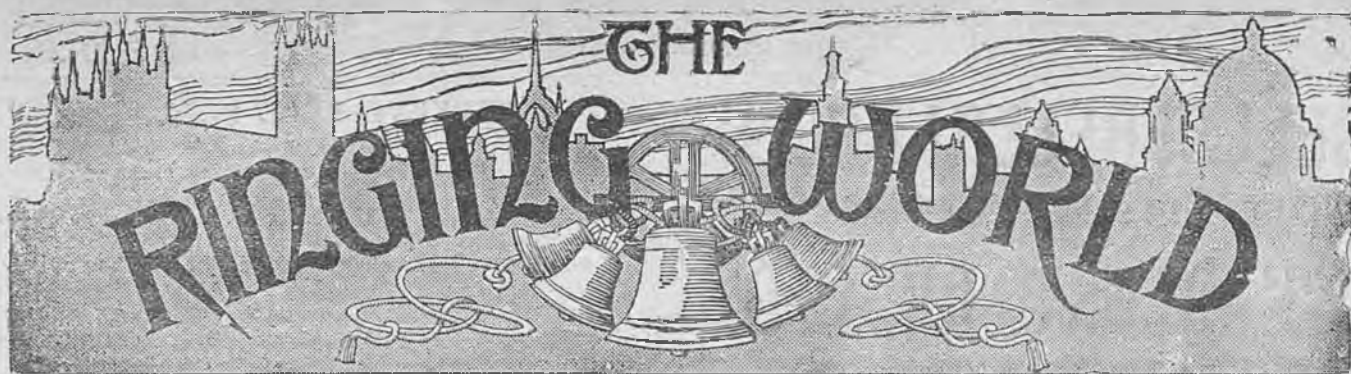




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METHOD NAMES.

Lancashire ringers evidently do not relish the suggestion made by Mr. Burton that the method which has been named after their county should have its title changed to that of the county town. We are not surprised at the attitude which has been taken up by those whose opinions are voiced through the letters in our columns—and we happen to know that our correspondents' views are very generally shared in the County Palatine. Mr. Burton's suggestion was prompted, we feel sure, by the best of motives, but what we like most about the discussion is the fact that ringers are, after all, really interested in the names which are given to methods. About many things connected with the Exercise, members are often inarticulate, but Lancashire ringers, at any rate, are proud to have a method named after their county, and will make their voices heard when a proposal is put forward to change it.

We had begun to think that ringers cared nothing at all for the nomenclature of methods, but since it is pretty obvious that they do, we should like to recall to their minds the fact that the Central Council, jockeyed into the acceptance of a report by the threat of resignation on the part of one of their committees, foisted upon the Exercise at their last meeting a batch of names for methods that are out of place and stupid in a science based on mathematics. The committee entrusted with the naming of the Minor methods had a splendid opportunity of purging ringing of some of those ludicrous names which have come down to us from the past, and have frequently made the Exercise a laughing-stock. Instead, they emphasised and perpetuated them, by adding to a class of titles which are positively silly when applied to ringing.

As to whether we call a method Lancashire or Lancaster, Yorkshire or York, is of little importance while we have such titles as Marigold or Geranium. Happily the resolutions of the Central Council are not as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and we yet hope we may see the whole collection of garden, and other equally unsuitable names, swept away. After all, ringing has passed beyond the nursery stage, and it is due to those who treat the science seriously that, when they want to ring a new method, they should be able to publish their performance under some title that will not bring ridicule upon them or upon the art they seek to foster. And there is danger in the future. If the Exercise is going to swallow the kind of thing that was foisted on it at the last Council meeting, worse may follow when the Major methods come to be dealt with, but it would be a simple thing for the Council to wipe out those present titles, and substitute something more rational and more in accord with the seriousness of the art.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 10
*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. The above is the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JESSE GILLETT Treble	ALFRED HANNIS 6
ERNEST E. DAVIS 2	HERBERT BECKETT 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	SIDNEY M. LIXTON 8
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 4	GEORGE CONDICK 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	CHARLES DYSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has all the 2468's and 468's with 978's course ends, and the 6th a second's place bell in the first half, and all the 6789 handstroke positions in the 2nd half with the treble in second's place. Rung for the Octocentenary of the dedication of the Abbey.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS' 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
GILBERT H. HARDING 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, November 13, 1923, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
*HENRY C. WHITE 2	FREDERICK S. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
RICHARD WHITE 4	JOHN MONK 9
MAURICE SMITH 5	TOM IMPEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

* First peal with an inside bell.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

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BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 2	THOMAS F. KING 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT 3	CHARLES GRENDY 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung on the anniversary of the Charter Day of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers (Nov. 17th, 1620), who dine together on this date.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

*MARK BARKER Treble	GEORGE W. BRAME 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON 6
C. J. JENNINGS 3	ARTHUR J. ORGILL 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*FRED HAYES Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM 5
RALPH COLES 2	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 6
GEORGE TWITCHEN 3	EDWARD R. COLES 7
†GEORGE HINTON 4	FRANK W. BOXELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal as conductor of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples by all Wycombe parishioners.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,

PIMLICO, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK S. PALMER, JUN. Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 6
EVERED J. WALSON 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	*FREDERICK S. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal and first attempt in the method by both.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*R. M. KIMBER Treble	A. G. JAMES 5
W. GOODCHILD 2	F. BOREHAM 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	R. H. BIGGS 7
F. G. BIGGS 4	*J. CONQUEST Tenor

Conducted by F. BOREHAM.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 15 years of age.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER V. WEBB Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES 5
*HARRY GREENOUGH 2	BRUCE CORDEROY 6
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
JAMES BUTLER 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. NAPPER.

* First peal on a bob bell. Rung by a combined Hagbourne and Blewbury bands to celebrate the marriage of Miss M. A. Butler and Mr. A. H. Webb, members of Hagbourne and Blewbury local bands respectively.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*T. POTTER Treble	H. COOMBER 5
†G. TIZZARD 2	T. TOLLETT 6
†G. HEWITT 3	J. WREN 7
N. E. HOPE 4	S. CHESSON Tenor

Conducted by J. WREN.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by a local band at East Grinstead since 1843. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. N. E. Hope.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

This peal was rung in honour of the Armistice anniversary as a tribute to the men of Garston who went to France and returned not. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, all saw service of some description overseas.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ROBERT WHITING Treble	*CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 2	GEORGE FLAVELL 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor and Mr. T. Law.

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

On Tuesday, November 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*JOHN FOSTER Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
†JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE }... 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was rung to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Melville, sen. * First peal on eight tower bells. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE ILANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Illtyd.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RICHARD EVANS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALLEN C. JONES 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

This peal was specially rung half-muffled in honour of the men of Bridgend who fell in the Great War, this being the nearest date to Armistice Day that could be arranged.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	HARRY H. MANCE 5
GEORGE W. HARRIS 2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 6
WILLIAM A. BATTEN 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 4	*WILLIAM HARDY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Rev. James Dixon, as Vicar of Willesden.

UFFORD SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

FRANK L. FISHER Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	GEORGE ABLETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 7
GEORGE FINCH 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

Rung as a thanksgiving peal to commemorate the restoration of peace.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HARRY MORGAN Treble	*JOHN WALDEN 5
GEORGE CHESTER 2	*WILFRED T. COOPER ... 6
TOM PYLE 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	*C. ALLEN HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First attempt in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK JUDGE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
JOHN F. SHARP 3	WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 7
WILLIAM STONE 4	*CYRIL BENNETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. F. Judge. * First peal of Stedman.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	PHILIP HODGKIN 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor. * 75th peal as conductor in 26 different towers. Mr. Hodgkin was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band take this opportunity of thanking very heartily Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper for entertaining them to tea on this and previous occasions.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
LESLIE J. CLARKE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the 3rd and 4th ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Pease.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Mack, a much respected member of the local band who, owing to illness, was unable to take part. This was the first peal on this charming recast peal by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SIMON CADE Treble	CHARLES V. CADE 4
MISS D. BARNES 2	GEORGE JACKSON 5
MISS D. MOTTRAM 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES V. CADE.

Rung in honour of G. W. Creasey's 21st birthday.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

* PHILLIP HALL Treble	THOMAS HANDS 4
JOHN HALL 2	† RAYMOND JELP 5
LEONARD J. JELP 3	JOHN C. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. First peal away from the treble. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Blake, who are leaving the parish for St. Helen's, Worcester. All belong to the local band.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings.

* STANLEY G. HARLOW ... Treble	* WILLIAM COCKINGS 4
† LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HERBERT E. FROSSEL ... 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a golden wedding peal for Wm. West, who has been a ringer of the above church for 65 years, and still rings twice every Sunday for service.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH Treble	J. SMY 4
W. SMITH 2	A. SMITH 5
G. BAILEY 3	A. LING Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923 in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... Treble	W. E. CLARKE 4
F. BATTERSHAM 2	S. BENNETT 5
C. BARTON 3	A. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Swineshead boys who laid down their lives in the Great War. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Grunhill), for the use of the bells, and the churchwardens, Messrs. F. Richardson and G. W. Smithson, for entertaining them after the peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Bob Minor and Double and Single Court Spliced. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY 4
† JOHN LUNN 2	† JOHN H. RODEN 5
* WILLIAM NEAL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the addition of new treble by Messrs. Taylor & Co., whose work gives great satisfaction to all. Messrs. Neal and Roden were proposed life members of the Guild before starting. J. Lunn's first 720's of three of the six methods.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... Treble	* FRANK HONEYWOOD 4
* CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS 5
* CHARLES HALL 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled to honour the memory of all those who fell in the Great War, including three members of the Mistley band.

EAST CROMPTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Kent, New London, Woodbine, Oxford and Merchant's Return, Tenor 10 cwt.

* BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD ... Treble	† HARRY OATES 4
† SAMUEL WAREHAM 2	CROMPTON HOWARTH 5
WALTER OATES 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY OATES.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. † First as conductor. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the above association before starting. Rung with the bells open for evening service. All the above are service ringers at St. James' Church.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

JOHN CARTER Treble	JAMES SMITH 4
JOHN BOWER... .. 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONS 5
JAMES ABERY 3	ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor, a previous attempt at Whitchurch having failed.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung to celebrate the 56th anniversary of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 1-2	†FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... .. 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

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

Umpire: ROBERT BRETT-SMITH.

* First peal away from 7-8. † First peal away from 1-2.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3-4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 7-8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10	

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

Umpires: JAMES FORD AND PERCY J. SPICE.

First peal in the method and first attempt for Royal 'in hand' by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILBY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILBY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILBY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILBY 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILBY.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Sept. 15th 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. F. Calcott 1, A. V. Good 2, G. Heley 3, F. Ramsey 4, A. E. Sharnan (conductor) 5, A. King 6. First extent of Surprise by the ringers of 1st 3rd and 4th.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

At attempt for 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal will be made (D.V.) at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, December 1st, by members of the Midland Counties Association, start 12.45 p.m. Copies of the composition have been sent to the hon. secretary of the association, and to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

CORRECTIONS TO PEAL COLLECTION.

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION II.

The following amendments to Section II, of the Central Council's Peal Collection are to be issued as a Corrigenda, but for the benefit of those who already possess a copy of this publication, the details are here given so that ringers may make the alterations in the copies already in their hands:

Page 145, No. 2.—For 'single halfway and end,' read 'single for bob at M in 6th and 12th parts.'

Page 153, No. 21.—For 'fifth course-ends,' read 'fifth course.' Omit the following note: 'If the 4th and 5th courses 5088.' This calling produces rounds at the first part-end.

Page 170, No. 65.—FALSE (5200 by J. H. Pilkington). The peal will be true if M be substituted for R in the calling throughout the Peal, and the figures be altered, as follows:

23456 W B M

53462 — 1 —

45236 — — —

24653 — — —

62345 — — —

42356 — 1 —

34625 — — —

63542 — — —

58234 — — —

35264 — — —

Page 182, No. 90.—For '5043,' read '5040.'

Page 184, No. 95.—For '5088,' read '5040.'

Page 185, No. 97.—The calling of the last course but one should read '64235, 4 B M,' not '4 B R.'

Page 190, No. 104, and Page 198, No. 122.—In footnotes, for 'course-end,' read 'course.'

Page 201, No. 125.—In 16th course omit Bob at W, and add Bob at M, thus: '42356 5 4 M R.'

Page 208, No. 139.—Add Bob under R in 7th course, thus:— '53462 M R.' In 15th course, read '24536' for '23536.'

Page 211, No. 145.—For '5005,' read '5024.'

Page 212, No. 146.—In calling of 12th course, read 'W,' not '5 W.'

Page 213, No. 149.—FALSE (5056 by Arthur Craven). Page 217, No. 156.—FALSE (5120 by Arthur Craven).

Page 217, No. 157.—Add Bob under M in 9th course, thus:— '53426 W M H.'

Page 222, No. 167.—FALSE (5024 by H. Dains).

Page 228, No. 180.—In 8th line put Bob at W instead of at M, thus:— '26435 1 W, 2 R.'

Page 228, No. 181.—In last line remove Bob at M, thus:— '23456 1 W, 3 R.'

Page 239, No. 13.—Add Bob at R in 6th course of reverse, thus:— '26354 W M R.'

Page 242, No. 21.—FALSE in both variations (5040 by H. Dains).

Page 243, No. 24.—This is the same as No. 23.

Page 246, No. 29.—In last line after 'call B twice,' add 'omitting Bob at M.'

Page 246, No. 31.—For '642357098,' read '642357089.' For '236457098,' read '236457089.'

Page 251, No. 14.—In line below rounds, 'for '08795243xv,' read '087952436xv.' Twelve lines below, for '54326,' read '54236.'

Page 254, No. 1.—FALSE (5008 by H. Dains).

Page 255, No. 2.—For 'W B M R,' read 'M B W R.'

Page 261—265.—For 'H. H. Wilde,' read 'H. W. Wilde.'

Page 267, No. 26.—FALSE (7008 by A. P. Heywood). But a true peal of 7392 is had by calling the first part as the second. For a true 7008 call the Peal as printed except for the 1st and 9th courses, the calling of which must be transposed, thus:—

M B W R

First course 42356

Ninth course 52364 — — —

The opening course of all the remaining parts will have one call at R only, as shown.

A FALSE PEAL.

DISCOVERED AFTER 35 YEARS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—As it has been found that the composition of our peal No. 186, 7,008 Double Oxford Bob Major, rung at Duffield on April 23rd, 1887, is false, we have no option but to withdraw the peal from our records.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. WRIGHT.

Hon. Sec., Midland Counties Association.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to make a few remarks in reply to Mr. Burton, in your issue of November 9th, in which he advocates changing the title of the above method to Lancaster. Firstly, the Lancashire Association has no power either to name or re-name a method. Secondly, in this case the right to re-name rests either with, or by consent of the author. No doubt Mr. Craven's idea was to give Lancashire ringers a method named after their own county and association, as with Yorkshire Surprise, which seems quite logical, as appealing to ringers in its broadest sense. Mr. Burton appears to cast ridicule on the shires. Well, Lancaster is noted for its ancient 'jail,' its asylum, and its total indifference in matters pertaining to change ringing. After this we can have another method named after the county town if necessary, but that Lancashire Surprise should remain as it stands is the wish of, Yours truly,

J. MARTIN.

12, Bankfield Street, Liverpool.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Sir,—I do heartily agree with good Mr. Burton when he says 'Rochester' is a pretty name, but I don't agree with him when he says 'Lancashire' is not pretty. I would remind good Mr. Burton that from a Lancastrian's point of view 'Norfolk' is not as pretty as Lancashire, and that's that in a nutshell. Opinions in all quarters differ on the subject of 'Names for Methods,' but, after all, does it matter? We all know why things have names, and perhaps if methods could speak they would be as wroth with their sponsors as some of those mortals who are condemned to go through life with 'Jezebel Jane' and 'Mafeking John' tacked to their necks. I, on my part, did venture to read ye paragraph by ye good Squire Bracondale to Good Mistress Peppery who did remark—yes, Worcestershire sauce is good, so is ye Cheshire cheese, especially ye one hard by St. Bride's, noted for its steak puddings, but ye good Squire has forgotten that Yorkshire relish is great as a Surprise. Norfolk dumplings are a real delicacy (I have one and I know how nice they are), and ye good Method of Double Norwich, of which I did prate so often did at once call to her mind ye delicacy known as 'Coleman's Mustard.' So what's in a name after all? And did wind up by reminding me to remind ye good Squire that Lancashire is also noted for its clogs, and the finesse with which ye denizens of ye County Palatine can use 'em to displace over-prominent shurt buttons.—Yours very sincerely,

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Bristol branch of the above Association held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing took place at St. Nicholas' Church in the afternoon, several lady members taking part. Service, at which the Rev. W. Parton officiated, was followed by tea at the C.E.M.S. House, St. Stephen Street. At the meeting over 40 members were present, representing the following towers: St. Nicholas, St. Stephen's, St. Werburgh's, SS. Philip and James', St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Thomas', St. James', St. Leonard's, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Coalpit Heath, Olveston, Winterbourne, and Westbury-on-Trym. The Rev. E. J. Phillips presided. — Miss Dorothy and Miss Bertha Gordon, of St. Philip's, and Mr. G. Gihben, of St. Michael's, were elected members. The meeting for December was fixed for Brislington on Saturday, the 8th, while the annual meeting of the branch is to take place at St. Philip and St. Jacob on Saturday, January 26th.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. W. Parton for his address, also to the authorities of the C.E.M.S. House for kindly allowing the use of the rooms.

This concluded the business, which was followed by a meeting of the Bristol United Guilds in connection with the third annual dinner, which is to take place at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 12th.

CONDUCTORS ALL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your last issue a correspondent from Milton, Kent, asks if six extents of London Surprise Minor have ever been called before by six separate conductors. I answer in the affirmative. When I was a member of the band of ringers at Bucknall, Staffs, we not only rang London Surprise in this way, but other Surprise and Treble Bob Methods. On Tuesday, August 25th, 1896, we rang a hand-conducted Surprise peal (5,040 changes) in seven methods, the tenor man calling the first 720 and the last one. And on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, we rang a silent peal of Surprise in seven methods. Now that there are so many conductors in the Milton band I would suggest they try to emulate the above two peals, the latter especially will provide them with occasion for practice for some time to come. Wishing the band every success, and hoping they will continue to make progress in the noble art of bell ringing, Yours truly,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was rung at Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday. Probably the only two other societies which have this distinction are the College Youths, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Of the Middlesex Association's peals, 39 have been on handbells.

It will not be long before the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on the famous bells in the Bull Ring will be rung. This is quite a unique record for any church.

It is interesting to note that the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at High Wycombe, the report of which was published last week, was the first by parishioners of Wycombe. A week previously the All Saints' Society rang the first peal of Stedman Triples by Wycombe men.

The report of a peal rung at Radstock, Somerset, has been sent without the time.

In the long history of record peal attempts is a peal which was rung on November 23rd, 1732, at St. Giles', Cripplegate. This was 6,012 Grandsire Caters rung by the Society of City Scholars, a long defunct organisation, in which it took three men to ring the tenor.

The same length in the same method was rung at Southwark on November 28th, 1735.

On November 25th, 1737, one of the earliest and longest peals of Bob Major was rung at West Ham. This was a 15,120 rung by the Eastern Scholars, and although a similar length was rung at Oldham in 1807, we believe it is still the longest peal rung in the method.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells, which was rung at Sheffield on November 24th, 1816. It is also the 80th anniversary of a peal of 5,295 Stedman Caters rung at St. Andrew's, Norwich.

Recorded on a tablet in the tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, are particulars of a peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques rung on November 25th, 1799, by the old Union Society. This, of course, was not the longest length in the method at the time, for the same length had been rung more than 70 years earlier by the London Scholars, and an 8,008 was rung in 1735 at Southwark, but it was a good performance for a provincial tower in those days.

The centenary of a peal of Treble Bob at St. Andrew's, Norwich, will occur on December 5th. From the present condition of affairs in that tower, there is, we are afraid, no likelihood of an anniversary celebration at St. Andrew's, at all events.

The Rev. F. R. Bonsey, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, has been appointed Rector of Wrentham, Suffolk, and on Saturday a peal of 'welcome' was rung for him.

His many friends throughout the Exercise will learn with regret that Mr. John Carter, who was unable to attend the College Youths dinner on account of ill-health, is still very unwell.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton on Saturday, October 27th. After ringing during the afternoon, the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Jeayes. The bells of Edington Church were also available during the afternoon, and a goodly number assembled there. About 20 sat down to tea, including the Vicar and Dr. Locket (Bratton). The following towers were represented: Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's Keovil; Holt, Rowde and Bratton. — The Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) heartily thanked the Rev. Jeayes for his kindness, to which the Vicar suitably replied. A hearty welcome was also given to Dr. Locket. Further ringing was afterwards indulged in.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES FAITHFULL.

For 35 years steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Acton, Mr. James Faithfull has passed away. Locally known as 'Jimmy, the Bellringer,' he was every Sunday 'faithful' in name and faithful to his calling in ringing the faithful to the church.

He was buried on Thursday of last week, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: F. Goodfellow 1, W. Lawrence 2, S. D. Breeze 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Wincote 5, R. Fardon (conductor) 6, G. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER.**MR. TOM HIBBERT'S ELECTION.**

At their meeting last week the College Youths elected Mr. R. T. Hibbert as Master for the ensuing year. Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. P. E. Clark was elected senior steward; Mr. W. Hibbert junior steward; Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Prime were re-appointed trustees, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill hon. secretary.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, the retiring Master, is the leading spirit among the ringers at the famous Church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, where since 1893, he has laboured assiduously in the art. At that time the bells were rung by a 'stone' band, but Mr. Garrard trained a company of change ringers, and for the last twenty-six years the bells have been rung every Sunday for morning and evening service. What that has meant in labour to the man responsible is known only to those who have carried out a similar task, and in Mr. Garrard, London ringing has one of its most able as well as one of its most modest exponents.

The election of Mr. Tom Hibbert, of Reading, as Master of the Ancient Society, is a notable event, for it is long since a 'provincial' member, residing as far from London as Reading, has filled the principal office. But Mr. Hibbert is an old member of the Society, he has taken part with them in more than one memorable performance, and during the period he has served as steward, he has been constant in his attendance, despite the journey that has been involved.

There are many in the long list of Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths who have made a distinct contribution of personality in attaining to this high office, but none more so than he who has just been elected for the ensuing twelve months. A true son of the Berkshire Downs, he is strongly attached by many ties to the little village of East Ilsley, his native place, where greatly to his joy, and very largely to his credit, there is now a beautiful little ring of eight bells replacing the old peal of five upon which he commenced his ringing career.

His work for the G.W.R. Company has taken him into various parts of the country, where he has always made friends, and where he has left behind him a reputation of as fine a handler of a bell, big or little, as one could wish to see.

A member of many associations, his longest connection has been with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he is the valued secretary, and that society of which he is now Master. He has for many years resided at Caversham, where he is a staunch member of the St. Peter's Society, and deputy foreman. Chief among his many ringing achievements are perhaps the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, and the longest peal ever rung by ten men (Stedman Caters at Appleton).

Mention may also be made of the fact that he has rung peals at the heavy end on the three heaviest rings of eight, ten, and twelve in the kingdom.

His speeches are plain, straight and vigorous, with occasional touches of a quaint humour which is absolutely his own. He is possessed of a frown which has been known to alarm strangers; it is, however, merely indicative of concentration of thought and tenacity of purpose, except when the ringing is bad, when it signifies a state of feelings quite beyond words.

He is known to all his friends as 'Old Tom,' and to know him is to love him.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, November 3rd, a large number attending from Barwell, Croft, Chilvers Coton, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leicester, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Stockingford and Wigston.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Williams), and an interesting address was given by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Rector of Stoney Stanton). Tea was partaken of in the Schools, the Vicar and his wife kindly inviting the visitors to be their guests.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), supported by the Vicar.—One new member from Earl Shilton was elected to the association.

A vote of condolence with Mr. and Mrs. J. Needham, of Barwell, in the loss of their son was carried, the company showing their sympathy by standing for a minute in silence.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Barwell.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who assisted in arrangements for tea, especially the ladies, and thanks were also given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. P. Farrow for his interesting address.

The Vicar afterwards delivered an address on bell ringing, from the viewpoint of a non-ringing clergyman. Members then visited the belfry and rang touches in Standard Methods, including Grand-sire and Stedman Triples. Erin Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham on Saturday last, when 30 members were present from Alverstoke, Bishops Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham. Messrs. F. S. Bayley, G. Williams (Master) and Rev. E. Banks James were also present; an apology for absence was received from the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger). A short service was held in the church, the Guild's form of service being used, at which the Vicar of Fareham (the Rev. J. E. Tarbat) officiated.

An excellent tea awaited the company at Foster's Restaurant, where the business meeting was also held, Mr. W. Tate occupying the chair. The balance sheet was presented by the auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds), and was unanimously adopted. — One new member and two probationers were elected.

The election of officers was the next item, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. J. Harding, sen.) informed those present that he had made up his mind to relinquish the post. He had been an officer of the district for the past 18 years, and had found during recent years that he could not pay attention to the affairs of the district as he would like. At the present time the district was in a healthy condition, and he thought that by retiring now he would be doing it honourably.—He was urged by the members and also by the Master to reconsider the question, but he thought the time had come when a young enthusiastic secretary was what the district required. It was with regret that the members accepted his resignation, and thanked him for his past services. At the request of the members Mr. F. W. Rogers was asked to fill the vacancy.

As he is Recorder of Peals for the Guild he thought it was not in order, but said that if he could do the Guild more good by accepting, he would do so. The work of the Peal Recorder was rather a tame one, and at the members' request he decided to accept.

The rest of the officers were elected en bloc, viz. Hon. auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds); representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. H. J. Smith and W. Tate.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Curdridge on March 1st, due notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

SUGGESTED NEW TITLE FOR THE GUILD.

A letter from the general secretary with reference to the division of the diocese was next placed before the meeting for consideration and discussion.

The Chairman mentioned that a resolution had already been forwarded from the district to the effect that the district was strongly in favour of the whole Guild continuing as such, and the meeting endorsed that resolution.

The Rev. E. Banks James thought it would be a disastrous thing to contemplate a splitting up of the Guild. He had attended the meeting especially to place before the members a title which he thought would cover the whole area of the present Guild. The full title which he proposed was 'The Wessex Association for the Dioceses of Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth.' The Guild would then be known in short as 'The Wessex Association.' Continuing, he said that if we looked back in history we would find that Winchester was the capital of ancient Wessex, which latter covered the proposed three dioceses, and he thought that 'The Wessex Association' would be an admirable title for the Guild to accept.

This proposed title was accepted unanimously, the Rev. E. Banks James being thanked for his fine suggestion.

The Chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, after which the ringers returned to the tower. The methods rung were: Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL FUND.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly publish the balance sheet of the above-mentioned fund, which I append? My committee wish to convey to the numerous friends of the late Mr. King, who subscribed to this fund, their sincere thanks for enabling us to erect two permanent and appropriate tablets to his memory. It is very gratifying to know that many, other than members of his own association, wished to identify themselves with his memorial, and to them, as well as to our members, we are grateful.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

Hon. Sec. to Memorial Sub-Committee.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts: Donations (acknowledged in the 'Ringing World'), with interest, £34 3s. 6d. Expenditure: Cost of two mural tablets, including engraving, fixing at Barnet and Clapton, etc., £29 3s. 6d.; faculty for Barnet erection, £2 2s.; postages, stationery, etc., £1 7s.; printing and advertising, £1 11s.; total, £34 3s. 6d.

Examined with vouchers and found correct. (Signed) F. A. Milne, Nov. 12th, 1923. (Signed) C. T. Coles, hon. secretary and treasurer.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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Mr. G. R. Fardon next proposed the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and referred to the feeling of brotherhood which existed between the College Youths and the kindred organisations of the country. He threw out the suggestion that it would be nice if the College Youths could be given the opportunity of ringing a peal occasionally at St. Martin's, or some other tower of the Cumberland Youths in London. He went on to express regret at the disappearance from among the ringing societies of London of the old Waterloo Society, which formerly was the means of bringing on many young ringers. Mr. Fardon added that while in the Isle of Wight last year he and some other ringers visited the grave of William Raynor, who founded the society of Union Youths in the Isle of Wight about the year 1777. They rang the handbells round the tomb, which he regretted to see was in a sad state of decay. He suggested that the Winchester Guild might consider the restoration of this memorial, as the Kent County Association had dealt with the tombstone of the great James Barham at Leeds.

INCREASING DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, who first responded, said he looked upon their chairman and himself as the godfathers of the ringing brotherhood, by virtue of the position which they held as Masters of the two old London Societies (applause). They were the two oldest ringing societies in existence, and all the county associations and diocesan guilds were more or less offshoots of them. With regard to inviting the College Youths to ring peals in Cumberland towers, he would be very glad if Mr. Fardon would tell him how he could get one of the Cumberland towers for a peal for his own society, much less for someone else (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Matthews said an article had appeared that week in 'The Ringing World' telling them how to put their house in order in London, but he was afraid the difficulties in connection with ringing in London were not fully appreciated by those outside the Metropolis. The officers of the College Youths would know that the difficulties were increasing in regard to the twelve bell towers in London. People complained about the bells being rung for peals, and it was impossible to keep a regular Sunday company going at many of these towers. When some of the towers had been shut up, it had been the towers where peal ringing had been most frequent, and it behooved them to consider whether the closing of some of these towers had not been due to their own selfish action. Directly a peal of bells was put into order, if they were asked to furnish a Sunday band they would not be able to do so, but the Vicar would be flooded with applications for permission for peals. He thought this was a position which they as London ringers ought to safeguard and in their own interests see that these towers did not get closed through over-use for peal ringing. In view of the difficulties which they were experiencing, he thought the next best thing they could do was to try and ring peals together on handbells (applause).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards responded for the Provincial Societies, and referred to the courtesy which country ringers always experienced when they visited the London Societies in their towers. He trusted that this spirit of good fellowship would ever continue, and that the time would never come when London ringers would fail to give such a hearty welcome and fraternal greeting to their brothers from the country (applause).

Mr. C. H. Horton submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' and read some amusing extracts from ancient records, showing how visitors were sometimes treated in olden days. The Ancient Society of College Youths was proud that evening to welcome so many guests, and he assured those connected with the various churches in London that the Society was always ready to help them in any way connected with the bells of their churches, for they recognised that it was by the kindly courtesy of the church authorities that they were able to progress and to accomplish those peals, of which they had the records in their peal books (applause).

THE BELLS AS A PARABLE.

The Rector of Stepney replied in a thoughtful speech, which was lit up by many touches of humour. Briefly referring to some of the historical associations between his church and the city, he mentioned that the tenor bell at Stepney was cast for the Monastery in the Minorites, in 1346. In thanking the Society for their invitation to the visitors, he remarked that the clergy appreciated the opportunity once a year of thanking the ringers for what they did. He was very much indebted to Mr. Langdon for his personal help, and he also wanted to thank Mrs. Hughes for the great assistance she gave him, by her handbell ringing, at a parochial soiree. Personally, he continued, he would love a peal at Stepney every week, but that was not possible on account of the inhabitants and the shopkeepers who had to carry on their business right under the walls of the tower. They had to admit that constant peals would be a little difficult for those people who lived close to the bells. At the same time, even if business was carried on round the tower there

was something wonderful in the ringing of the bells which permeated the whole commercial life going on beneath it. Through it all there was the sounding of a note which, by awakening a religious consciousness, created an atmosphere that must raise the tone of the secular life going on around. It was indeed a parable of what religion ought to be at any time, permeating the whole secular life of the nation, raising it to heaven, as the notes of the bells raised the thoughts of them all to higher things. For that he rendered them most cordial thanks (applause).

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed the toast of 'The Press,' and referring to 'The Ringing World,' expressed regret that in so many towers the ringers were content to take only one copy for the whole band instead of supporting it by taking a copy each, and thus enabling the scope of the paper to be extended by the fact of its much larger circulation.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), responded, and remarked upon the increasing notice which was being taken of bells by some of the leading journals in the land, articles having appeared which were likely to encourage public appreciation of ringing. With regard to the College Youths, he said he felt sure that the members of the society throughout the country, and ringers generally, would like to see published more details of what the society was doing. At present very little was ever heard of them except for the peals they rang, and on the occasion of that gathering, but some more frequent notice of their activities would be greatly interesting, for there was no need for such an ancient and honourable society to hide its light under a bushel.

This concluded the speechmaking, and the very pleasant gathering came to a close with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

The musical programme included two fine songs by Capt. Freeborn, 'Songs of Araby,' and 'I pass by your window,' sung in response to the demand for an encore. Mr. James Bullock was also encoered for the song 'Down Vauxhall Way,' and sang 'Come to the Fair.' Mr. H. Castell, the accompanist, also sang. The feature of this part of the programme was, however, again the handbell playing of Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who, to harp accompaniment by Mr. E. A. Young, played 'Meditation' (Bach-Gounod), of which she gave a beautiful rendering, and an old favourite in 'Ash Grove,' in which her skill in handling the large number of bells was fully manifested.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Central Committee of the Kent County Association held their autumn meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday. Among other business, it was decided to hold the annual general meeting on Whitsun Monday, either at Sevenoaks or Westerham.

Grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund were made to Eltham, Lamberhurst, Cheriton, Teynham, and S. Nicholas-at-Wade.

The secretary was authorised to settle Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's account for the erection of the two trebles at Canterbury; and it was decided that by permission of the Dean and Chapter a marble tablet should be placed in one of the panels under the tower recording the fact that the two bells were hung in the tower above as a memorial to the fifty-six members of the association who fell in the war.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major were accomplished, London Surprise Major failing. Owing to the illness of the Vicar (Canon Roseveare) the Rev. J. H. A. Chanvel (curate) officiated at the service, and gave a very interesting address on church workers.—Mr. W. Whitehead (organist) kindly presided at the organ.

Tea followed in the Schools, the Rev. Chanvel joining the party, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for taking the service and giving the address.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding.—Twelve new members were elected, and Dartford was selected as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in January.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) then read his annual report, which was adopted.

The Chairman announced that Mr. T. Groombridge wished to be released from office, and it had been hoped Mr. H. Audsley would have filled the post, but he stated that he found it would be impossible, and no one seemed anxious to take it on. Mr. A. G. Hill, of Erith, volunteered to act as assistant secretary, and thereupon Mr. T. Groombridge was re-elected, with Mr. A. G. Hill as assistant, to carry on for the year.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries and Mr. I. Emery were re-elected as representatives on the Association Committee.—The assistant secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Canon Roseveare, who had undergone an operation, and also to thank him for granting permission to hold the meeting at Lewisham.

A hearty vote of thanks to the organist, Mr. H. Warnett, the caretaker of the schools, and the chairman, concluded the meeting, the members returning to the church for ringing until 9 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

NEWBURY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, two short touches of Grandsire Triples, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled. — For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., with bells open: J. E. Watling 1, S. Quinten (conductor) 2, C. Pearce 3, E. Smith 4, W. A. Dormer 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis 7, C. Crawford 8.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church of St. George, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, G. Jackson 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Newsome 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

KEGWORTH, DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service (with bells muffled), 720 Bob Minor. After service (with bells open), 360 Bob Minor. Ringers taking part: Misses Florrie Baxter, Gertrude Baxter, Doris Sutton, Messrs. F. Clements, W. Cook, H. Cook, S. Papworth, A. Sansome, F. J. Sutton, J. Booth (conductor).

WESTERHAM, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Taylor 1, Morgan Whatley 2, G. R. Selby 3, G. A. S. Selby 4, R. Stone 5, S. Heath 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, A. T. Lewis 8.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—For morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. K. Mayston 1, W. Mayston 2, M. Killick 3, W. H. Horney 4, G. J. Killick 5, H. Bransden (conductor) 6, G. Edwards 8.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Brumby 1, Rev. T. G. Devitt 2, H. Waltham 3, F. G. Lightning 4, F. Porter 5, J. B. Halifax (conductor) 6. Also 360 after service.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Martin's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, A. B. Corden 3, S. Smith 4, E. A. Gilby 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—In the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harris 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, S. R. Dobbie 4, H. Simpson 5, B. H. Spice 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, J. Webb 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—For morning service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): S. Dunkwater 1, E. Withers 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, L. Hawcutt 4, H. Baker 5, F. Emms 6.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—For afternoon service, with the bells muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Terry 1, W. Large (conductor) 2, C. Sabin 3, F. Boswell 4, H. Baker 5, J. Terry 6.

RAWMARSH, NEAR ROTHERHAM.—For morning service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, A. G. Stocks 2, S. Walker 3, F. Pickering 4, E. Panminter (conductor) 5, T. Cooper 6, T. Winchcombe 7, H. Mortimore 8.

LEIGH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., for the memorial service held in the above-named church, and at the Cenotaph in the afternoon: J. H. Barnes 1, D. Smith 2, H. Smith (conductor) 3, S. Hayes, senr. 4, H. Hayes 5, S. Hayes, junr. 6, W. Hayes 7, J. Hayes 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. E. Clarke 1, F. Rotherham 2, A. Rose 3, J. Young 4, W. Barker (conductor) 5, G. Coleman 6. After service, 720 with the bells open.

RAINFORD.—For service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Rigby 1, Wm. Hesketh 2, Hy. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, S. Cadwallender 5, R. Huyton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Bayley 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: G. Hasell 1, F. Brown 2, W. Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—For morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 480 Bob Major. — For evening memorial service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Hollows 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, J. Smith (first in the method) 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, F. Berry 8.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd bob), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. Hilbert 1, J. Lee 2, H. Dyas 3, A. C. Darrell 4, C. W. Roberts 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, E. C. Russell (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. J. Harman 8.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob: L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, R. Lathbury 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells open: C. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Minor, being 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob, in 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Immediately after

service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells open: J. Wilfred Sharp 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Booth 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray (conductor) 5, A. Mansfield 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Booth 1, R. A. Hornsby 2, Geo. Mansfield 3, J. M. Gray 4, F. Lucas 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

DARELINGTON.—At Holy Trinity, for morning service, 456 London Surprise Minor, with the bells half-muffled; and for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor, with the bells open, the ringers taking part being: R. Park, G. W. Park (conductor), W. N. Park, F. Cook, W. Cook, F. W. Lupton and W. Oliver.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Old Bradwell, Bucks, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. C. Walters (conductor) 1, E. Whitlock 2, W. French 3, E. Whitlock 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Ebery 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled. First 720 of Bob Minor by all the band.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, in 46½ mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Ruddock 1, W. Fox 2, B. Hilditch 3, T. H. Greateorex 4, F. Johnson 5, G. H. Bowmer 6, B. Greateorex (conductor) 7, K. Hanson 8.

MONKS ELEIGH.—At St. Peter's Church, in 1 hour and 18 mins., with bells half-muffled, a date touch of Minor, 1,918 changes (consisting of 1,198 changes of Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Whymark 1, P. E. Whittell 2, K. W. Whittell 3, A. J. Peters 4, A. Keeble 5, H. D. Lister (conductor) 6. After the service the bells were rung open to Oxford Treble Bob.

REDWELLY, MON.—At St. Sannan's Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal Grandsire Doubles: H. Poppell 1, L. Rowlands 2, M. Thomas 3, G. Poppell (conductor) 4, W. Powell 5, G. Pearce 6, T. Poppell 7, J. Powell 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Barker 1, O. Broyd 2, H. Catterwell 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hole (conductor) 5, B. Pettitt 6, H. Wiseman 7, W. Cross 8. — For evening service, a 720 Bob Minor, with tenor behind: E. Barker 1, S. Hole (conductor) 2, C. Parker 3, S. Wilding 4, A. Wash 5, H. Wiseman 6, W. Cross 8.

WELLINGTON, SALOP.—For special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Parker 1, G. A. Cousins 2, V. Rawlings 3, E. H. Gwilliam 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 6. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled.

BODENHAM.—For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Billings 1, W. Rushton 2, A. Rushton 3, G. Rushton 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 5, E. F. Gittings 6. First 720 for all except conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Talbot 1, C. H. Kippin 2, A. Arnold 3, T. Talbot 4, F. Darby 5, A. J. Tranpitt (conductor) 6, R. Whittington 7, T. Bohannon 8. Longest length by the ringers of treble and tenor.

(Other Touches will appear next week.)

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

Dear Sir,—I am rather surprised at the contents of Mr. Carter's letter, regarding the definition of Surprise. Mr. Carter was one of the members of the committee (and all the other members with the exception of Mr. Dains are still living) that framed the definition. Mr. Carter does not make himself very clear regarding his objection to 'Bristol' and 'Rutland,' but I imagine he thinks an internal place should be made at the treble's whole pull behind. I do not take that position as a cross section of the treble's path. It is like the whole pull at lead. A dead end, the only way out is to go back. It is the starting and finishing place.

Mr. Carter also states that 'Rutland' Major, Royal and Maximus are three different methods. I must respectfully inform him that he is mistaken, and I ask him to extend the same on to 14 and 16 bells, when he will find that on all numbers where there are an odd number of pairs of bells (i.e., Royal 5 pairs, 14 bells 7 pairs) the pivot place will be made in 3rd's place instead of 1st's place, as is the case on all numbers with an even number of pairs of bells. The odd pair of bells dodge in 1-2. This is a new feature and I expected some comment.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stannington near Sheffield, Nov. 5th, 1923.

MEMORIAL SERVICE RINGING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, for the special memorial service for the parish fallen 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major in 45 mins.: J. Scott 1, C. N. Burdock 2, E. Weatherby 3, R. Philpott 4, A. H. Winch 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

BIRTH.

GILBERT.—On November 14th, at Rainham, Kent, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. Geo. Gilbert, R.E., a son.

ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX IN DEVON.**SHUTE BELLS REHUNG.**

Shute, a Devon village, between Axminster and Honiton, has just had its ring of bells increased to six. This has been made possible by the efforts of Mr. Arthur S. Hutchinson (Diocesan reader, and captain of the ringers), who raised funds for the addition of a new treble and the rehanging of the whole. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Exeter, who, in the course of an interesting address, said a peal of bells was absolutely English. "When you listen to a peal of bells," said the Bishop, "it is not merely the sound you hear, but the notes, that tell of England's greatness, from those iron tongues." There was a time when they were going to take down the bells in some towers, and put up things which would make a clanging noise. There were still some towers where the bells were not rung as they should be. In every town he would like to see the bells properly rung, according to the good old custom of England—rung round in full peal. Concluding, his Lordship appealed to ringers to ring the bells with reverence—with a double reverence—for, firstly, they were a part of the country—with all its peculiarities, with all its greatness—and, secondly, because they were a part of the worship of God, and preached a sermon. "As you ring, whether it be at a practice or before a service, whether you toll for a death or ring a merry peal after a marriage, say a prayer that the peal you ring may bring to the hearts of people that message of penitence to the sinner, a thought to the careless, peace to the troubled, and, above all, to true-hearted worshippers, carry a message to come to God's house, and there sing those praises which the bells had begun."

Ringling afterwards took place, by teams from Taunton, Honiton, Clyst, East Budleigh, Chaffcombe, Colyton, Bucknell, Uplyme, Cotleigh, Northleigh, Seaton, Offwell, Widworthy, Musbury, Dalwood, Kilmington, and members of the old Colyton band of ringers. A notable visitor was the Rev. E. V. Cox.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and a large company sat down at the tables.—The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the Bishop, and voiced the pleasure felt at his Lordship's presence at the church service. The Vicar also paid a tribute to Mr. A. Hutchinson, to whose energy the improvements in the belfry were entirely due.—The Bishop, in reply, said Mr. Hutchinson was of the type of men who, by their unselfish work, had made England great.

The whole of the restoration was entrusted to Messrs. T. Doble and Son, Taunton, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner. Great satisfaction was expressed with the 'go' of the bells by the large number of ringers present.

A RESTORED WELSH RING.**HAVERFORDWEST BELLS DEDICATED.**

St. Mary's Parish Church, Haverfordwest, is now in proud possession of a melodious ring of eight bells. Up to some years ago there hung in the belfry eight old bells, in a dilapidated timber framework. The fittings were quite worn out, and unable to carry the bells with safety. It was, therefore, decided to send the bells to the famous foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be congratulated on the excellent quality of their work. The bells are now of splendid tone. The tenor has been recast, and is worthy of special note. Its weight is one ton; and it bears the inscription, 'I will do my best for Haverfordwest.' The other seven bells have been returned, and hung with self-aligning ball bearings in totally enclosed dustproof housings. The old oak frame has been bolted together, and the 'go' of the bells is now most satisfactory.

The dedication was performed by the Very Rev. the Archdeacon of St. Davids on November 8th. Special hymns were sung, and the Archdeacon gave a very interesting and inspiring address to a large number of the inhabitants of the town and district who had assembled to witness the ceremony. After the Blessing, the band of St. Catherine's, Gorsemonon, made their way to the ringing chamber, raised the bells in peal, and rang a well-struck touch of 616 Grand-sire Triples: C. Willis 1, R. Baird 2, J. Williams 3, H. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Dobbins 8. The Vicar and churchwardens came, and congratulated the band on their fine ringing and striking. The bells had not previously been rung since 1890. The ringers were entertained to dinner at the Mariner's Hotel, and afterwards further ringing took place in several methods, including two 504 of Grand-sire Triples by R. Dobbins 1, H. Willis 2, J. Williams 3, R. Baird 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Dobbins 8. The bells were lowered in peal. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed by the ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for their welcome and hospitality.

It is interesting to note that those old bells are the same that rang Oliver Cromwell to Haverfordwest.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meat tea at Miss Wynne's at 5. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, five minutes' walk.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Rd., Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas (10) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 5. Tea and business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be at Bethersden, on Saturday, Nov. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Bull Hotel.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthews, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 to all who notify Mr. H. Kershaw, Pyke Lane, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Scriptorium. Tea tickets may be had at 1/6 each upon application to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, on or before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above guild will be held at Lye (Worcs) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock sharp. Meeting to follow for the election of Officers for 1924 and other business. Will members intending to be present let me know by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November 27th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilford District.—A special meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Banwell, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Will those who require tea please inform me by Nov. 28th?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice has been arranged at St. Giles, Stoke Poges, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. This will be the only notification.—A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, Slough.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m., and tea 5 p.m. prompt.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. B. Ditcher, 15, Station Road, Eckington, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Sidwell's Institute (free to members of the branch), all ringers welcome. Towers open for ringing. The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. Pitrook's (6).—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 25, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Old Bradwell. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Bear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ring will take place at Silverdale on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Orston on Saturday, Dec. 8th, this being the re-opening of these bells, which have been rehung and augmented from 4 to 6 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. Service and dedication of the new bells at 3 o'clock. Tea 4.15. 1/- each. Further particulars next week.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual Social will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Chorley bells available from 2 to 4. Whittle from 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30, whist and dancing after. Tickets 2/9 per head. Will those requiring tickets please let me know as soon as possible, and not later than Saturday, Dec. 1st. All welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Canon Elsee will give the address. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Nr. Rotherham, by Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 4th.—Elizabeth E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please write by Dec. 12th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

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