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The steps that are being taken to form a guild for the Diocese of Peterborough appear likely to lead to success. The scheme that is now being worked out is something more than a federation of existing societies in the diocese; it will, if carried through, result in the amalgamation of the Central Northants Association and the other smaller organisations in the area into one complete whole. Investigation has shown that an independent existence with membership of an organisation which would have little beyond a title, would have, for those societies which joined hands, many drawbacks and none of the advantages of a properly constituted diocesan guild. In their decision to formulate a scheme of amalgamation, therefore, we think the associations concerned have done rightly.

The attitude of the Midland Counties' Association in this matter is a very straightforward one. It can be readily understood that an association, which has for forty years had the allegiance of certain towers, would not wish wholly to part with them, but they place no obstacles in the way of those towers, which are in the diocese of Peterborough, joining the proposed diocesan association if they desire to do so. All they ask is that they shall not sever themselves from the Midland Counties' Association. It has to be remembered that the number of towers in the area of the Midland Counties' Association which are affected is comparatively few, and even if they do not come into the scheme, they are not likely to jeopardise the prospects of carrying it to a successful issue.

What strikes us as the most gratifying feature about the new proposal is that it emanated from the Bishop of the Diocese, thus showing in yet another direction that Church recognition of ringers is becoming more and more an actual fact—becoming, indeed, a thing that is real instead of merely an ideal. In the days when many of our associations were formed, ringers were so far apart from church organisation that many of them failed to identify themselves with their dioceses. They established themselves within territorial boundaries, which may or may not have been coterminous with a diocese, and adopted county or district titles. The passing years have witnessed a growing tendency for ringing organisations to become more and more recognised as a definite branch of church work, and it is certainly a big step in that direction when a Bishop gathers round him the representatives of a number of societies and asks them to form a diocesan federation. The future of the art of bell ringing will be more and more locked up in the care of the Church, to whom, indeed, we may, in time to come, have to look to safeguard our interests. Anything, therefore, which tends to draw tighter the bonds between us may be of inestimable value in the future.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS	*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD	8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	ERNEST BRETT	9
REGINALD D. MARSHALL	4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	10
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	5	HERBERT LANGDON	11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	6	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOHN NEAL	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	A. PADDON SMITH	9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	4	JAMES E. GROVES	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	6	ALBERT E. NORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, specially composed, and now rung for the first time, was a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. Mr. W. H. Fussell is from Slough, and this was the 40th anniversary of his first peal rung in Birmingham. Mr. E. Morris is from Leicester, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon. Mr. A. Paddon Smith's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS	*Treble*	EDWARD F. MITCHELL	7
†HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD	2	†HARRY A. FARLOW	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN PERRY	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	11
WILLIAM A. COOPER	6	‡EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT

Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 79th birthday, also as a birthday compliment to T. J. Elton and Mrs. H. A. Farlow. * First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	†GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS	6
FRED W. SHARMAN	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	8
†THOMAS H. BENT	4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	9
HARRY PEACH	5	*JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Harry Jennings, of Wyke Regis, Dorset.

Contributors who send their reports by halfpenny post are reminded that their contributions must contain nothing in the nature of a letter or advertisement. The outside cover should be marked 'Matter for Press,' and the letter should be addressed to 'The Editor.'

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON	...*Treble*	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ...	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	8
A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	5	HARRY BROUGHTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung after a long peal attempt had failed.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. WINCH ...	...*Treble*	‡FRANK E. DARBY	6
*ROBERT A. FARDON	2	*ERNEST J. TRIMMER	7
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL...	3	GEORGE F. HOAD	8
*JAMES E. COOPER	4	*DANIEL COOPER...	9
†FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. HALEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

First peal of Royal as conductor. * First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Ten. ‡ First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ...	3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	4	HARRY SIMMONS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

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

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
*MISS NELLY JOHNSON ...	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
WILLIAM NIBLETT	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WADE	5
JOHN SPENCER	2	GEORGE LEE...	6
EDGAR BAILEY	3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	7
JOHN LARTER	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

Believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung on tower bells by all members of the Southwold district.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 6). Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SWINFIELD	...*Treble*	GEORGE CHAPLIN	5
GEORGE PEERS	2	ARTHUR J. MARKS	6
MAURICE H. SWINFIELD ...	3	JAMES PRATT	7
CHARLES CHAPMAN	4	*CYRIL PRATT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. PRATT.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ...	*Treble*	JOSIAH MORRIS	5
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE... ...	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	6
ERNEST MORRIS...	3	*LAURIE JACKSON	7
GEORGE S. MORRIS	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Miss P. Hare's 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL GROVE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BROWN...	5
JOHN BASS	2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	6
WILLIAM COLEY	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	7
ALFRED HACKETT	4	MATTHEW HACKETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the above branch.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM CLOVER ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT HARDY	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	2	WILLIAM STEELE	6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4	GEORGE MAYERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ROBERT HARDY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition contains all the 2 4 6 8's, 3 4 6 8's, 5 4 6 8's, 6 5's 4 6's and 5 6's, and is now rung for the first time.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON	...*Treble*	HARRY FRANCE	5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ...	2	WILLIAM SHARPLES	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ...	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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WITHYCOMBE, RALEIGH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN M. SKINNER	5
WILLIAM J. MANLEY	2	*ALFRED E. POOK	6
ROBERT C. G. MANLEY ...	3	JOHN R. HAYMAN	7
FRED DIMOND	4	GEORGE RENDELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON ...	...*Treble*	WALTER FERN	5
*GEORGE BUTLER	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ...	6
HARRY WHITTLE	3	WILLIAM THORLEY	7
WILLIAM PLATTS	4	*HARRY KIRBY	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal. Ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor belong to the local band.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Monday, November 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT G. LAWRENCE	...*Treble*	THOMAS ROGERS	5
WALTER J. BATTLE	2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN	6
JOHN COOKE	3	SYDNEY F. BARNES	7
EDWARD W. ELWELL	4	HERBERT LUDKIN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Major at Port Sunlight by a resident band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooke on the birth of a son and heir.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PRINCE	5
THOMAS F. KING...	2	THEODORE GRANT	6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	3	CHARLES W. BELL	7
HENRY W. BROWN	4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal as conductor.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 9). Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
EDGAR GUISE	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ...	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	7
*CHARLES H. JENNINGS ...	4	JOSEPH GOULD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Jennings and Harold J. Reeves, son of the ringer of the treble. It was also the 16th anniversary of F. G. Leaker's wedding day. First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

QUINTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at evening service, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: T. Sheppard 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, T. Hands 3, F. Boswell 4, G. Hands 5, H. Dyde 6.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb. in E.

FRANCIS E. DAWE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	RICHARD J. STONE	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. PITMAN'S VARIATION OF A. E. SEERS' NINE-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

*FRANK CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	JAMES POWELL	5
GEORGE TALBOT...	2	OLDER WAGHORN	6
WILLIAM A. PENFOLD ...	3	GEORGE BILLENNESS	7
JOHN BLAKE	4	HARRY M. BATEHUP ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal with a changing bell. The band, all local ringers, rang the peal at the first attempt. It is the second local peal on the bells. The other, rung also at the first attempt, took place in February, 1914. The above peal was rung on the 79th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and it was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART Tenor 21 cwt.

STANLEY RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	FRED E. WALLINGTON ...	5
WALTER WALLINGTON ...	2	FRED STANIFORTH	6
NEAL ADKINSON	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
DICK ILIFFE	4	WILLIAM HECTOR... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th are from Kibworth, the rest belong to the Market Harborough company.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY RUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	PERCY MARCHANT	5
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN	2	*WILLIAM ROGERS	6
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON ...	3	JAMES A. HART	7
ALBERT HOBDEN	4	ALBERT HUNTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal. Albert Hunter was elected a member previous to starting.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

†FREDERICK MIDDLETON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BUTLER	5
FREDERICK TENDALL ...	2	WILLIAM C. PARKER	6
EDWARD S. T. FARR... ...	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
*WILLIAM E. SEWELL ...	4	ARTHUR CROSS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from the tenor, and proposed a life member of the association before starting. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*JOHN GOOCH	...Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
GEORGE WHITING	2	GEORGE BENNETT	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
GEORGE W. ABLITT	4	ERNEST E. LANHAM	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
* First peal in the method.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

JOHN HOWES	...Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT	2	C.Q.M.S. GEORGE GILBERT	6
FREDERICK S. WOODISS	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	...Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of Guildford's visit to Burgh Heath, where he held a Confirmation service.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD	...Treble	*REV. E. M. THORP	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	JAMES HAZELL	6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	3	ALBERT E. LOCK	7
JAMES ABERY	4	GORDON CAUDWELL	...Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.
* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE LUFF	...Treble	MAURICE SMITHER	5
THOMAS ATTWELL	2	HENRY MULLARD	6
WALTER G. BROCKHURST	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
JAMES BURDFIELD	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, late of Hersham.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER	...Treble	*CHARLES T. COLES	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	HARRY KILBY	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
* First peal in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE
Church Bell Hanger, CRAYFORD, KENT.
ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

†ERNEST BOSTOCK	...Treble	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*FRANK TAYLOR	2	*THOMAS HAUGHTON	6
*WILLIAM WITTER	3	‡GEOFFREY TAYLOR	7
*JAMES MYATT	4	LEONARD BOSTOCK	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. All the band, with the exception of the conductor, reside in the parish of Grappenhall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALBERT HATTON	...Treble	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	RONALD ELLIS	5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM	3	JOHN HAMMOND	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.
This is the first peal in three methods for the association and for all the band except the conductor, and his first on a bob bell.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Viz., 4 Six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob, and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM THOMAS	...Treble	CHARLES J. PAIN	3
GERALD F. GRIFFIN	2	HARRY WITHERS	4
THOMAS M. GRIFFIN	...Tenor		

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.
Rung in memory of the fallen.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST F. PLUMMER	...Treble	GEORGE DAWSON	4
ALFRED PRIOR	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN, HEMPSTED,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT BECKETT	...Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS	4
WILLIAM WASLEY	2	ALBERT MARTIN	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	3	ALFRED WARD	...Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

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STAUNTON-ON-ARROW.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

†HARLEY SMITH	*Treble*	*GEORGE TALBOT	4
ALFRED TALBOT...	2	WILLIAM EVANS	5
†JABEZ PREECE	3	FRED JAINE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. Arranged for G. Talbot, now of Hawkhurst, Kent, who was re-elected a member of the guild, also as a birthday compliment to J. Preece.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and College Single. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... ...	*Treble*	EDWARD W. TUMBER	4
ARTHUR LURCOCK	2	EDWARD HODGES...	5
CHARLES TUMBER	3	WILLIAM NYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BARLASTON, STAFFS.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM BALL	*Treble*	ERNEST LANDON	3
GEORGE BLOOR	2	WILFRED HEATH...	4

CHARLES H. PAGE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells which have been hung a great number of years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal, and also to thank Mr. Kent for making all arrangements.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*CHARLES R. MANN	1	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	3—4
FRANK A. TURNER	2	†MAURICE T. SYMONDS ...	5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS. Umpire: R. DENT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. R. MOORE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
*PERCY MAY	3—4	HARRY R. MOORE...	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT 19, GLEBE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ...	1—2	HARRY ARGYLE	5—6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	3—4	*D. HAROLD ARGYLE	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal of Bob Major 'in hand' by the Guild. * First peal on handbells.

'THE YOUNG MAN' OF BIRMINGHAM.

MR. JAMES GEORGE A SEPTUAGENARIAN.

Like Peter Pan, who refused to grow up, James George refuses to grow old. The years seem to pass him by and the whirligig of time leaves him apparently as young as ever. Last week he celebrated his seventieth birthday—reached, in fact, the allotted span—but he remains a man in the prime of life. At an age when most ringers seek out the light end in a peal, Mr. George is clamouring for something heavier and yet more heavy than anything he has yet rung, and while there is, at present, no truth in the rumour that the back eight of the Loughborough carillon are to be hung for ringing, the man for the four-ton tenor, if the bells are made pealable within the next twenty years, is James George, of Birmingham!

This last statement may perhaps be a little flight of fancy, but one wonders where Mr. George would stop in the worlds he seeks to conquer were it not for the limitations which the size of existing bells and ringing restrictions impose upon his efforts. Within a week or two of his seventieth year he has turned in Southwark tenor and rung Bow tenor to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and that, too, within practically a few days of another not unknown ringer giving up the job at Cheapside. After these two performances in London, Mr. George's task on his 70th birthday, which was to ring the eleventh at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was comparative child's play.

Mr. George's ringing career is a story that has more than once been told, and there is no need to repeat it here. He continues to range at large over the country 'seeking what he may devour' by way of heavy bell jobs, and, if it were the practice for ringers to advertise their qualifications, well might he announce 'no undertaking too large and none too small.' It has become almost a regular thing for Mr. George to ring a peal in some distant part of the country on a Saturday evening, travel to Birmingham through the night, and, arriving home with the milk on Sunday, be in his place for service ringing in the morning. We do not know who holds the record for mileage covered in pursuit of peal ringing, but few men can have a bigger average than Mr. George, who can still claim, we believe, to have rung peals in more twelve bell towers than any other ringer.

His seventieth birthday was, as already indicated, fittingly celebrated among his own friends at Birmingham. A peal of Stedman Cinques, specially composed for the occasion by his old friend, Mr. John Carter, and consisting of 5,070 changes, was rung, visitors taking part in the peal, being Messrs. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who by a coincidence celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his first peal at Birmingham; J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, although, perhaps, he hardly comes within the designation of 'visitor,' and Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

Afterwards the band enjoyed the hospitality of the septuagenarian (yes, despite his youth, we may now really and truly call him that), and Mr. George was the recipient of many good wishes. His ringing friends throughout the country will join in the congratulations, and all, we can add is, 'more power to his elbow!'

The conductor of the birthday peal, Mr. Albert Walker, will send the composition to anyone desiring to have it, if they will apply to 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

PAYHEMBURY CHURCH BELLS.

A RESTORED PEAL.

A large congregation assembled at St. Mary's Church, Payhembury, Devon, on Saturday afternoon, November 10th, on the occasion of the reopening of the bells. These six bells have been rehung in a new iron frame, and the tenor has been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery, and chairman of the East Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild, gave a splendid address. In the course of his remarks, he said that the bells, in the words of an old parishioner of his, belonged to all of them. He thought it was a splendid work the villagers had undertaken.

The bells were opened by the Ottery St. Mary band. Subsequently bands of ringers from Uffculme, Sidmouth, Clyst Hydon, Broadhembury, Honiton, Buckerell, and Plymtree, tried the bells, and all expressed their satisfaction with the 'go.' The Rev. H. L. Parry, Vicar of Payhembury, gave a welcome to the various bands.

The rehanging of the bells has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringing throughout the day was greatly appreciated, and the striking was good. The day was brought to a close by the members of the Payhembury band ringing the last touch.

After tea the Exeter men gave a good demonstration of handbell ringing. Amongst those present was Mr. E. Shepherd, president of the Exeter Branch of the Guild.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After testing the feeling of Lancashire ringers generally, the Oswaldtwistle company feel they have no option but to let the name of Lancashire Surprise Major remain, though in naming new methods, the Exercise ought to have some guidance. For the Parish Church Ringers, JAMES HOULDSWORTH, Captain.

'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dawson's query, I would say at the outset that he is not in error in thinking that the first true and legitimate 'Silent' Surprise peal has yet to be rung. On Saturday, April 6th, 1897, we rang at Bucknall, Staffs, what was considered at that time a genuine Surprise peal, silent, in the following methods: London, Chester, Cambridge, York, Superlative, Worcester and Bristol. But in the year 1906 the committee of the Central Council came along, laid hold of Worcester and Bristol by the scruff of the neck and bundled them out of the Surprise class, and also issued a very grave threat to Superlative, if it didn't behave itself. However, they allowed it to remain under sufferance where, I am sure, it must feel an alien. It would have been far more kind to have packed it off with the other two. This was nine years after our peal was rung, and was a very serious matter for us, as it relegated our peal from a Surprise to a Treble Bob category. Had we rung a couple of twin methods, say, Wells with London and Durham with York, we should have been within the pale of the Surprise class, but we purposely avoided this, as it is almost equivalent to ringing one method twice over. Then again, compare Worcester and Bristol with Norwich and Ipswich. This latter is simplicity itself, yet these two methods belong to the Surprise class. I only point out this to show that it is possible to select a much easier peal from amongst the Surprise Methods than the one rung at Bucknall with two 'mongrels' in it. Notwithstanding the Council's findings, it detracts not one iota from the pride we feel at this performance at Bucknall. I shall be delighted to see from 'The Ringing World' in the near future a record of the first silent peal of true and legitimate Surprise Minor, either at Milton, Leytonstone, or any other tower.

It would, perhaps, be not amiss at this juncture to say what constitutes a 'silent' peal, as it may not be generally known, and it is well to put it before the Exercise occasionally.

1. There should be no intimation whatever given as to when the bobs should be made.
2. If a ringer should happen to make a slip, the others are not allowed to help him, as it would be a disqualification.

This is, as I understand, a 'silent' peal; no sound whatever, except that caused by the bells and ropes. It is very trying to the nerves; in fact, my brother swore he wouldn't go through the ordeal again. He said it was like being in a vault.—Yours sincerely,

Milton, Staffs. JOHN E. WHEELDON.

DOUBLE 'JUBILEE' AT MANSFIELD.

STORY OF A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

Two ringers at the Parish Church, Mansfield, have each completed fifty years of service. They are Mr. George Hardstaff and Mr. Frank May. The former joined the church choir as far back as 1868, and two years later, when the ringers went out on strike, he found a place in the belfry. Mr. Frank May became a ringer in the year following the strike, and since then they have continued with great loyalty to the church. The other day each was presented with a handsome pipe in case and a leather tobacco pouch, as a mark of the esteem in which they are held by their fellow ringers.

The presentations took place at a supper at the Church House, at which the ringers entertained the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar referred to the wonderful record of faithful church work and membership by Mr. Hardstaff and Mr. May, and Mr. Carr, in handing them the gifts, said these two ringers had formed a great link between past and present ringers. Both had been unfailing in their attendance, and had set a good example to the younger generation.

One can smile in these days at the story of the strike, which resulted in these two veterans taking up bell ringing.

The ringers of that day 'came out' for an increased payment from 15s. to 20s., and Canon Bennett, who had then become Vicar, said he would give them the increase, if they would attend the service on a Sunday. It hurt the Vicar to see the ringers troop out of the church into the Ram Inn as soon as their bells had ceased to clang, so he made the proviso mentioned. The ringers, however, preferred the cosy corner of the 'Ram' to the interior of the church, listening to the theology of the Vicar, and they would not conform to his wish so they 'downed tools.' Canon Bennett set about gathering another band of ringers around him, and here are the names of a few of them: Matthew Blanksby, Bob Issett, George Sibsey, Charley James, Sampson Jones and George Jones, together with the two men recently honoured. Old Mr. Gosling, who was ringing for nearly 70 years, and who died but a few years ago, was one of the ringers who came out with the others, but after a time he returned and taught the youngsters the art of ringing. Mr. Hardstaff, in his young days, over fifty years ago, whilst at work on a building, Hermitage Mill, fell a distance of 40 feet. His head was cut open, and from the 19th of December until the following March he lay in a state of unconsciousness. He gradually recovered and once having got well again suffered no disability from the effects of the injury.

Among the other ringers at Mansfield who have long records are Messrs. Allsop, Carr and David Smith.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to illness, it has been found necessary to change the venue of the annual meeting of the Wimborne branch of the Salisbury Guild. The meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster to-morrow, instead of at Poole, but the programme will remain the same.

The centenary of the London County Association next year is to be celebrated by a dinner, of which a preliminary announcement is made in our notice columns.

The genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, is the latest member of the Exercise to achieve the proud distinction of having rung one hundred peals of Stedman Cinques. Mr. A. Paddon Smith completed the 'century' in the peal rung at St. Martin's Church last week.

The advertisement of Mr. T. Milligan, turret clockmaker, of 713, London Road, Derby, appears in this issue. Ringers, we have reason to know, loyally support advertisers in our columns, and we are sure that when their church clocks need overhaul they will remember that Mr. Milligan will welcome inquiries.

The report of the handbell peal of Stedman Triples at Leiston in November has been published twice.

The new peals of eight at Nelson, Lancs. and Seaford, Sussex, which are being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will shortly be opened.

The bells at Bridport, Dorset, a peal of eight, are to be recast and rehung in new framework by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The letter of the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, last week, correcting an error in this column with regard to the number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung on the famous bells in the Bull Ring, did not tell us what the previous paragraph ought really to have said.

The interesting forthcoming event at Birmingham is not the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, which as Mr. Smith pointed out was rung before the war, but the two hundredth twelve-bell peal on the bells. This, indeed, is a more notable record than ever, and is a wonderful testimony to the consistent maintenance of a twelve-bell company in Midlandopolis for something like a hundred and fifty years.

The number of peals rung on the twelve bells at St. Martin's is now somewhere up in the 190's.

Mr. Alfred Bowell has recently been giving attention to the peal of eight (tenor about a ton) at Benenden, Kent. The estimate included quarter turning, new steel headstocks, new wheels, stays, sliders, gudgeons, bearings, pulley blocks, etc. In addition the sixth has been recast. The whole work has been carried out in a thoroughly efficient manner, and ringers who have had the pleasure of ringing at Benenden since the restoration, are all agreed that the peal is now in perfect ringing condition.

Our list of long peals is gradually being made more complete. Recently we referred to the 15,120 Bob Major at West Ham, in 1737, being a record held jointly with Oldham, where the same length was rung in 1807. Mr. Tom Russam, of Birmingham, now informs us of a 15,360 rung at Aston in October, 1793, in 9 hours 31 mins., conducted by J. Short. In 1893 Mr. Russam had the honour of conducting a centenary peal.

Forty years ago to-morrow the College Youths rang a peal of 11,111 Stedman Caters at All Saints', Fulham, then the longest peal in the method. No fewer than six of that band are still amongst us, viz., Messrs. F. E. Dawe (2), J. W. Rowbotham (4), C. W. Winney (5), E. Gibbs (6), E. Horrex (8) and W. Prime (10).

December 9th is the ninetieth anniversary of the peal of 10,224 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at Painswick. The peal in 1833 (composed and conducted by William Estcourt) long stood as the record length in the method; in fact, it was not beaten until the 12,240 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911.

John Cox, one of London's famous old ringers, was born on Dec. 9th, 1813—just 110 years ago.

One hundred and thirty years ago next Monday, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Junior Cumberland Society, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. At that time there was serious rivalry between the senior and the junior societies.

The first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral was rung on Dec. 10th, 1881, and we believe Mr. Ted Horrex is the only survivor of that band.

To celebrate the 65th birthday of a famous old Sussex ringer and pioneer, Mr. Harry Burstow, a 6,720 of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Horsham on December 11th, 1891. Harry Burstow lived to a ripe old age, and he had a most wonderful memory. He could sing something like 400 songs, most of them of folk lore type, and many running into scores of verses.

St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, captured the then record length of Stedman Cinques on December 12th, 1848.

THE 'SMACKING OF THE SHIRES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Lancashire and Yorkshire Surprise are both methods of at least average quality, and had they been first rung in Norfolk and Suffolk and christened Norfolk and Suffolk, no doubt the 'Euphoniacs' would have been satisfied, and nobody would have been able to insult those names by saying that 'they smack of the shires.' We Northern Shiresmen bestowed those names as an honour to those methods, we christened them after great and glorious counties; the like of which exist nowhere else in the universe; counties which from historical, clerical, commercial, or in fact, from any point of view, have honourable association with everything which has made history, both in Church and State, and painted those large patches of red on the map of the world; and the fact that these two names contained the 'terminological superfluity,' shire did not bother us one whit. We are proud of being Shiresmen of the two greatest shires the world has known, and the committee that would dictate to us as to what we should call our methods will have but short shrift and shorter term of office. Committees are elected to forward the welfare of their electorate, not in frittering away their terms of office in promulgating ways of breeding dissent and sowing irritants. Names we bestow are those we know to be the names borne by places with honoured associations or incidents connected with the history of our Church and State. We can christen our own methods; let committees carry out the duties they were elected to do; 'define limits' within which a Shiresman's choice shall operate they never shall. I know to what extent our rights of sponsorship shall be exercised if Mr. Burton does not—to the last jot—no less. If our names teem with 'terminological superfluities' those who object had better get a move on, and ring and christen the remainder of the unrung methods. Then we shan't have to offend any further the tender feelings of the 'Northfolk' in the south-east. And, by the way, what about writing to the commanding officers of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Regiments and telling them that they possess superfluities, to which the Euphoniacs object, and to 'get a hunch on' and change these ancient and honourable names.

At this stage of my discourse, Mr. Editor, my implied ingenuity did fail me, so I did appeal to ye beste of spouses, who did remind me that kings had lost their crowns; nay, their heads as well, through their overweening autocracy; parliaments had been dissolved for abusing the powers reposed in them by their electorate, and that no doubt campanological pussyfoots could be given 'the bird,' and they tried to tighten the prohibition screws on our 'ancient lights.' Our Northern fastnesses breed the right to do as you like with your own.

My letter, sir, may not be overcharged with euphony, it may teem with 'terminological superfluities,' but as Christmas is coming I will be easy, and just tell you that I am voicing the opinions, strongly expressed, of some five hundred ringers and churchmen, whom I have discussed this matter with since it came up.

'Here's to all on us, may we niver want nowt, noan on us, nor me noather,' and that 'smacks of one shire' if the undersigned does not.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt at Duffield on Saturday to ring a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was unfortunately not successful. The peal came to grief too late to make another start, but sufficient time remained to ring a five thousand, and this was brought round, as recorded elsewhere.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sandhurst on Saturday. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung before the service, six ladies taking part in each. An extremely impressive service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Newhouse), who, in his address, gave the ringers a double welcome, one as ringers and the other as workers in the church.

A welcome tea was served in the Schoolroom, where the business meeting was afterwards held.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss Newhouse and Miss Oldham, both of Sandhurst. Aldershot was chosen for the next meeting, on April 5th, 1924.

Miss Robinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, to the organist, and to the local ringers for preparing the tea. The tower was afterwards revisited.

BURSLEM RINGER'S DEATH.

Burslem ringers have lost a valued friend and colleague by the death of Mr. A. Lees, who was a faithful member of the band at St. John's Church, always regular and punctual in his attendance. In memory of the deceased, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on Sunday evening, November 25th, with the bells half-muffled: E. Gater 1, F. Shuker 2, T. Hurd 3, H. Box 4, P. Kelsale 5, T. Hildith (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and second.

A RELIC OF JAMES BARHAM.

HARRIETSHAM'S VALUABLE POSSESSION.

An old peal board of really priceless interest hangs in the tower of Harrietsham, Kent. It was erected in 1794, and records a number of peals rung during the preceding fifty years, and its especial value lies in the fact that it gives us the names of the men who, with James Barham at their head, founded the Leeds Society.

We give below a copy of the board, kindly supplied to us by Mr. E. Hadlow, of Gravesend, who is a native of Harrietsham, and as will be seen it is particularly appropriate at the moment inasmuch as it records a peal of 10,080 Bob Major rung on December 8th, 1746.

What the present condtion of this ancient board is, we do not know, but we hope that its preservation will not be neglected.

In this tower was completely rung be the Lenham Company the following 8-bell Peals, December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired Peal called Bob Major in 7 hours by

John Epps	Treble
Sam Grayling	2nd
Thos. Barham	3rd
Jas. Barham	4th
Abram. Barham	5th
Will Hunt	6th
John Freeland	7th
John Hunt	Tenor

March 5th, 1743, was rung a musical Peal of 6,720 changes of Oxford triple bob in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Ben. Walker. June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major, 4 hours 31 minutes, including Will Eagles. N.B.—Here was also rung 5,040 Bob Major, including Nicolas Grayling and Iden Plane; also 5,040 Bob Major triples, 5,040 plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fulham triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Double Reverse. The above ringers first instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in ringing has not been equalled by any society of ringers, and there is now surviving Sam Grayling, John Freeland and James Barham and John Hunt, who newly erected this inscription: these 6 ringers, with the assistance of S. Lacy and Will Davis, rung at Leeds, January, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes, whose ages, when added together, is 577 years, and it is remembered that this peal completed 100 peals rung at different places not less than 5,040 each by the above James Barham. 1794

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, when a fairly representative gathering of branch members attended, although the weather was somewhat unsettled, and the place a little difficult to reach. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Linslade, Stony Stratford, and Skenley, together with the local ringers. This meeting was the first that the North Bucks branch had held at lade, Stony Stratford, and Shenley, together with the local ringers, who are making good progress in the art of change ringing. The bells, a nice ring of six, were utilised before service, which all the members attended.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Walton) officiated, and the choir was in attendance. It was noticed that numerous parishioners were also present. The Rev. H. A. Attwater (Vicar of Gt. Linford, and an hon. member of the branch) was to have been the preacher, but unfortunately, through illness, was unable to attend, and the Rector gave a most interesting and instructive address. Thanks to the ringers' wives and friends a splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

The Secretary reported that no special business had to come before the meeting, and referred to the fact that the meeting was the first to be held at Old Bradwell. The real enthusiasm that was shown fully repaid those who had made a special effort to attend.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, choir, and others, who had made the meeting such a success, the Rector responding.

Further ringing then took place, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor concluded the meeting.

CONDUCTORS ALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wheeldon, of Milton, Staffs, very kindly answered a query under the above heading in your issue of the 16th November, but it was not quite answered to the point. The question raised was this: 'Has any six-bell band rung the first six extents of London on the bells, being the first by all the band, with different conductors?' Thanking Mr. Wheeldon for his very good wishes, Yours sincerely,

FRED M. MITCHELL.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £15 12s.: Mr. John Carter, 5s. Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Elma, Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs, will be glad to acknowledge further contributions to this fund.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.

Denton, like other places of note, possesses a handle, which members of neighbouring townships are fond of turning. They say 'that Denton folk are always in a fog,' and they certainly were on Saturday, November 24th, when the last meeting of the year for the Stockport Branch was held at the Church of St. Anne. The fog was of the 'pea soup' variety, for which Manchester is famous, consequently, travelling was very difficult, road traffic groped about in the gloom, and trams clanged their way through the hidden streets, taking about two and a half hours to do half an hour's journey. It is no wonder, therefore, that the majority of the branch members decided 'to keep the home fires burning,' rather than attend the meeting, but those who did brave the elements, were compensated for their trouble by a splendid tea, to which about twenty members and friends sat down, among them being 'George' and 'John,' from Yorkshire. Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, hon. secretary of the Guild, later on joined the company, after having had a most difficult task in locating the place.

The Rector (the Rev. — Hobday), in the absence of the branch chairman, presided over the business meeting, in the course of which the branch hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Elwell, this being the first meeting of the branch he had attended.

Reference was made to the small number of peals to the credit of the branch this year, the number not being at all satisfactory. Mention was also made of the proposed branch annual dinner, which will be discussed further at a meeting of tower secretaries, to be held at an early date.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and six ringing members were elected from Bowdon, and one from Disley.

The next meeting, which is the annual one, will be held at Stockport (St. George's) on Saturday, February 23rd.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his address in the church, also with the wardens, for permitting the meeting to be held and for the use of the bells; to the organist; and to the local ringers and their 'better halves' for providing a splendid tea.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NORTON CUCKNEY.

A cordial welcome was given to the members of the North Notts Association when they visited Norton Cuckney. The bells, a handy peal of six, were placed at the disposal of the ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. by the new Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Peel), who was in the tower to welcome the first arrivals, and showed his interest in their work by remaining to watch them ring touches in various methods. Ringers were present from Barlborough, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Ordsall, Worksop, and the local company. There was only a moderate attendance, wretched weather preventing many of the keenest supporters, who have to rely chiefly on the 'push bike,' from making the journey. Nevertheless, what was lacking in numbers was made up by good ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. The methods included Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Violet and Killamarsh Treble Bob, the junior ringer from Ordsall, Mr. H. Revill, conducting his first 720 of Oxford.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, and was presided over by the Vicar, who subsequently took the chair at the business meeting. —The hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) made allusion to the death of James Fitzjohn, of Shireoaks, one of the association's oldest ringers. Mr. Fitzjohn was a Sunday Service ringer of nearly 40 years' standing, one of the best of comrades, quick to learn any new method, either by diagram or figures, a splendid striker, and a ringer who always rang with a tight rope and graceful pull. There was no slovenliness about 'Jim Fitch,' as he was familiarly called. He did his work thoroughly, and it was a pleasure to watch him ring his bell, occupying as little room in the tower as any ringer, he (the speaker) had ever seen. He was always a keen sportsman from youth upwards, and would be much missed by the people of Shireoaks.

The members stood for a few moments in silence, and the Vicar offered a short prayer for the departed brother.

The next meeting will be at Shireoaks early in the new year, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Institute, and for presiding over the tea and meeting.

The Rev. H. R. Peel, in reply, give the members a hearty welcome, and invited them to come again in the summer-time. He also gave an interesting account of church bells of the villages where he had ministered, and spoke in the highest terms of the work of the bell ringers.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in. One company which shall be nameless, performed the 'hat trick.' Their 'bus broke down on the journey, causing two hours' delay; while ringing they broke the stay of the second bell, and afterwards the shank of the clapper of one of a new peal of handbells, for which 'performances' they had a hearty 'reception.'

H H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Whittlesea, Cambs, on Saturday, November 24th, ringers being present from Cambridge, Ramsey, Chatteris, March, Wisbech, Peterborough, and the local band. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob, were rung, several making the first attempt on eight bells. The Church of St. Mary is a grand edifice, with a stately tower and spire, 186 feet high, a landmark for miles around. Although the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1803, there is no record of a peal having been rung on them till 1904, when 5,040 Grandsire was rung by a party of visitors. The bells are not mentioned in the parish register since the time of King Edward III., so all that is known of the present ring and the previous one of six is the dates on them. On the present sixth bell the date is 1738, the third, fourth and seventh, are of the same date. The inscription on the third is 'Joseph Eayers, St. Neots, fecit.' The treble, second, fifth, and tenor are by Osborne and Dobson, of Downham, 1803.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. L. Chaplin) presided at the tea and business meeting, for which he had kindly lent St. Mary's Church Room.

Wisbech was chosen for the next meeting.

Mr. J. Puplett, of March, who very kindly acted as secretary, in the absence of the district hon. secretary, said he was pleased to see a good number present, and hoped by their gathering that day some good might be done. They appreciated the kind welcome extended to the association, and he was glad to meet the local band, who, he trusted, would persevere in the standard methods. He thanked the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells and parish room, and Mr. Neave for having the bells ready.—Mr. Willis, of Ramsey, seconded the proposition, which was carried.

Service was afterwards held in church, the association form being used.—The Vicar, who officiated, gave the members a very hearty welcome to his parish.

Ringing was carried on during the evening, the visitors being very pleased with the fine old bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Bagshot, when members attended from Camberley, Chertsey, Egham, Farnborough, Reading, Sandhurst, Worplesdon, and the local band. The Rev. Canon R. Stewart dedicated a peal board, recording the first peal on the bells by a local company, and members then attended the short service, at which the Rev. R. M. Curwen, of Yorktown, gave an interesting address.

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mrs. Nye and other lady ringers at the Parish Room.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Canon Stewart occupying the chair. Among those present were Miss Middleton (Yorktown), Mr. H. G. Tidd, and Mr. G. Miles.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: Mr. J. B. Hessey (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Ringing Master); representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. Smith (Camberley) and Mr. H. J. Chaffey.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted, and the Ringing Master gave an account of the ringing done in the district. The proposed places for meetings in 1924 are: Pirbright, Weybridge and Yateley, and the annual meeting at Hersham.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Canon Stewart for the use of the bells, and for arranging with the choir-boys to be present; also for presiding at the tea and meeting.

The ringers afterwards again visited the tower, and various methods were rung.

SURPRISE METHODS.

	12	34	56	78
	21	43	65	87
	12	34	68	57
	21	43	86	75
1				4th
	24	13	68	57
	42	31	65	87
	24	13	56	78
	42	31	57	68
2				6th
	24	35	17	86
	23	45	71	68
	32	54	17	86
	35	24	71	68
3				5th
	53	42	76	18
	35	24	67	81
	32	54	76	18
	23	45	67	81
4				None
	24	36	58	71
	42	63	85	17

MR. CARTER'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. E. Bankes James, in your issue of Nov. 16th, the Method should be called 'Bristol Delight,' as the 'C.C.' Book says:—

'(5) Delight Methods — having places made at all but one cross section.

'(6) Surprise Methods — having places made at all cross sections.'

By referring to the half lead, it will be seen that

at No. 1 — 4th place is made,
at No. 2 — 6th place is made,
at No. 3 — 5th place is made,
at No. 4 — no place whatever is made.

If you condemn the 'C.C. Legitimate Methods' Book, what are you going to do with London, Cambridge and Superlative?—

Yours faithfully, JOHN CARTER.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Fairford ringers visited Cirencester and rang 419 Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church for the 9.30 service: F. W. Bond 1, B. Guy 2, H. C. Bond 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. C. Acock 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Also for the 11.15 service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. G. Cook 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. C. Acock, Northleach (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.

MORTLAKE.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, W. C. Stacey 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

ABBOTS LEIGH. — On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennett 1, S. Bennett (first in the method) 2, W. Frampton 3, L. H. Moore (conductor) 4, E. Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6.—On Nov. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Chamberlain 1, S. Bennett (first 720) 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore (conductor) 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise and 192 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bailey, junr., L. Naunton, E. Bailey, senr., F. Wade, G. Lee, F. Naunton. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Chatten 3, L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. Naunton (conductor) 6. Mr. A. J. Naunton is in his 80th year, and rings regular for all Sunday services.

NEWBURY, BERKS. — On Sunday, Nov. 25th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Smith (Thatcham) 1, E. Smith 2, W. Adkins (Thatcham) 3, F. W. Freeman 4, W. A. Dormer 5, S. Quintin 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, J. E. Watling 8. Arranged for F. W. Freeman, of Caversham. Also rung as a birthday compliment to S. Quintin.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 2nd, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending the Parish Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, T. Smith 2, W. Henley 3, A. Bateman 4, A. J. Harman 5, T. Farr (conductor) 6, L. Stilwell 7, J. H. Cropley 8. First attempt to call in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Lankester 1, C. V. Ebberson 2, P. W. Norton 3, H. Kilby 4, F. Barrett 5, A. Tennant 6, F. H. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Kilby 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss A. Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, F. W. Wade 3, P. C. Williams 4, F. E. Tyler 5, I. Long 6. The first 720 on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Llewellins and James, Bristol.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on Dec. 2nd, for evening service, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples: G. Bottomley (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Garlick 2, W. Clark 3, R. Bottomley (Keighley) 4, H. Thorpe (conductor, Keighley) 5, W. Billows 6, W. Bailey 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Talbot 1, A. Arnold 2, T. Talbot 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, F. E. Darby 6, J. W. Trappitt, junr., 7, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—At St. Thomas's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Jelley 1, C. Randle 2, H. Brown 3, G. Burton 4, J. Clarke 5, S. Cheney 6, E. Jelley 7, L. Willars (conductor) 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Dec. 2nd, for evensong, 896 Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor. Also longest touch of Surprise on the bells by a local band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, C. Creasey 3, F. Morgan 4, H. Baker 5, T. Booth 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, who hail from Frittenden, Kent.

GAINSBOROUGH. — At All Saints' Church, for morning service, touches of Bob Major and Little Bob Major. For evening service, 560 Double Norwich: H. Torr 1, Miss C. Hepburn 2, H. Morgan (conductor) 3, E. Dalingwater 4, J. T. Ladd 5, J. Dixon 6, W. T. Cooper 7, C. A. Hewitt 8. — On handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): C. A. Hewitt 1—2, F. S. W. Butler 3—4, H. Morgan (conductor) 5—6, E. Dalingwater 7—8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Green 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Weatherby 4, J. Clark 5, F. Montford 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Smith 1, A. W. J. Bird 2, W. Adkins 3, E. Smith (Newbury) 4, S. Quintin (Newbury) 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor, Newbury), 6.

DERBY.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, on the recently augmented peal, 1,242 Stedman Caters: H. Inckle 1, C. E. Hart 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, H. C. Jenney 4, E. Clarke 5, S. Muskrey 6, W. Wallace 7, J. Pagett 8, A. Baines 9, J. F. Smallwood 10. This is the longest touch on the bells in the method. H. C. Jenney hails from Leicester.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: W. Wise (first quarter of Minor) 1, R. A. Hornsby 2, J. W. Haynes (first quarter of Minor inside) 3, F. Lucas 4, J. Wilfred Sharp 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. The ringer of the third comes from Pattishall. The remainder are all regular Sunday Service ringers.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, November 25th, for evensong, 768 London Surprise Major: W. Wood 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, K. Williams 3, W. O. Talbot 4, G. Robinson 5, J. Frank Smallwood 6, H. Lindsay 7, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 8.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 168, 350, 210 Grandsire Triples: M. Mills, K. Gordon, G. Cullum, F. Castle, A. Tanton (conductor), G. Webb, A. Castle, A. Webb, F. and A. Castle (Elham).

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: S. Brown 1, T. Bolton 2, P. J. Norton 3, J. Herbert 4, H. Frampton 5, W. H. Worsley 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, C. Moody 8. Specially arranged for P. J. Norton, who hails from Willesden.

EXETER.—At St. Tidwell's Church, on Nov. 25th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Harris (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Drake 2, A. Monkley 3, C. Carter 4, W. Howe 5, E. Sargent 6, J. Moss 7, E. Shepherd (conductor) 8, F. Murphy 9, W. Richardson 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: S. Binfield 1, R. H. Stevens 2, J. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, H. J. Saunders 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.

WISBECH.—At the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor on the back six, with the bells fully muffled, for memorial service, on Nov. 11th: H. Lewin 1, A. Wigmore 2, R. Narborough 3, J. Philips 4, F. Wigmore 5, Bert Gogle (conductor) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: G. Gibbett 1, G. Perkins 2, F. Warrington 3, H. Saunders 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6. Ringers of the 3rd and 5th are from Long Stanton, Cambs.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. Benjamin Morris, of Rushden, who has been a ringer for fifty years, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at the age of 67. Mr. Morris was a native of Stanwick, Northants, and until ten years ago used to walk to Stanwick, a distance of four miles each way, twice on a Sunday to ring for service. Afterwards he was a member of the Higham Ferrers' company, and was very regular in attendance. He has been a member of the Central Northants Association since it was founded.

The funeral took place at Rushden, on Thursday, Nov. 29th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Dollar, of Stanwick, who had known Mr. Morris for a number of years. The ringers of Stanwick were represented, and the Higham Ferrers band was represented by Mr. A. Smeathers, of Rushden. A wreath was also sent by the ringers.

In the evening the Higham Ferrers bells were rung deeply muffled to several touches, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round by A. Smeathers 1, A. Everatt 2, W. Gray 3, W. Hall 4, L. Chapman 5, G. Brown 6, W. Garrett (conductor) 7, W. Croot 8.

DEATH OF A HORLEY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of an old Surrey ringer, in the person of Mr. Albert Songhurst, of Horley, who passed away on Nov. 28th, after a very short illness. Deceased, who was 80 years of age, was secretary to the local ringers for over 30 years, and was very regular in his attendance for Sunday Service ringing and practice. He rang his last touch of Bob Major as recently as Sunday evening, November 18th.

The funeral took place at Horley, on Saturday, when his brother ringers of Horley, and Mr. E. Dewey, of Redhill, attended the service. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled: F. Sadler 1, P. Etheridge 2, G. Illman 3, S. Kenward (conductor) 4, A. J. Bull 5, F. Voice 6, G. Hollingsbee 7, G. Welch 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 17th. Ringers arrived from Baldock, Graveley, Kimpton, North Mymms, Long Stanton, Royston and St. Albans, to meet the local band. Service was held in Trinity Chapel, when for the first time most of those present saw their secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) robed in his capacity as lay reader, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Ashby). On this occasion Mr. Cartmel came specially to address the meeting, as one ringer addressing another, and his inspiring words will long be remembered by many of his hearers.—Mr. J. R. Foster (captain of the local band) presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Grange, and was honoured by the presence of three honorary members, a fourth honorary member, Mr. Times, regretting his inability to be present.

At the brief meeting, the Vicar was voted to the chair.—One new life member was elected, and Mr. Cartmel spoke of the remarkable progress the association had made during his long connection with it.

The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening, in standard methods, also Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

A WOLVERHAMPTON PEAL BOARD.

Sir Robert Bird unveiled a peal board at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 17th, recording two peals, one rung on Feb. 18th, 1922, half-muffled, as a mark of respect to his deceased father, Sir Henry Bird, M.P., who was accidentally killed at Hyde Park Corner, on Feb. 7th, 1922, and the other on March 24th, 1923, as a peal of welcome to the Rev. Prebendary Stockley (Rector) upon his return from India. The first was a peal of Grandsire Caters, and the second a peal of Stedman Caters. The board is the gift of Mr. H. J. Haddock.

Sir Robert Bird, who was accompanied by his mother and sister, spoke of the tribute paid to his father in that the latter's name was given a place in the noble and beautiful church of St. Peter; and the Rector said what a pleasure it was to him, on his return from India, to hear the bells of the old church ringing out again.

The Rector then dedicated the gift, following which Sir Robert expressed thanks to the donor and to the ringers, and said if a special peal were rung on the occasion of the Armistice, and it had not been commemorated on the walls of the belfry, he should like very much to be allowed to do this.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP GOING BEGGING.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea at St. Peter's Hall was followed by the business meeting, with Miss D. Steel in the chair. Members were present from Thurleigh, Clapham, Biddenham, Bromham, Kempston, Harrold, Roxton, Olney and Bedford.

The committee were re-elected en bloc.

Some discussion arose over the district secretaryship. The district secretary is resigning, but could not get another to fill the office. The appointment was, therefore, left over until the next meeting, to be held at Clapham on December 15th, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Mention was made of the late Charles Herbert, of Woburn, and the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, Rector of St. Peter's, the members standing in silence.

A vote of thanks to the church officials for the use of the bells, to the chairman, and to the ladies for waiting at the table, brought the meeting to a close.

240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

NEW CALLING FOR SIX-SCORES.

Mr. A. J. Pitman of Port Talbot, writes as follows: I feel sure that the following 240 of Grandsire Doubles, which I obtained some time ago, will be found useful to conductors of peals etc., in this method who would like further variety in calling, as it is certainly monotonous, having only ten 120's to call four times at least.

The 240 will be found to consist of two distinct 120's combined, counting 12345 and 13245 as the first changes of first and second 120 respectively.

There are also twelve variations to be obtained by commencing the calling as from each lead end in the usual way.

	2345		3245
—	4523	—	4532
S	3245	S	2345
—	4532	—	4523
	4253		4352
S	3542	S	2543
—	4235	—	4325
S	5342	S	5243
	5234		5324
S	4352	S	4253
—	5243	—	5342
S	3452	S	2453
	3245		2345

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 St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Dec. 8th. 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. 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. —F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncatesr.

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.

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. 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.

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 meeeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster (instead of 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. Phillips, Branch Sec.

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?

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, December 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Christmas Day from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Also Sunday afternoon, December 9th, from 2.15 to 3.15 for Oratorio Service. Monthly Business Meeting, December 19th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 7.30. Tea in the Reading Room at 5 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will try and attend, as this meeting is for the election of a District Secretary. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, December 15th. Bell (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 12th.—T. Tebbutt, Dist. Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Hotel. Business to follow.—F. Dench, Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Slymbridge on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, to be followed by Business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged at the Black Dog Inn.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Talbot Road Roman Catholic Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Decuman's Watchet on Saturday, December 15th, 1923. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before the 10th December.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH.—A new peal of 8 bells (tenor 12 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, December 15th. Service at 2.30. Tea provided in Schoolroom at 4.30 free to all ringers. Bells open to visiting ringers after tea. Will intending visitors kindly notify me on or before December 11th. All ringers heartily welcome.—J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Newchurch, Warrington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, December 15th. Full particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at Elmley Castle. 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.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—Combined Practice at Wokingham, Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Jos. White, Dunt Lane, Hurst, Twyford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Dedication of West Wycombe bells by Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15th. Tea at reasonable charge in Village Hall at 4.30. All welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on December 15th, when the bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at reasonable cost. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on December 15th. Bells (8). Ringing commences 3 o'clock. Bus leaves the Rushes 3.25. Fare 2d. to the Church. The bells of the Foundry will be available from 6 o'clock, and the business meeting will be held there. Will all members try to attend? Other ringing friends are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—These bells will be re-opened for ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, December 19th.—J. E. Cawser, Doncaster Road, Tickhill.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Meetings for December, 1923: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 10th and 24th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock. Hon. Sec., pro tem.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro. tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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