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A PLEA FOR STRUGGLING BANDS.

Speaking generally, ringing has made a wonderful recovery since the war, bands have not only been rebuilt, but a great advance has been made in the methods rung. Probably there are very few associations that are not now back at pre-war strength, and feeling that they have fully recovered from the position into which nearly five years of upheaval forced them. Yet we make bold to say that there are a number that, were they to face the question squarely, would have to admit that there is much more that might be done to encourage the art of ringing among the towers which stand within their area. Is there any county or diocesan association which can say that every tower within its borders, with a ringable peal of bells, has got its own company, and that company affiliated to the association? This is, of course, an ideal, but it should be the aim of every organisation, and no society which professes to cover an area should be content until that ideal is reached. Moreover, are all the affiliated towers receiving the assistance that is necessary to help them to progress?

It is a simple matter to keep in touch with towers and bands which are easy of access from ringing centres; it is the cause of the isolated towers that we would plead. Some bands in out-of-the-way places struggle for years with practically no outside help, and, while they plod on patiently, they receive little assistance or encouragement from their association, except, perhaps, by the holding of an occasional meeting in the neighbourhood. Combined practices, which we have constantly urged, have had most successful results in places where this method has been tried, but what is wanted in many instances is something more, even than this, to give a real stimulus to ringing. We should like to see specially organised assistance given to the less fortunately placed towers, not by occasional help, but by a series of visits paid by ringers capable of giving real aid. In the winter months that are before us, little, perhaps, can be done in this direction, but ringers are slow to move, and the period intervening before the longer hours of daylight could well be used by association ringing-masters and secretaries in drawing up a scheme for rendering practical assistance to some of the less fortunately situated towers.

The Durham and Newcastle Association has realised the necessity for a forward policy, somewhat on these lines, and the appreciation which is forthcoming, when such action is taken, was evinced at West Hartlepool, where last week a visit resulted in a revival of interest, both in ringing and in the Association. The point to be remembered about this kind of missionary work is that the association will benefit as well as the company which receives the assistance.

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Any interest which may be raised by the help given is bound to be reflected by a stronger support for the association, indicated not merely in membership, but in raising the level of ringing in that area. Too much importance can be placed upon the practice of holding district meetings. Good and necessary as these are for the vitality of an association, they cannot provide the same valuable encouragement to change ringing that would be given by properly organised and systematic visits paid, if only by a few capable ringers, to towers where interest is flagging, or where a band is struggling against difficulties which they are unable to surmount.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	WALTER FARLEY 8
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
ARTHUR PRINCE 5	SIDNEY HILLIER Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BOLWER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	WILLIAM HARPER 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
*JOHN BURLS 4	COL. SGT. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

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

OLDHAM, LANCES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

BENJAMIN THORPE Treble	JAMES WM. TAYLOR 5
JAMES COX 2	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 6
JAMES LEES 3	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
CHARLES MARSLAND 4	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Composed by TAYLOR.

Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung as a complimentary peal to the secretary, Mr. James Cox. This is the first peal on the new bells. Mr. R. Greenwood was proposed a member of the association before starting.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*RALPH DAVIES Treble	JOHN WOODBERRY 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ERNEST J. BROOKS 6
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 3	JOHN SMITH 7
KEITH SALTER 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal. The first peal by a local band since November, 1911.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*ERNEST HUNT Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 5
JOHN MALVAN 2	ALFRED J. ROGERS 6
WALTER AYRE 3	†GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	†FREDERICK J. SPICER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 7th, who sailed for the Malay States on Nov. 23rd. This peal was rung by the kind permission of the Vicar of King's Langley, as St. Peter's, St. Albans, had been refused.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DRIGHLLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS EMMA BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH JESSOP 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 6
†CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	FIRTH HOPWOOD 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FIRTH HOPWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES F. CLARKE Treble	*ERNEST MORRIS 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
SIDNEY COX 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* Fiftieth peal for this association in this year of 1923. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob in the county, and first by all except the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MARTIN Treble	PETER ETHERIDGE 5
GEORGE ILLMAN 2	†GEORGE ELLIS 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
STEPHEN KENWARD 4	*ALFRED G. WELCH Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: T. Pendry 1, J. Pugh 2, H. Halford 3, C. W. Martin 4, W. Yeend 5, J. J. Causon 6, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
JACK HONEY 3	*PERCY DYKE 7
*FREDERICK NAISH 4	†GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First as conductor and first attempt.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM MERRITT Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
†CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN ... 2	†DANIEL COOPER 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 7
ALBERT J. FORD 4	*WALTER GLOVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor. ‡ 25th peal. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 are members of the local company.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. HOBART SMITH Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
WILLIAM TILLET 2	HARRY R. ROPER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	A. JOHN GILLINGHAM Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Composition No. 1, page 51 Snowden's 'Stedman.'

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRED BIRKS Treble	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
*JOHN J. TAYLOR 2	JOHN PERRY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS MARSHALL Treble	HARRY JARMAN 5
RICHARD MARTIN 2	†ROBERT T. EVANS 6
EDWARD JONES 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
*HAROLD T. HUGHES 4	*E. HARVEY KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since 1907. Ancestors of the conductor took part in peals at Oswestry in 1731 and 1785.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HARRIS Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 2	HERBERT BECKETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	GEORGE CONDICK 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on his 60th birthday. Ernest E. Davis's 200th peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. TRAPPIXT Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

TRAVERS PRICHARD Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
BASIL LATHAM 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
FRANK COLE 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 7
THOMAS WITTS 4	GEORGE LATHAM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SIMMONS Treble	HERBERT C. ADDSLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

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BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR LINDOFF Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

CHESTER.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*SAMUEL JONES, SEN. Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Eccleston, 2nd and 4th from Chester, 3rd from Rhyl, 6th from Crewe, 7th from Fulham St. Mary's, Norfolk, and tenor from Bangor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE G. FRANKS Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
JOHN LINDEN 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
ROBERT CURTIS 4	*GEORGE PRODGGER Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Mills and Edwards hail from Robertsbridge, Lambert from Burwash; the rest are local men.

CRANBROOK, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S VARIATION OF A. E. SEERS' NINE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*WALTER FREEMAN 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	HARRY M. BATEHUP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal in the method, and elected a non-resident life member of the association.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 2	*ARTHUR KING 6
YORK GREEN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
†A. TOM CHENERY 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell, and first peal for 17 years.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*PHILLIP STEGGALLS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
JAMES BETTS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen, also for the Rev. E. C. Bowen, late Rector of Stoke Ash.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEOFFREY LEWIS Treble	CHRIS BOWOOD 4
ROLAND LEWIS 2	DAVID HORNE 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM S. BUTLER Treble	HENRY DORKING 4
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	ANDREW EVERS 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Double Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY Treble	WALTER A. DAY 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL A 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal on the bells; a splendid ring by Taylor & Co.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Nov. 17th, 720 Double Court Minor and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, H. Warn 5, E. Leggett (conductor) 6.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS Treble	JOHN BURLES 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
JOHN LARTER 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. F. R. Bonsey, late president of the Middlesex Association.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAC. A. RACKHAM Treble	ALFRED A. RACKHAM 4
*FREDERICK T. HALES ... 2	†GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor for the above Guild. Messrs. Hales and Popnell were proposed members of the Guild before starting the peal and hail from Abergavenny and Bedwelty, respectively. The rest local men.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	JAMES WAGHORN 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	FRANK PATTENDEN 5
HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 3	GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

Rung as a silver wedding peal for James Waghorn, and a birthday peal for A. Relfe. It was also rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. D. W. W. Carmichael, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. H. B. Langton, Rector of Ickenham.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's on the plan arranged by the Rev. E. BANKS JAMES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY F. BARNES Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 4
WALTER G. BATTLE 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
JOHN COOKE 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

First peal in the method for the Guild on the bells and by all the band. First peal of Surprise by all and rung at the first attempt. The band hereby tender their thanks to the Rector for kindly allowing them to use the bells, also to Mr. Walters, for meeting them and having all in readiness.

HANDBELL PEALS.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. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 7-8

†THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.
Umpire: HARRY BROUGHTON.* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters 'in hand.'
First peal of Stedman Caters rung in Nuneaton.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

*JACK PILGRIM 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3-4	*ROY PILGRIM 7-8

*LEONARD W. BALE ...9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

*ROY PILGRIM 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3-4	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Umpire: LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN. Witness: LEONARD W. BALE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE,
EYESHAM GUILD).

On Wednesday, November 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7-8
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	JOHN HALL 9-10
JOSEPH T. JOHNSON 5-6	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 13). Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

First peal of Maximus by all the band and by the association. The conductor has now rung and conducted from working pairs of bells, peals 'in hand' from Doubles to Maximus.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT MALVERN HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. PILGRIM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
Witness: MRS. T. PILGRIM.**THE SUSSEX WEEK.**We'll sing the song, as we march along,
Of good old Sussex by the Sea.

Our ringing tour this year, I am told, was one of the most successful outings known, and, although belated, a review of the week's doings may be interesting. Some have said that London and Bristol Surprise should have been included in the methods rung, but in eleven peal attempts ten were successful, as duly reported in the 'Ringing World' of November 2nd, the first seven having been scored straight off the bat. I regret to trouble our Editor with a correction re the Burgess Hill performance. Taking the list of names, as printed, the men actually stood in the order of 1-3-5-7-2-4-6-8; 'Queen's,' and not as shown. The error is mine, and I apologise to the band who are all loyal subjects of Her Majesty. This year I had less secretarial work in arranging the meeting, due to assistance of local veterans, Messrs. Bennett, Stone and Hart, whilst the foremen of the towers visited took considerable pains to fit in the week's programme. Mr. Challen, of Shoreham, owing to illness in the locality, had to refuse our coming, and this gap was kindly filled at short notice by Mr. Hammond, of Rotherfield. Letters of regret were received from Messrs. Evans, Bishop, George, Edwards (Hereford), Cheesman, Barton, Trollope, Walker, Buckland, and our Editor, who were unable to join the party; a certain septuagenarian being too busy migrating to his new nest instead of waiting till April, like the cuckoo usually does.

One sorrowful event arose in the course of my correspondence. Mr. Edwards, of Boreham, wrote me, saying: 'I should very much like to ring at Brighton and its neighbourhood. What is the latest date you can take yes or no?' The next letter I had came from his son to say that his father was dead, and was buried a few days previously. This was somewhat of a shock to me, since I am no chicken, whilst our departed brother was only 53 years of age when he made his last set change.

Only half the members had a programme, with order to copy it, and send original on to another member, and I wondered how this would work out. Therefore, I was glad on the afternoon appointed to see several couples come up to St. Peter's tower, Brighton, about 3 p.m., and so a businesslike start was made. On completion of the Royal here we were most agreeably surprised to find Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Truss, with a number of Brighton men, awaiting below to offer congratulations. We held a conversazione at the King and Queen, when song and handbells sweetened our temperament, and hastened old 'tempus fugit' more than ever.

On Sunday our forces were divided, one half going to St. Peter's tower, and the other to St. Nicholas', to ring for the morning and evening services. Amongst the touches scored were Cambridge and Double Norwich Royal, Treble Ten, London, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. We enjoyed the excellent dinner provided at our hotel, the famous boiled L.O.M. looking, as usual, more like a scrag when we had finished with it, and it cannot be said we were greedy with only one leg amongst 24. A happy Sunday evening together—after Divine service at the respective churches—was spent by visitors and friends alike, many ladies honouring our gathering, and enjoying the handbell ringing. An agreeable chat with a Worcestershire Vicar—formerly at Eye—who joined us, brought memories of the late J. Motts, the Rev. W. Pearson, W. Rose and the Poppy, and Messrs. Day and Son, and other Suffolk ringers. Our Ladies' Guild was represented by Mesdames Williams, Truss, Stone, Bennett, W. and K. Hart, Golding, Merrett, and the wife of our reverend brother. It is due to the ladies to add that our tourists were most comfortably housed, during their stay, in private quarters—'twas just like coming home after a good day's work to find 'Mother' with supper all ready. The railway company was good to us as well, issuing return tickets at single fares to all the local stations to which we wished to travel, and the weather—that old fellow of many costumes—was generous, Friday being the only time that macs and 'brellas were needed.

For Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we had 'doubles on,' as follows: Cuckfield and Lingfield from Haywards Heath Station, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill from Hassocks, and Rotherfield and Buxted from Uckfield. On each occasion we found 'a winner,' because trains, towers, and times were manipulated to a nicety, and we had a good trainer. We peal ringers have much to be thankful for. We can follow the practice independent of the elements. We lose no 'gate' money if a match is abandoned, neither forfeit the rent of an unused sports field. At Rotherfield we saw the damage to the base of the tower done quite recently by lightning, yet the spire and bells remained for us safe and sound.

Certain association business was transacted, Messrs. W. Novard, A. E. Sharman and O. C. Mayne being elected life members of the S.C.A. in St. Peter's tower on Saturday, and Messrs. William Mead and J. C. Truss at Cuckfield on Monday, by the usual show of hands before we pulled off. I have since ascertained that the necessary entrance fees have been paid over to the hon. secretary.

After our Lewes visit on Tuesday we held another social on returning to Brighton. It was almost destroyed by mine host of the

King and Queen, who had relet our reserved room over our heads. My disappointment may be imagined when I found some thirty-six gentlemen and eight ladies standing 'homeless' in the Old Steine Gardens, rather resembling a stranded theatrical company. I have military reasons for supposing that more men during the war found out the value of 'The Canteen' than all the pussyfoots put together. A house of that name, well known to ringers of yore, gave us private accommodation for the evening. Here John Jay—and there's still a 'John Jay, junior'—rendered in good style 'Sussex by the Sea.' Mrs. J. C. Truss gave us an old favourite, accompanied by her husband. Mr. W. Hart sang a couple of good songs, and the verger of St. Nicholas also sang, accompanied by his son, an expert pianist; and handbell tunes by Messrs. Truss, Hart and Fussell, were also given.

On Thursday we found our failure at St. Peter's, Brighton, Cambridge Royal falling to pieces, after 40 minutes. However, this meeting was turned into a practice for Yorkshire Royal (2 courses), and touches of London Major—Messrs. Merrett, Groves, Smart, and others, making up a double team.

We were the guests of Messrs. Mead and Shepherd, on Wednesday to tea and lunch, whilst Mr. Nevard gave similar hospitality on Saturday as a terminal to the week. Our final attempt at St. Nicholas began at 2 o'clock, which suited the departure of several members on breaking up. We all took tea together at the Imperial Hotel, with a 'nip in the cup,' to the health of the host, and that warmed up the question, 'what about next year?' Ah, well! let us get over Christmas first.

Before leaving Brighton we saw the county challenge bell, never claimed by the last winners, now safely stored in St. Peter's tower. We also called on the veteran method builder, Mr. George Baker, looking hearty and well, and there, in a small inner room, we found bundles of papers covered with masses of figures and diagrams enough to fill a small portmanteau, and still he keeps on with the permutations. The late John Jay was discussed: also the little room at the Canteen, where Bill Gifford used to draw him out. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. Hodgetts, Price, Attree, Rickman and Eden, were all with us—in our thoughts—even George King, of Canada, down at Sussex by the Sea.

W. H. F.

KENSINGTON.—On Monday, Nov. 19th, for practice, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bolton 1, E. G. Locke 2, H. Dyas 3, A. B. Bennett 4, W. E. Judd 5, C. H. Roberts 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, P. H. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by the treble and second ringers.

NEW BELLS AT RADCLIFFE.

DEDICATION OF A LANCASHIRE PEAL.

The bells of Radcliffe Parish Church, Lancs, have been recast, and a new frame installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The dedication took place on Saturday last, when, despite the dense fog which enveloped South-East Lancs, there was a large congregation. The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Temple) should have dedicated the bells, but, unfortunately the motor-car which was sent to bring his lordship got lost in the fog, a wire being received from him half-way through the service that the car had not arrived to fetch him.

The bells were, therefore, dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. J. Bamber), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Lancs. Association, who gave a very interesting address on the history of bells and their meaning.

The Rector afterwards explained to the congregation that that day saw the completion of the third of the war memorials, the first, the lych gate, as a thanksgiving for the safe return of the men who came back, and the new organ and the bells, and also a new hoiv table, which it is intended to dedicate on the Sunday before Christmas Day, to the memory of the men who gave their lives.

The bells were raised in peal after the dedication by the local band, and rung in rounds after the service. The bells, which have been increased in weight, having now a tenor of 15 cwt., are an example of Messrs. Taylor's best work. The framework, which is of their low side pattern, is strong and massive in construction, and rests on heavy rolled steel girders firmly bolted together by diagonal wrought iron tension bars. The fittings have all their latest improvements, including ball bearings. The old inscriptions have been reproduced, and on the tenor in addition, 'In memory of the brave men who gave their lives in the great war, 1914-1918.'

Owing to the weather conditions not many visiting ringers were expected, but they turned up from Bolton Parish, Bury, Pendleton and Prestwich Churches. Canon Elsee had a pull after the service, and spoke in terms of high appreciation of the tone and 'go' of the bells, as, indeed, did all the other visitors. Radcliffe has now got one of the best peals in the country at the weight.

It is intended to have a ringers' day early in the new year, probably in the second or third week in January, of which due notice will be given through 'The Ringing World,' when it is hoped that there will be a good muster of visitors from the towers in the county.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for evensong, 450 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, G. Williams 5, R. Walker 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

With a view to stimulating ringing in the neighbourhood of Carmarthen a visit was paid on Saturday last by a few enthusiasts, which included the leaders of Gorseinon and Aberavon towers, and the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. A hearty welcome was accorded by the Vicar and late churchwarden. Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung, and an effort is to be made to re-form a band, the bells not having been rung for four years.

A visit was then paid to Llanstephan tower, some eight miles distant, where it was found call changes are rung. A hearty welcome was also accorded here, and a move is to be made in promoting change ringing. Triples, Minor and Doubles were rung. No peal has been rung on these bells since they were opened over forty years ago by the College Youths, but it is suggested that a peal will be attempted there before the next forty weeks are over by those who were there on Saturday.

Congratulations to the band who, at Great Hampton, have rung a handbell peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, the first of Maximus by all and by the Worcestershire Association. Mr. F. J. Johnson must be proud of his son and daughter.

The conductor of Holt's Original at Carshalton on Saturday is 18 years three months old. Are there any younger ringers who have called this composition?

We wonder how many ringers of to-day can claim to have had ancestors who were ringers nearly 200 years ago. Mr. Robert T. Evans, of Oswestry, Salop, called a peal in his native town last week, and there are records showing that members of his family rang in peals in Oswestry in 1731 and 1785.

On December 3rd, 1811, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield.

The College Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on December 4th, 1803. This was at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and was a peal on the multi-bob plan, having been composed by one, Thomas Edwards. The peal contained altogether 722 calls!

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, Gloucester, on December 4th, 1722.

It is on record that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on December 6th, 1731. This was proclaimed as the first peal of Stedman Triples, thus disputing the claim of the St. Peter Mancroft company to the first peal in the method which they rang on October 25th of the same year.

There was much feeling between the companies at this time, and it was reported in the 'Norwich Daily Press' that a little before the peal at St. Michael's was completed they (the Mancroft ringers) 'had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out, and so did fling stones up the church leads and against the doors, and did cause the boys in the streets to cry huzzas: nay, one of them was so impertinent as to open the window of the church to have got in, but was prevented by the people that stood to hear the peal, and were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

Ringers who intended visiting Ickleton for the Ely Diocesan Association meeting to-morrow are informed that owing to illness, the meeting is postponed to December 15th.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was worth while to have raised this question of the nomenclature of methods, if only to have obtained, as a result, your excellent leading article in your issue of the 23rd; and there is also the gain, you point out, that it transpires a real interest is at last being taken in this important question of naming new methods. Apart from all this, it is indeed gratifying that the subject has been noticed by that ingenious ringer, 'Samiwell Peppery.'

While it is meet and right that our pioneers, when introducing a new method should have a voice in naming it, there arises at the same time the question as to what extent that right should be exercised. Reflection will show it is necessary that the right of choice should be limited.

When the time comes—and the sooner the better—to define the limits within which this choice is to operate, it should be definitely laid down that only single place names are to be adopted for new methods. And, so, automatically, we shall get what I would now have, and what I am confident will prove to be the proper course—the avoidance of that terminological superfluity—the 'shires.'—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

MR. E. E. DAVIS'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 2; Minor, 5; Grandsire Triples, 11; Caters, 20; Cinques, 3; Union Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Major, 20; Royal, 10; Maximus, 2; Canterbury Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 10; Royal, 5; Maximus, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 31; Caters, 2; Gloucester Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 5; Stedman Triples, 30; Stedman Caters, 17; Stedman Cinques, 3.

PROPOSED PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SCHEME TO GO FORWARD.**

A special general meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Kettering on Saturday last, when a company, numbering about 60, sat down to tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, presided over by the president (the Rev. J. P. Friend), who was supported by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (Cranford), the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer of the association), Mr. D. J. Nichols (general secretary), Messrs. F. Barber, T. Tebbutt, R. G. Black, J. Nickerson, and Mr. J. Bott (district secretaries), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. F. Rawlinson (Peterborough) and Mr. A. King, of Luton.

The business before the meeting was the report of the sub-committee, with reference to the proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

The President, in presenting the report, stated that letters were written to the following six associations: The Peterborough and District, the Oundle and District, the Towcester and District, the Weedon and District, Brackley I. Deanery, and the Midland Counties Association, inviting them to send representatives to a meeting to consider the formation of a Guild for the diocese of Peterborough. At the meeting held at the Hall Memorial Buildings, Bridge Street, Northampton, on Saturday, October 23rd, representatives were present (in addition to those of the Central Northants Association) from the Peterborough, Oundle, Towcester and Brackley I. Deanery. A letter was received from the Midland Counties Association stating that the matter was brought forward and duly considered by their committee and members at their meeting on July 28th, when the following resolution was unanimously passed: 'That the members of the Midland Counties Association, having carefully considered the proposal of the Bishop of Peterborough as to the formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers, are unable to recommend that their members residing in the diocese of Peterborough should as a body join the proposed Guild. For forty years they have been members of the Midland Counties Association, and they have no desire to sever themselves from that body. At the same time, if individual members who live in the said diocese wish to become members of the Peterborough Guild, the committee of the Midland Association have no desire to place obstacles in their way, but they trust such members will continue to remain members of their old association.'

In addition to the resolution it was pointed out that certain changes will take place in the area covered by the Peterborough diocese, and that only a small portion of the territory covered by their association may remain in the Peterborough diocese.

A draft scheme of rules was submitted for the proposed Guild, and after a very lengthy discussion, the President moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the General Secretary, and carried:—

That this meeting urges the committee to go forward with the formation of a Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and to report to the Bishop in accordance with the resolution passed at Wellingborough on June 9th, 1923.

During the afternoon and evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung by mixed companies, and some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

PEALS IN 'THE BULL RING'**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—May I correct a slight error which appeared in last week's issue of your valuable journal?

It occurs in what I, and doubtless many others, regard as one of the most interesting features of the paper, viz., 'Belfry Gossip,' wherein it is stated that 'It will not be long before the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques will be rung on the famous bells in the Bull Ring.'

May I point out that this was accomplished many moons ago, even before the Great War, the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on these bells having been rung on February 24th, 1914.

The total number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's to date is 132.

This figure refers to tower bell peals only; it does not include peals 'in hand,' or peals rung by the St. Martin's Guild on other rings of twelve. A small matter perhaps, but in the interests of historical accuracy, on which I know you are personally very keen, just worth noting.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An 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.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**NO DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.**

The Guildford District has always been one of the most thriving parts of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and in the past year it has well maintained its ground. At the annual meeting at Guildford the area, including Aldershot, Chertsey, Cobham, Crauligh, Dorking, Farnham, Godalming, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, Sherborne, Woking and Worplesdon, and ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon at both S. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity Churches. Service was held at the former church, and the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) gave a stirring address, his subject being 'Enthusiasm.'

The business meeting was held after tea at Brett's Restaurant, Mr. A. Harrison (churchwarden of S. Nicolas') presiding, supported by Canon Kirwan (Rector of Holy Trinity), Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Mr. Marsh (churchwarden of S. Nicolas'), Mr. C. Hazelden (District Ringing Master), Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary), etc.

The Hon. Secretary reported that five successful meetings had been held during the year, and that the balance on the year's working was £7 14s. 3d.

The Ringing Master, in his annual report, stated that 44 peals had been rung during the year, which was the same as in 1922. The proportion of handbell peals had, however, changed. Whereas in 1922 they had 24 handbell peals and 20 church bell peals; in 1923 they had 20 on handbells and 24 on tower bells. Also, in this year they had no six-bell peals, while in 1922 they had two. He mentioned this as a hint to their six-bell friends to 'keep their end up.' Although this total of 44 peals was reasonably satisfactory on the surface, an analysis, continued Mr. Hazelden, would reveal the fact that the peals were performances of a comparatively small number of ringers. This should not be so, and he wished that more of their local companies would go for a peal occasionally. As a matter of fact, only three local bands in the district had rung a peal this year. In this connection he was, of course, aware of the changes which were slowly taking place in ringing, as in other church matters. They seemed to be turning more and more to the ideas and ideals of the 15th and 16th centuries and the age before change ringing began to be seriously practised; when ringers became included in the church's nine orders of ministers. He felt sure that this privilege was not granted merely because bells were used to call people to worship or because the ringers were so expert as to command respect, but because of the considerable use which the Church then made of bells in the actual performance of the services. For instance, the use of the Sanctus bells in the Mass, and for announcing the Church's canonical hours made it necessary to maintain guilds of persons who could be at hand to perform the office at the proper hours. We, however, had to deal with an age in which, happily, change ringing was practised. They might wish and work for the reunion of the bells and altar, but if their part was to be a worthy one, there was no practice that he knew of to equal the occasional ringing of a peal. In conclusion, the Ringing Master paid a tribute to some of their members, who, through good and ill, just carried on. They could, he said, always hear about the first-class performers, but there was in nearly every tower one or more who, year after year, went on teaching young people, first to handle a bell and then perhaps to ring Doubles, before the youngster left his native village, without thanks and without recognition. Some of these men had grown grey without ever knowing the joy of having a good band, yet they went on patiently teaching, serving the Church faithfully, and their Guild loyally (applause).

The reports were adopted.

Mr. Raddon was re-elected hon. secretary, with thanks for his past services.

Mr. Hazelden and Mr. A. H. Pulling were proposed for the office of Ringing Master, but the latter declined to stand, and Mr. Hazelden was then unanimously re-elected.

Messrs. R. Whittington and J. J. Jones were re-elected on the Central Committee of the Guild, and six new members and probationers were elected.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

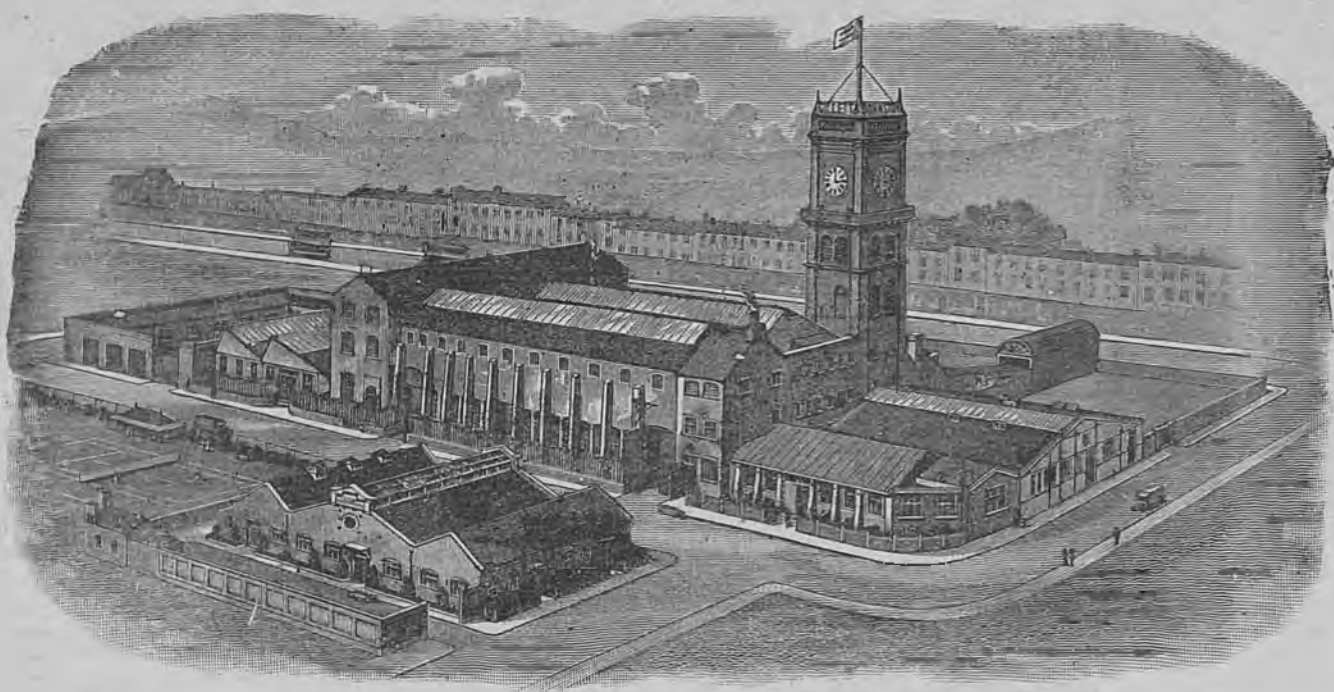
The next business on the agenda was the question of the division of the Guild, in connection with the proposed splitting up of the Diocese of Winchester.

In introducing the subject, the Chairman first congratulated the members on the attendance at the service. He could not help thinking that it was too often forgotten that bell ringers were a vital and integral part of church organisation. As far as his experience went, they seemed in the past to have been considered outside the Church organisation, but the more they could hold their services in the church and feel that they were part and parcel of the Church organisation, the better it would be for the Church and the better for the ringers (applause). With regard to the subject of the division of the diocese, he thought it would hardly be worth spending a lot of time upon it, as if it were imminent. Canon Kirwan would prob-

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ably be able to tell them that the division of the diocese was possibly further off than it was considered to be at that time last year, the principal reason being that there was a considerably larger amount of money to be provided than was anticipated, and in these hard times it was likely to make the division of the diocese much longer delayed.

Canon Kirwan said that originally they were asked to raise £51,000 in connection with the scheme, and he believed, if they had started last November, they might have raised that amount by June, 1924, but in July of this year, as the result of the decision of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the amount to be raised before the division could take place, was increased to £106,000. In addition, there had been a considerable amount of opposition, led by the Bishop of Gloucester, and many people, who previously may have been lukewarm on the subject, were probably now hostile. Personally he was convinced that the scheme would go through, but it might be a long time. It depended mainly upon their collecting the full sum. A further cause of delay was this. The decision of the National Assembly had not yet received the approval of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament, and he did not think he would be disclosing any secret when he told them that this committee was going to turn down the measure, not on its merits, but on account of a certain rider which was attached to the Bill as to the appointment of the Bishops. The measure, therefore, would have to go back to the National Assembly, for the elimination of the rider, then to come again before the Ecclesiastical Committee for approval, and afterwards having to be passed by Parliament. He thought it would probably be at least three or four years before it became a matter of practical politics. He thought, with the chairman, that they need not that night discuss a new society, at any rate on the ground that there was likely to be a new diocese of Guildford in the near future.

The Ringing Master called attention to the suggestion made at the Portsmouth district meeting that, in the event of the diocese being divided, the present Guild should be continued under the title of the Wessex Association. As Winchester was formerly the See of the ancient Bishopric of Wessex, he thought it was an excellent idea.

In view of Canon Kirwan's statement, Mr. Whittington moved that the meeting pass on to the next business, and this was agreed to.

Thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding: to the Rev. G. M. Wheeler for the service and his address, and to the organist.

The Rev. G. M. Wheeler, in replying, referred to the bells of S. Nicolas' Church, and said they had before the parish a scheme for their improvement, for which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had submitted an estimate. About £320 was required to put the bells into the condition they ought to be in, and he wondered if Major Hesse could come to Guildford and tell them how to raise the money, seeing how successful he had been in Haslemere (laughter and applause). However, the church had this scheme to contemplate, and he looked forward to the day when they could say, 'Come and hear what a really fine peal of bells we have got' (applause).

This terminated the business, and further ringing then took place at S. Nicolas' Church.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT FAVOURS DIVISION.

At the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District, held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th, a letter was read from the assistant hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) asking for the opinion of the district upon the question of the future position of the Guild, contingent upon the passing of the measure for the Division of the Diocese. Eventually, it was proposed by the President, and seconded by the hon. secretary, and carried unanimously, that in the event of the measure receiving parliamentary sanction, the Winchester Diocesan Guild ought to be similarly divided.

More than 50 per cent. of the performing members in this wide and scattered district were present, and a most successful meeting was held.

With regard to the division, 'A local member' writes: 'This question has already been discussed by the Central Committee, and by one or two districts, but I believe the Basingstoke district is the first body of members to give a decision favouring division, and, therefore, as a member of that district, I should like to give reasons for the course I and my fellow members took. In the first place, I think the raising of the question at all is extremely premature, as it will probably be a very considerable time yet before the division is an accomplished fact, and even then I do not see why the parent Guild should make the initial move. Surely the initiative should come from the offspring. If they feel they can develop fresh life and energy by having their own Guild—and I firmly believe they can—then it is not the duty of the parent Guild to act selfishly and endeavour to hinder their aspirations, but rather to encourage them and grant them their 'allotted share,' and at the same time welcome them back as compounding members at a nominal fee. In this respect, no doubt, the younger Guilds would be glad to return the compliment, and the result would be a real fellowship such as ringers delight in.

The desirability for division was especially brought home to me at the last annual festival of the Guild, when the Bishop asked the Surrey members present to hold up their hands, and it turned out that there were only ten present, and I don't think Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight could have shown many more. But if either of these areas which are to form the new dioceses had its own Guild it would probably get nearer a hundred members at its annual festival, and thus create a far more widespread interest in the work. Lastly, there is the great point so cogently put forward by our hon. secretary, that of church organisation. We recognise the Diocese as the unit of Church life, and the Bishop as the head of each unit, and, therefore, as loyal Churchmen, ringers ought to place themselves under the control of their own Bishop. But a very awkward situation might arise at any time in a Guild of combined dioceses with a Master belonging to one diocese, a secretary to another, and other officials in yet another. It is for this reason that I, for one, regret the growth of county associations in connection with church bell ringing, and I believe I read in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago of an effort by the Bishop in Peterborough to bring all the ringers in that Diocese into one Guild, but federated to their own associations, thus showing that he undoubtedly wished to have undivided control over his own church workers. In conclusion, may I express the earnest hope that whatever conclusions are finally arrived at there will be no recriminations, but that all will continue to work together heartily and in a right spirit as Christians and true Churchmen.

GLOSSOP CHURCH BELLS.**VICAR'S TRIBUTE TO FOUNDERS AND RINGERS.**

In the 'Glossop Parish Church Monthly Notes,' for November, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Dudley Dixon, M.A.) writes:—'The Patronal Festival this year was, on the whole, well kept. Having only half a church, our services were necessarily simple. We opened out on All Saints' Day with the dedication of the bells. There was an excellent congregation, and the service was solemn and very impressive. The Rev. A. T. Beeston (himself a well-known ringer) preached the sermon. After the dedication of the bells by the Vicar the ringers rang a merry peal. Everyone who heard the bells was delighted with their beauty of tone. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell founders, have given us a notable peal. We certainly expected a good peal from our old bells, for the metal was there, but we have got one better than ever we had hoped for. The founders are to be heartily congratulated on a very notable performance. It is a peal to be proud of.

'The whole peal has been recast and rebung with new fittings, ball bearings, and all the latest improvements; and with the new framework in the upper tier and the extensive strengthening of the lower tier, the ringers report that the ease with which the bells can be rung is remarkable. The tenor weighs over 17 cwt., and the key of the peal is F.

'It is a heavy peal—all the better for that as far as richness of tone is concerned. Tuned on the five-toned Simpson Principle, the music of the bells is beautiful and melodious. The clock is to strike on the tenor bell, not on No. 2 as before. The Angelus will be rung on the tenor also, not on No. 6 as before. The chiming apparatus is going back as before.

'I should like to say a word about the firm of Gillett and Johnston. They have put us in a beautiful peal, which we are proud of, and which they have every right to be proud of, and they have put our bells back again very quickly considering the magnitude of the task. In all our dealings with them we have received the greatest courtesy and consideration from the firm and from their bell erector, who has done the work here, and has been most thoughtful in reducing inconvenience to the services in church to a minimum. It is a pleasure to be able to say this.

'It is also a pleasure to record the generosity of our ringers. They have, at their own cost and by their own labour, transformed the ringers' chamber in the tower. A good deal of the floor had to be relaid—dry rot having destroyed the boards—this they have done. They have covered the floor with new lino, and have fixed a light in the floor. They have also boarded up part of the air space in the bell tower—an immense improvement. We are most grateful to them for their generosity. Before very long, we hear, there is to be a Ringing Festival, when ringers from all over the country will come here to try our bells and try to break ringing records. We shall look forward to this with keen anticipation.'

CONDUCTORS ALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We read with interest Mr. Wheeldon's letter of the 23rd, and hasten to pay tribute to the performance of the Bucknall band, and also we would wish the Milton band every success.

Are we in error in thinking that the first 'true' silent peal of Legitimate Surprise Minor has yet to be rung? We do some 'silent' ringing in various Surprise methods at Leytonstone, and, naturally, we are interested in this question. Perhaps Mr. Wheeldon, or another correspondent, would care to enlighten us.—Yours faithfully,

(for) ST. JOHN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LEYTONSTONE.
GEO. DAWSON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary, on November 25th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. C. Stacey (first quarter in the method away from tenor) 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, A. Cutnor 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary's, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs, 18 singles by N. J. Pitastow): E. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, R. Kilby 3, H. Kilby 4, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 5, G. M. Kilby 6.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: — Jacques 1, F. E. Davies 2, H. Hill 3, E. Pardon 4, G. Pugh 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Royal: A. Inns 1, H. Baxter 2, A. Henman 3, J. E. Chapman 4, A. King (Luton) 5, R. F. Turner 6, C. Bird 7, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8, A. E. Payne 9, F. W. Sawfoot 10.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Noakes 1, W. H. Perry 2, V. Lowden 3, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 4, A. W. Evans 5, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 6, A. Hardiman 7, L. J. Noakes 8.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, November 18th, 432 Stedman Caters: E. P. Debenham (conductor) 1, G. W. Debenham (longest touch of Stedman Caters) 2, E. Hull 3, G. W. Cartmel 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, I. J. Hull 6, W. H. Buckingham 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, I. Seymour 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: I. Seymour 1, E. P. Debenham 2, G. W. Cartmel 3, I. J. Hull 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, E. D. Livermore 6, F. Spicer 7, W. H. Buckingham 8, G. W. Debenham 9, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 10. This was the first quarter-peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 7th and 9th, and the first quarter-peal inside on ten.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Martin 4, H. I. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8. Also on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 35 mins.: T. Marshall 1, E. H. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, R. Kynaston 4, R. T. Evans 5—6.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. For evening service, on the occasion of the farewell sermon by the Bishop of Peterborough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Tompison 1, J. Ison 2, A. D. Aldham 3, C. E. Payne 4, I. White 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton 7, P. Aldham 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2 and 8, and first attempt.

WORMINGFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 420 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, and 480 Grandsire: F. Hopper 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, J. Hensman 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: T. Smith (first 720) 1, A. Mould 2, W. Pearson 3, C. Haycock 4, J. Bailey (first 720) 5, A. Overton (conductor) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, being the first and last parts of Washbrook's Irregular six-part: Mrs. W. H. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. May 2, G. Price 3, W. H. Thomas 4, W. Hunter 5, J. R. Jones 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, C. Rawlings 8.

OLDHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), at the Parish Church, with bells half-muffled: J. Lees 1, C. Marsland 2, M. Newton 3, H. Lawton 4, E. Geary 5, J. Wm. Taylor 6, R. Greenwood 7, A. Waites 8, S. M. Butterworth (conductor) 9, J. Garlick 10.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), half-muffled: J. Tansey 1, C. Randle 2, J. Clarke 3, R. Jelley 4, S. Cheney 5, G. Burton 6, E. Jelley (conductor) 7, C. Marshall 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, on Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Lee 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, F. Wade 4, E. Bailey, junr., 5, F. W. Naunton 6. For evening service, with the bells open, 360 and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for the dedication festival, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor. For Choral Communion, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. H. Hayward 4, W. C. Cuss 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8. For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, J. King 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. H. Hayward 4, W. G. Cook 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—At All Saints' Church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Perry 1, J. W. Lane 2, W. Ayre (conductor) 3, R. S. Cook 4, A. H. Hill 5, A. J. Rogers 6, A. E. Weeden 7, F. Dollimore 8. First quarter by treble and tenor ringers.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—For morning service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cooper 1, G. T. Mitchison (conductor) 2, E. Weston 3, M. W. Read 4, F. Horton 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, R. C. Ingram 7, H. Cook 8. Also after service, 1,008 (open), conductor, R. C. Ingram.

KEIGHLEY.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for morning service, with bells muffled: J. Edmondson 1, H. Thorpe (conductor) 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hogg 5, R. W. Jennison, junr., 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. Coulton 8.—For evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hogg 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, H. Thorpe 5, R. W. Jennison, senr. (conductor), 6, A. Jackson 7, S. Murgatroyd 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—For memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins., with bells half-muffled: W. Leeson 1, C. W. Bragg 2, S. Bragg 3, J. Bragg 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, A. Lowe 7, Sam Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—For morning service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lambert (first quarter) 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday evening, Nov. 12th, at Great St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes), in 53 mins., by the Society of Cambridge Youths: W. B. Kempton 1, York Green (composer and conductor) 2, J. Taylor 3, A. J. Chenery 4, H. J. Hazell 5, W. Welch 6, T. R. Dennis 7, F. E. Kempton 8.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—After morning service, at St. Thomas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Hatton 1, T. Scott (first quarter on a bob bell) 2, R. Ellis 3, J. Hammond 4, H. Boyce (conductor) 5, A. Hatton 6. Also for evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,200 changes), in 39 mins., being 480 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire: A. Hatton 1, F. Hatton 2, J. Hammond (conductor) 3, H. Boyce 4, R. Ellis 5, W. Hopkins 6. All the ringers are regular Sunday Service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, J. Davies 3, W. Coombes (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Parnell 5, F. Viles 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

BOSTON, Lincs.—At St. Botolph's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins., with 4, 6 and 8 covering: J. M. Ryatt (conductor) 1, C. Wright 2, S. Jessop 3, J. Norton 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Battle 6, R. Howard 7, F. Blanchard 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots, before the memorial service, with muffled bells, three courses of Stedman Caters. Immediately after the service, four courses of Stedman Caters, with the bells open. In the afternoon, a service was held in the church by the League of Nations, after which Lord Phillimore placed a wreath on the local war memorial, and a touch of Stedman Caters was again rung.—For evening service, 1,277 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (Bristol) 1, A. Prince 2, W. E. Garrard 3, A. Congrieve-Pridgeon 4, A. Cutmore 5, W. E. Judd 6, W. H. Wood 7, T. F. Kine (conductor) 8, G. H. Harding 9, G. W. Frayne 10. Ringers of 2, 8 and 9 from Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held at East Molesey on Saturday, when members attended from Thames Ditton, Isleworth, Clapham Park, Beddington, Chelsea, Walton-on-Thames, together with several of the local band. A short service was held in the church, and a most interesting address given by the Rev. Le Masurier. After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and three new members were elected (including the Vicar).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chertsey.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, also to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods. A most useful and pleasant afternoon was spent.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Friday evening, Nov. 23rd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Clay 1, R. Turner (first 720 Bob Minor) 2, W. Lyett 3, S. France 4, W. Clay 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church except the conductor, and this was the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells with five local men taking part.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION'S FORWARD POLICY.

A HAPPY WEST HARTLEPOOL MEETING.

For some time past it has been felt that certain ringing towers in the Counties of Durham, and Northumberland, have been left to look after themselves by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. On Saturday, November 24th, therefore, through the happy thought of one of the Newcastle Cathedral members, a 'beat up' of ten ringers journeyed, some by motor-cars, and others by excursion train, to West Hartlepool, where they were welcomed by the ringers of St. Oswald's, St. Aidan's, and All Saints' Churches. Representatives also came from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Stockton and Sunderland. Good ringing took place at St. Oswald's and All Saints' Churches up till 9 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock a break was made, to partake of tea provided by the ladies at St. Oswald's Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. Chute) presiding, with Mr. Todd, president of the association, in the vice-chair.

After tea the Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to all the ringers present, and thanked those gentlemen who had come from a distance to 'put a little ginger' into them, as it was only by such fraternal visits they could rouse the ringers to carry out their duties as good Churchmen, and make change ringing a success. He was fully in sympathy with their good work, and would do all in his power to further it. Although not a ringer himself, he was heart and soul with their movement.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for all the trouble they had taken to provide them with such an excellent tea.—This was carried with acclamation.

The President also thanked the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, especially the chairman, for the kind way he had received them. The warmth of the meeting had so touched him that he could safely say that it would not be very long before they were amongst them again to give them a little more 'ginger.' Their late president, Mr. Wm. Story, who had kindly brought a party over from Newcastle by motor, asked him to state that it would give him much pleasure to repeat the dose again, and at no distant date.

It was certainly in the minds of several members present that these fraternal meetings were productive of much good to ringers in general, as well as to the association, and it could not be too strongly impressed on the district vice-presidents and secretaries to do their utmost to get better ringing established, more meetings among their brethren, and to work their own districts as much as they could.

It would be a help, if, when arranging meetings, they would advertise in 'The Ringing World,' the costs of which are always paid by the association. This fact may not be generally known among the local secretaries.

The late war certainly held up good change ringing for a time, and many members drifted apart from the diocesan organisation, but now the association was fully alive to the fact that different methods will have to be adopted in these changed times, to make it a living testimony of its good work in the church, they looked to the vice-presidents and district secretaries to help them in the matter.

It will interest members to know that the difficulty of the outlying churches in Northumberland has been met by dividing it into two districts: (1) Newcastle Area, comprising churches contiguous to the River Tyne from Whitley Bay to Scotswood; and (2) Northern District, with churches from Cramlington to Bamburgh, the latter with Mr. Wm. Story as secretary. It is expected that this change will meet many complaints, coming from the affected areas, whose towers have not received a visit from the association for some time, and would gladly welcome them.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held a very pleasant meeting at Barnard Castle on Saturday last, when twenty-three members met from Bishop Auckland, Newcastle, Shildon, Staindrop and Stockton, in wintry weather. The handy peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening, useful practice being obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. C. Todd (President of the Association), supported by Messrs. W. Story, E. E. Perry, A. M. Hall, W. H. Barber, the Rev. F. J. Amies, and others. In a few well-chosen remarks, the President expressed pleasure in seeing there that day so many members, especially Mr. Story and the Cathedral men, and also proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar of Barnard Castle (the Rev. J. G. Bircham, M.A.) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Chatt who so kindly had everything ready.

After a short discussion, Heighington was selected for the next district meeting, the date being left to the vice-president and district secretary. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

SHREWSBURY.—On Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 576 Double Norwich: T. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, J. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, A. L. Short 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year, to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. 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. 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.

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.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walhamstow, 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.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

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.

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 Sear, 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.

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.—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.—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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton the next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, Dec. 8th, in connection with the opening of these bells, after being rehung and two trebles added to make a peal of 6. The dedication service will be held at 3 o'clock, when the Dean of Lincoln will dedicate the two new bells and preach at the service. A public tea will be held at 4.15 (adults 1s. each), followed by concert. Ringing from 6 to 8.30. A party will leave Victoria Station, Nottingham, at 2.18, return fare 1s. 7d. Will all those members requiring return tickets please communicate with the local secretary not later than Thursday, Dec. 6th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Calverleigh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual Meeting at Holywell Church, Oxford, on Saturday, December 8th. Tea in Schoolroom at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Association will be held at Brislington, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in the Church Institute at 5. Short service in the Church at 6.30. Please notify me by Dec. 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, at a charge of 1s., at 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in Durham on Saturday, December 8th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) and St. Oswald's (6) will be available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. A. Gowland, 4, Boyd Street, Durham, by Dec. 5th.—Geo. S. Taylor, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at S. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Church House at 5.0.—C. A. Philips Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—On account of illness the meeting fixed to be held at Ickleton on Dec. 1st, has been postponed until Dec. 15th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

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?

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

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DEATH OF MR. CHARLES SOUTER.

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He had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1886, but he rang for many years previously at Mendham and Redenhall. At the former place he was also a member of the choir for over 20 years. After leaving there he went to Badley 37 years ago, and worked on the same farm until just recently. It was the deceased and his three sons who helped to build up the Stowmarket company, as at that time only Plain Bob Minor and Triples were rung. 'Father,' as he was familiarly called, used to walk from Badley, which is about two miles from Stowmarket, twice on Sundays, and was at the belfry on the Sunday before he died. He was seized with a chill on the Monday, and passed away as stated. He had only rung four peals for the association, but what he did was worth recording, as he was an excellent striker, and always said he would rather ring a peal of Bob Major well-struck than a badly struck peal of Stedman, such as a noted Stedman ringer had recorded as a peal at Stowmarket several years ago.

The funeral took place at Stowmarket Cemetery on Wednesday, November 21st. The first part of the burial service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Fawcett), who was assisted by the curate (the Rev. C. Morgan). Among many floral tributes was one sent by the Stowmarket company.

Although the deceased's fellow ringers could not get together to ring for the funeral, they met on Saturday evening and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: W. Welham 1, W. Souter (conductor) 2, T. Sparrow 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copland 8. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

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