referred to says: 'The tenor bell of Ogbourne St. Andrew, which was cast in the 15th century, and weighs about 15 cwt., cannot be surpassed for richness and dignity of tone.' The black letter inscription is 'Trinitatem adoremus.'

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT LAMBETH.

The Southern district of the London County Association held a very successful and enjoyable meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday last. It will be remembered that the bells were recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the splendid 'go' and 'tone' was fully appreciated by the 30 ringers who attended during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

Tea was partaken of at the Archbishop Temple Boys' School, and the excellent fare was heartily enjoyed. At the business meeting which followed, two new members were made. — A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hardy and the local men for having them in readiness.

After some handbell ringing, the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

At 7.30 the ringers attended evensong, and at the conclusion of the short service, the bells were once more set going. But 'all things come to an end,' and a very pleasant afternoon and evening came to a close all too quickly.

Ringers attended from Beckenham, Camberwell, Chelsea, Clapham, Beddington, Deptford, East Ham, Ealing, Hammersmith, Kensington, Lambeth, Rotherhithe and Willesden.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 14th. Between forty and fifty members attended, which was a very fair muster, considering the inclement weather which prevailed.

A short service was held in church, at which the Rev. Dr. Swindell (Vicar) delivered a helpful address. A bountiful tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the wives of local ringers, and was greatly enjoyed. The Rev. Dr. Swindell was present, and gave the company a warm welcome to Sedgley, as well as a little fatherly advice.—A vote of thanks to him for his address and the use of the bells, etc., to the organist, and to the ladies who attended to the wants of the inner man, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, and carried with applause.

Handbells were brought into use, and several tunes were played. The ringing during the afternoon and evening comprised the four standard methods as well as touches of Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major.

The annual meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 23rd.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday week. About 30 members attended from Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, etc., and several touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Woodbine were brought round during the afternoon. Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Rector, the members sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Room. A short business meeting followed, the district vice-president (Mr. R. Parkinson) presiding, supported by the Rector, Mr. W. Story (president of the association), Mr. A. M. Hall (treasurer), and Mr. J. W. Parker.

The Rector, in responding to a vote of thanks for his hospitality, said that, as he had expected, the desirability of the octave being completed in the tower of his beautiful old church had that afternoon been pointed out to him, but he was afraid it was impossible at present.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Sunderland, on Saturday, June 2nd.

After a walk round the beautiful gardens of the Rectory, the bells were again set going, and a 720 of Double Oxford brought round.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruislip recently, when between 60 and 70 members and friends attended from Acton, Battersea, Brookley, Beaconsfield, Chelsea, Clapham, Camberwell, Chiswick, Ealing, Fulham, Heston, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Hanwell, Hammersmith, Isleworth, Kensington, Staines, Windsor, Willesden, and the local company. The ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the leadership of the Master (Mr. Robert Holloway). Tea, which had been arranged by the hon. secretary, was partaken of by 40 members, including the vice-president (Mr. T. Beadle). Again visiting the church a short touch was rung for service, which was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. G. Gray), a lady ringer kindly presiding at the organ.

After the service, the Vicar visited the ringing chamber, when the customary vote of thanks was accorded him and others, whose kindness will not readily be forgotten. Ringing was further indulged in until 9 p.m., the methods ranging from Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise to Grandsire, the higher methods being for the first time rung upon the bells since their restoration. The 'go' of the bells is excellent, in spite of seventy feet of rope. Silence had long reigned supreme in the old flint tower, and this added much to the enthusiasm displayed, and was partly responsible for the large gathering, while last and not least was the social side, which fulfilled to the full the views expressed in the article upon 'Friendship in the Belfry,' which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.'

5,184 CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR.

By the REV. E. BANKS JAMES.

23456 O H 5th's I

42635 — x — —

63254 — — — —

26435 — x — —

43652 — — — —

64235 — x — —

32645 — — S

11 times repeated, adding S at 5th's last course of 6th and 12th parts.

The peal contains 4, 5, 6 each 20 courses in 6th's at course ends. Rung at Surfleet on April 11th, 1923, conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that there is likely to be an attempt to beat the Stedman Cinques record in London on Whit Monday.

The present longest length is the 11,111 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 8 hrs. 2 mins., on December 26th, 1901. A 15,000 at Southwark Cathedral is now proposed!

Our tame diarist got a little mixed last week with regard to Mr. William Rock Small's birthday. He was born on Nov. 12th, and not April 29th, 1838, so the congratulations were a little previous. The 'Black Country Veteran' has been a ringer for more than 60 years, but his advancing age now prevents him from adding to his 330 peals.

There is still with us another veteran, who fifty-five years ago today took part in the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green, by the College Youths. This is Mr. Ted Horrex.

Seven years earlier, on April 27th 1881, the Ancient Society rang the then record of Stedman Cinques, 8,580, at Cornhill.

On April 28th, 1800, the Royal Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton.

Next Wednesday is an anniversary which should be celebrated by a peal in many places. On May 2nd, 1715, the first peal of which there is any authentic record was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples.

Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer are engaged on strengthening the frame and supplying new bearings to the bells at St. John's Church, Croydon.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major will be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing to commence at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As long ago as June, 1900, I pointed out in the columns of the 'Bell News' that the Bob Lead of the Grandsire method is symmetrical within the lead, while the Plain Lead is not. Nearly 23 years later the truth of that statement is at last becoming clear!—Yours faithfully,

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

OXFORD GUILD 'PASSIVE RESISTERS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your 'leader' of April 20th upon 'Passive Resisters' of the Oxford Guild, it was proposed at the annual meeting, held at Oxford last year, to circularise each tower in union, so that all members could vote on the question of holding the annual meeting always at Oxford. If this had been done there would be no reason for Passive Resisters.—Yours truly,

F. VICKERS.

THE 'COLLEGE YOUTHS' CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was asked by the Master and officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths at our last business meeting, on the 17th inst., to forward the following information, which we think will be of considerable interest to the Exercise, viz., that the certificate of the society was engraved by none other than the great Bartolozzi himself.

In Andrew W. Juer's catalogue of 'Bartolozzi and his works' our certificate is scheduled as follows: No. 2131 Society of College Youths. This number is to be found in Vol. II. of the catalogue.

Francesco Bartolozzi was born in Florence in 1725. In Venice, Florence and Milan, he etched several pieces on sacred subjects. He then took up his abode in England, where he lived for 40 years, and died in Lisbon in 1813. His works in this country are, of course, classical, his best engravings being 'The Death of Lord Chatham,' after Copely, and the 'Virgin and Child.'

I should be much obliged if you will kindly publish this information for the benefit of those members of the society who are scattered throughout the country, as it is only by means of your valuable periodical that we can get such information to them, especially as it enhances the actual value of the certificate, which several experts assure me is now worth to collectors anything between 15s. to 3 guineas.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. YORKE, Captain, R.G.A.
King's House, Tower of London.

LINSLADE WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS.

Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' last week mention was made of the poorly attended ringing practice at Linslade. At the Easter Vestry, the President of the Women's Institute asked if the ringers' practice could not be held on some other evening, as the two events now clashed.

The Foreman remarked he would be only too pleased to alter the evening, as the junior members of the band had their young ladies to take out, and the senior members had to stay at home to look after their children while the wives attended the Institute.—Yours truly,

F. VICKERS.

TEN-BELL TOWERS. BECCLES CAMPANILE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Beccles, in Suffolk, whose chief interest for ringers is its peal of ten bells hung in one of the very few detached Campaniles in England, had a peal of eight bells over a hundred and sixty years ago, and on a board in the tower is the following record:—

ROBERT MARGEROM.

Churchwarden,
took down the old peal
of Eight Bells, and took up
and Hung this new peal
of ten, himself in the
year 1762.

This peal of ten was cast by Lester and Pack at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1762, the tenor being stated to be 27½ cwt. The fifth bore the inscription:—

'Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound,
Make Hills and Valleys echo round.'



THE CAMPANILE OF BECCLES CHURCH.

The late Canon Raven, in his account of the bells, mentions that several were cracked when he took inscriptions, the 8th and 9th being hooped round with iron bands, while some of the bells had 'wooden crowns.' Messrs. Taylor and Co. carried out a complete overhaul of the bells in 1909, when the 4th, 6th and 9th were recast (the 8th having been recast twenty years before), and the whole ring hung in a steel frame. The present tenor is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., in D flat.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Edwd. Brooks Portreve, 1762. Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit.

2.—Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit.

3.—Thomas Mears, of London. Fecit, 1804.

4.—Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1909. John Rowsell, Rector. A. R. Clatworthy, Womack Brook, Churchwardens. W. J. Money, Mayor.

5.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, of London. 1889.

6.—Same as 5th, with the addition 'In memory of Queen Victoria.' (This line is surmounted by a bust of Queen Victoria.)

7.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. C. F. Parker, R. C. Houghton, Churchwardens, 1871. (This bell bears the Royal Arms, followed by the word 'Patent'.)

8.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. 1889.

9.—Vivos Voco. Mortuos Plango. Fulgura Frango. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1909. John Rowsell, Rector. A. R. Clatworthy, Womack Brook, Churchwardens. H. Hopson, Captain. W. J. Money, Mayor.

Tenor.—Wm. Clark and Robt. Margerom, Chwardens. O. Quam Dulce Sonas Domini Properemus. Adeedes. Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit 1762.

The only early peals, of which there is any record, are:—
5,220 Bob Royal, May 24th, 1837, to celebrate the birthday of Princess Victoria; 5,040 Bob Major, 1885; 6,048 Bob Major, 1867; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 1878. These are recorded on boards and tablets in the tower.

THE RINGERS' JUG.

A fine specimen of local pottery is kept in the belfry under lock and key. It is of ordinary brown glazed ware, 17in. high and 46in. in circumference at the widest part. The inscription thereon is as follows:—

1827.—When I am filled with Liquor strong
Each man drink once, and then ding, dong.
Drink not too much to Cloud your Knobs,
Least you forget to make the Bobbs,
A gift of John Pattman, Beccles,
Samuel Stringfellow, Potter.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

A SUFFOLK PIONEER.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham, Suffolk, which sad event took place on Saturday, April 14th. As announced in our columns a few weeks ago Mr. Grimes had been seriously ill for nearly two years, and the end was not altogether unexpected. It was chiefly owing to his energy and enterprise that change ringing was started at Debenham, when he came to reside there some 42 years back, and he had always taken a leading part in the advancement of the art in the district. He had also been a member of the choir for just on 40 years, and was connected with many other public bodies in the town.

His peal records show that he had rung 118 in all of which 116 were to the credit of the old Norwich Diocesan Association. The methods included Minor 1, Bob Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 20, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 28 (including 16,608), Double Norwich Major 30, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1. Of these he had conducted about 30.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 19th, and was attended by a large and representative gathering, including several past and present officers of Court 5318 'Star of Suffolk,' A.O.F., of which deceased was a Past Chief Ranger. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Hubert Day 1—2, William Rose 3—4, Wm. C. Rumsey 5—8, Ernest F. Poppy 7—8; and in the evening half-muffled touches of Cambridge and Stedman Triples were rung upon the bells of St. Mary's Church. These were followed by the whole pull and stand, after which the age of the deceased (64 years) was tolled on the tenor. On Sunday afternoon a peal of Double Norwich (deceased's favourite method) was rung as a last tribute of respect to his memory. A record of this will be found in its proper place.

It is proposed to keep the fund (started for the benefit of Mr. Grimes) open for a few weeks on behalf of the widow, and subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged in the usual way by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham. The contributions to date are: Debenham company, £2; meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday, per Mr. Chas. Mee, £2 3s.; Mr. Thos. Fitzjohn, 2s. 6d.; Col.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M., 5s.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 5s.

On Saturday, April 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. William Grimes, who was a life member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society. The whole peal was rung in 3 hrs. 30 mins., but two bells 'shifted' in the 3rd course from home, and, therefore, the performance cannot be recorded as a peal: W. P. Garrett 1, R. H. Brundle 2, W. Tillett 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, J. Rose 5, H. R. Roper 6, C. H. Gillingham (conductor) 7, G. E. Symonds 8, F. J. Tillett 9, C. A. Catchpole 10.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Luton on Saturday last, members and friends being present from Dunstable, Barton Le Clay, Houghton Regis, Harpenden, Hitchin, St. Albans, Tring, Turvey, Leighton Buzzard, Kington, and the local tower. A short service was held in the beautiful Wenlock Chapel, conducted by the Vicar of Luton (the Rev. C. Molten Williams), who gave a short address, which was greatly appreciated by the members.

The tea and meeting were held at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by the Rev. C. M. Williams, who was afterwards elected an hon. member of the association.

Woburn was selected for the next meeting, on June 2nd, if this date is found convenient. One life member was elected, viz., Mr. H. Hollick, St. Albans.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Luton for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, the tower was again visited, and further ringing took place. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Doubles, for the learners, to Bristol Surprise for the advanced members.

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NEW BELLS AT TROWBRIDGE.

FIRST PEAL OF TEN IN WILTSHIRE.

There was a great day for ringers at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, when the two new bells added to the existing octave to make the first peal of ten in Wiltshire were opened. The bells have been added by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and are inscribed as follow:—

Treble (5½ cwt.).—‘Lest we forget.’ Harold Butcher, a parish church ringer, killed in the Great War. P. A. Nash, M.A., R.D., Rector. W. H. Stanley and F. W. Saxty, Churchwardens. S. J. Hector, Ringing Master. O. M. Lansdown, F. H. White, F. P. Garlick, H. Ledbury and J. A. Cooper, Committee. Easter, 1925.

2nd (6½ cwt.).—‘In gratitude, 1914–1918.’ Lucy Mackay.

This refers to the safe return of the late Mrs. Mackay’s sons from the war. The name of the firm which cast them is also on each bell.

A gathering of nearly 300 ringers was present for the opening. Among the towns and villages represented were London, Bristol (which sent thirty or forty), Bath, Wells, Newport, Frome, Shaftesbury, Warminster, Westbury, Devizes, Chippenham, Swindon, Melksham, Midsomer Norton, Pewsey, Bratton, Steeple Ashton, North Bradley, Bishop’s Cannings, Rowde Seend, Radstock, Holt, Bourne-mouth, Milverton, Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton, Wootton Bassett, Colne, Bromham, Reading, etc.

The proceedings began with two hours’ ringing on the old eight bells, and then, assembling outside the Town Hall, the ringers formed a procession and marched to the church, headed by the Comrades’ band. The church was full to overflowing. A service was held, at which the Rev. P. A. Nash, Rector, gave a short address of welcome to the ringers, and referred to the circumstances leading up to the addition of the two bells. The lesson, from the service appointed to be used by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Gillingham, who is general secretary of the Guild. The actual ‘opening’ of the enlarged peal was done by Trowbridge ringers, followed by a touch by a picked band from Bristol towers.

After the service there was tea at the Town Hall. The chairman of the Devizes branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, opened the proceedings after tea, and in the course of an interesting address, said: ‘This is a red-letter day in the Church history of this county, and in the history of the Devizes branch of the Diocesan Ringing Guild, for we have witnessed the formal opening of the first peal of ten bells in both. We are, I think, quite naturally very proud that our branch of the Guild should have this honour. I have heard that this branch also contains the first peal of eight rung as an eight for ringing in the whole county, viz., at Bishop’s Cannings, and if this is true we have an additional reason to be proud of our branch. We naturally think on an occasion like this of the donors, through whose generosity the peal of eight in the parish church has been augmented to ten. As most of you are aware, one of the bells was given by the late Mrs. Mackay in grateful memory that through the mercy of God her two sons were spared in the recent deplorable European conflict. One cannot help thinking what a splendid method of showing gratitude to Almighty God this is. The other bell and the remainder of the work, including the chiming apparatus, has been enabled to be carried out through the generosity of Trowbridge citizens (not of one denomination only), and they may well be proud of the result. We are told on all sides to-day that the prevailing elements where Church work and worship are concerned, are “apathy” and “indifference.” But I say “Mr. Apathy” and “Mr. Indifference” never caused a church bell to be hung in their lives. No! To organise work like this needs patience, needs hope, needs a burning and unquenchable enthusiasm, and in the Trowbridge ringers, and especially in the man for many years their leader, you have these qualities personified. I refer to Mr. S. J. Hector.’

Mr. Heginbotham went on to refer to the great general improvements which had been effected in the belfries during the last thirty years, and went on to speak of the constructive programme which he would like to see carried out. ‘First and foremost,’ he continued, ‘we want a more definitely pronounced recognition of ringers as Church workers. To enable us to achieve this we must have hearty co-operation between clergy and ringers. I strongly recommend that one or more ringers from every lower get a place on their respective parochial church councils, which now regulate and control parish finances, and with the assistance of the incumbent obtain from them a grant, however small, either from an offertory or the freewill offering funds, in aid of their Ringing Guild branch funds. A course like this would have far-reaching advantages. The ringers would have better chances of obtaining instruction in change ringing. It would also bring before them the fact that they must not be selfish and imagine their own tower and their own pockets are the only consideration. From the incumbent’s point of view it would prevent any remarks, such as I have frequently heard, that the ringers are unrecognised by himself or the other Church workers, and quite naturally he would expect to see that the branch funds to which his parish had contributed, were properly expended, and as a consequence would take a greater interest in the Guilds as a whole, and

in his own branch in particular. Secondly, I wish to see more mobility on the part of the ringers. Even if they are only round ringers they can and should visit other local towers, and rubbing shoulders with their fellows is bound to make them feel more keenly the bond of fellowship and brotherhood which unites all who take part in ringing the church bells. I want to see all ringers recognise their responsibilities. Never was there a time when sterling men and true were more wanted in the Church and by the Church than to-day. If ringers and choristers—many of you are both—especially the younger generation, will recognise their responsibilities there is no need to be disheartened. In the course of my wanderings over the South of England I have never met a body of men who on the whole are more genial, more ready to help a comrade in distress, more ready to extend the hand of good fellowship, than church bell ringers; and as long as the Church Ringing Guilds can count among their followers such men as Mr. Cave, of Bristol; Mr. King, of Bath; Mr. F. Green, the secretary of this branch, and others here present too numerous to mention by name, we can look forward to the future with an unclouded vision.’

The Rector also spoke a few words, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thanked the Trowbridge ringers, on behalf of the Salisbury Guild, for the kindness extended to the visitors.

Two bands of handbell ringers came from Bristol, representing respectively the Guild of St. Thomas in that city and the Guild of St. Philip. They gave exhibitions of ringing outside the Town Hall before the procession started, and again from the platform of that building after the tea, and were listened to with interest and appreciation.

Ringing was later resumed at the parish church, and several good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. From every point of view the day was most successful.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

THE COMING JUBILEE.

One of the most successful meetings of the Mid-Devon branch was held at Kingskerswell on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Exeter, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Torquay and Paignton. The members were met at the church by Mr. George Facey, the local captain, and the bells were soon set going, some well-struck touches of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where Hostess Sitter provided a splendid tea, the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. F. Fagan) joining the members.

At the subsequent business meeting Mr. H. W. Wilkes presided. Mortonslampshead was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and the chairman thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for joining them at tea.

In replying, the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild, and he hoped they would soon pay them another visit.

Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. secretary) said he was pleased to announce that since the last meeting four hon. members had been elected; also the Rev. Brown and his band of Collatou, where a new peal of bells are to be erected next week.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, general secretary of the Guild, reminded members that next year would be the jubilee of the Guild, which was formed in 1874. He urged them to try and achieve something to commemorate the event. — Messrs. D. Shepherd and Richardson (Exeter) also addressed the meeting, and further ringing was then indulged in at Coffinswell and Kingskerswell towers.

ONE HUNDRED PEALS AT 21.

MR. A. E. NORMAN’S RECORD.

Mr. Albert E. Norman, of Birmingham, had the distinction on Thursday, April 5th, of calling his 100th peal on his 21st birthday. An able ringer and full of enthusiasm Mr. Norman has made the most of the excellent opportunities which living in such a ringing centre as Birmingham have made for him, but, even allowing for this, his first ‘century’ is really unique, including as it does 32 ‘double handed’ peals, 41 peals on twelve bells, and one on fourteen. His ‘Hundred’ is made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells		Handbells	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Stedman Sixtuples	1			
Stedman Cinques	14	1	23	3
Stedman Caters	5	1	4	2
Stedman Triples	19	1	1	
Grandsire Caters	3	1	1	
Grandsire Triples	0			
Kent Treble Bob Maximus			1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal			1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	1			
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Cambridge Surprise Major	2			
Double Norwich C.B. Major	7			
Bob Major	5	1		
	68	5	32	5

Total 100, Conducted 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTICES.

MILKSHAM.—On Sunday, April 22nd, in 42 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Archard 1, B. Trueman 2, C. Lovelock 3, R. H. Legge 4, A. W. Angell 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, H. Taylor 7, E. C. Rodford 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Cook 1, A. W. Osborne 2, L. T. Osborne 3, W. Simmonds 4, A. Bailey 5, G. Wiggins 6, H. Egley 7, H. Osborne (conductor) 8. First in the method by the ringers of treble and 4th. First of any method as conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser (Elham) 2, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, T. A. Easterby 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, J. Daffers (Lee) 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Stedman Triples: H. Foster 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, R. Umpleby (conductor) 7, H. Buckley 8.

ILKSTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: E. Fletcher 1, J. H. Iliffe 3, C. J. Baker 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, H. Harrison 6, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 7, J. F. George 8.

TRING.—On Monday evening, April 22nd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Keen 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, A. E. Weedon 3, H. Heley 4, F. J. Reeve 5, F. O. Reeve 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, W. Redman 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6. The ringers of 2, 3 and 7 hail from King's Langley, the rest are local.

EXETER.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, W. Howe 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, T. Bartlett 5, E. Sargent 6, J. Moss 7, F. Murphy 8, W. Richardson 9, A. Monkley 10.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, 544 Bob Major: H. Cole 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, H. J. Hazell 4, Geo. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6, Frank Warrington 7, C. W. Cook (conductor) 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—On April 22nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss S. Davis 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, Miss B. Franklin 4, S. Chapman 5, J. Hazell 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, C. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: *A. W. Wright 1, A. Jones 2, F. J. Thyer 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8. * First quarter-peal away from the tenor.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 22nd, for service, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by C. Charge), in 48 mins.: W. H. Wood 1, F. C. Norris 2, F. Skevington 3, W. G. Matthews 4, H. Harding 5, J. W. Driver 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Page 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at All Saints', for morning service, 560 Bob Major: R. Porter 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. Rogers 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Sadler 5, G. Hayward 6, H. Dawkins 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. O. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Carter's 12-part: Ernest H. Jeffries (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. E. Wakes 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dora 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. G. Cook 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Ford 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, A. H. Took 7, J. Jolly 8. For evening service, two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 15th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Peck 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, W. Kerrison 3, T. Crane 4, J. Howard 5, A. H. Took 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on April 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Smith 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss N. G. Williams (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, W. Honor 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. Smith 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, S. Honor 6, E. Hancox 7, P. Jones 8, W. Honor 9, H. Chandler 10.—On April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (of Hayes) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, J. J. Pratt 3, H. Chandler 4, E. Hancox (conductor) 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, F. Smith 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, 15th April, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, A. Callaway 3, W. J. Scott 4, W. Upton 5, W. Chambers 6. First 720 by the local band in the method, and first as conductor.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, four 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which E. C. Hartley, A. D. Barker (conductor), Mrs. A. D. Barker, W. Bateman, L. J. Bateman, A. W. S. Bateman, T. G. Hawkins, J. Shaker and W. L. Gutteridge took part.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Dickinson 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, S. W. Crabb 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, H. F. Putland 7, E. A. Hull 8.

TWICKENHAM.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, G. H. Head 3, W. H. Hollier 4, F. Digbey 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, April 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: H. Skinner 1, P. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, T. I. Knight 4, G. Durling 5, G. Huxley 6, E. Mounter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. James 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Huxley.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Wm. Middleton 1, George Blanchard 2, A. Peart 3, Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector) 4, H. E. Daunatt (Barrow) 5, J. W. Crowder (Barrow) 6.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes: G. Dyer (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Martin 2, A. Hunt 3, T. Dyer 4, M. Hicks 5, R. Hemmings 6, J. Ballinger (conductor) 7, F. Simmons (first quarter-peal) 8.

EXETER.—For Divine service, on Sunday, April 15th, at the Parish Church of St. David's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Lethbridge 1, C. Carter 2, F. J. Davey (conductor) 3, J. Ashberry 4, J. C. Oke 5, F. Gardner 6, J. Moss 7, W. Milton 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Ilminster on Saturday last, when about 30 members were present. Touches in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The business meeting followed the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev. J. N. Boughton, Vicar of Ilminster, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna, Dorset (secretary of the Salisbury Guild), and about 30 members. The only regret was the absence, through illness, of Mr. D. G. Taylor, the captain of the local band, and one of the churchwardens. A vote of sympathy with him was unanimously passed, on the motion of the Master.

No fewer than fifty-nine performing and three hon. members were elected.

The Master announced that the next meeting, the annual, would be held at Yeovil, the date to be fixed later.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, the Master remarked how much better it would be if every incumbent took as much interest in the ringers as the Vicar of Ilminster did.—The vote was carried with applause.

The Vicar, in responding, said he had a very enthusiastic band of ringers, and he spoke very highly of the work done by Mr. Taylor.

A short service was then held in the church, at which the Rev. J. N. Boughton officiated and gave a very earnest address, ably pointing out the duties of ringers. The service over, the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods rung.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

ENJOYABLE 'SOCIAL.'

Something more than an annual dinner has been the outcome of the establishment of Bristol United Guilds. The social side of ringing is being successfully extended, and on Tuesday of last week there was a big gathering at St. Thomas's Church Room on the occasion of a musical evening. There was a splendid attendance of ringers, their wives, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The chairman was the Rev. T. C. Fowler (president of the United Guilds), and among those also present were the Rev. M. E. Thorold (St. Philip's) and Mrs. Thorold, the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Coaltip Heath) and Miss Phillips; and the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas's).

Contributions by an orchestra were greatly enjoyed, and songs by Miss Ivy Baker, Mr. T. H. Edmunds and Mr. W. S. Emery were finely rendered. Mr. W. D. Moncrieffe contributed musical monologues, and St. Thomas's Guild gave handbell selections. Encores were the rule, and the very pleasant gathering concluded with a half-hour's dance. The refreshments were provided by a ladies' committee, under the capable management of Mrs. F. G. Leaker.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Aston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, in the Church Rooms at 5.30, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Stebbing Guild will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Short service with address 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present for tea please notify J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3

p.m. Service 4.30. Business and tea, at a small charge, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingtonborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A social evening has been arranged. — F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingtonborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-Conquest on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, April 28th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal sum for those who send word to Secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on April 28th. Towers open: St. Mary's (8), Godmanchester (8) and Hartford (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and meeting at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea reply by Tuesday, April 24th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

SUFFOLK GUILD. — For the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.—A district practice meeting will be held on Saturday next, April 28th, at Woodbridge. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30. Business meeting in the Tower 4 p.m. Ufford bells (8) available in the evening. All ringers are cordially invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, High Street, Ufford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 1st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Thursday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Town Hall at 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3.30. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. Hoste. Meat tea in Town Hall at 4.30, 1s. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6), Aldbourne (8), Mildenhall and Overton (6). All ringers heartily invited.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5.45 p.m. Free only to those notifying me not later than May 1st. — C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Will all requiring same please let me know by May 1st? Harrow Weald bells available after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. Will those requiring tea, for which a nominal charge will be made, kindly advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place, Ripley, not later than May 3rd? A good attendance is required. — A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those who require tea please notify me by May 2nd.—Albert E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—C. E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8), also Lockerley (6), from 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Star Inn at 5 o'clock for those who notify me by May 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, West Ham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for members who advise me by the 3rd inst. at 1s. each. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5, followed by short business meeting.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill, near Bristol, on Saturday, May 5th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing (at St. Mary's) from 2 p.m. Service (at St. Mary's) 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Canon Streatfeild. Tea (in the Pitman Institute) 4.45 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tea is being generously provided by Canon Streatfeild, and those intending to be present must send me their names by April 30th. Other towers open after business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2s.) to members. — Rev. C. H. Clarke, Hon. General Sec., 10, Silverdale Road, Hove.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Vicarage to those notifying me not later than May 1st.—A. Talbot, District Secretary, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrige.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, May 8th? —Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. H. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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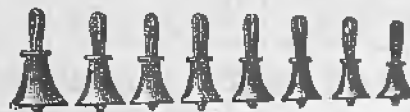


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