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This week marks the close of 'summer time,' and with the putting back of the clock there will be a material shortening of the evening period of daylight, and consequently a limitation of the opportunities of outdoor recreation. During summer many towers suspend their practices, on account of the claims which outdoor pursuits make upon members of the belfry, but this change over from 'summer' to normal time should, in all such instances, witness an immediate resumption of work in the belfry. This is the best period at which to enlist new blood; for with a full winter ahead there is more than time to teach a beginner to handle a bell; there is space enough in which to make a method ringer of him, before the summer pastimes once more call him away from the tower and loosen his interest. Any time, it may be argued, is a good time to get hold of a promising recruit for ringing. That is true, but there are times which are better than others, and these days of early autumn and the first of the dark evenings are certainly the best. Therefore we would counsel those who have bands which are weak in numbers to start right away to recruit their strength from the best material they can obtain, out of the congregation and the choir.

It is, however, not merely with beginners, that the present offers the brightest opportunities. There are bands who will be starting afresh, after the summer's suspension, and others who, by putting their hearts into it anew, could make substantial progress before the winter ends. In these respects there is great scope for our ringing associations to give help, if only they would really set about the task. It is true that many ringers lack enterprise, and it is often said that these deserve to get on only so far as they help themselves. But we do not look at it quite in this light. There are, of course, some who are not only helpless, but hopeless; and it is of no use to waste time in endeavouring to rouse in them enthusiasm for ringing. There are, however, many others who, with the least encouragement, would well repay any effort made to help them, and we should like to see far more extensive efforts made to assist struggling bands.

Why should instruction cease when a band reaches the Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minor stage—as it often does where instructors are sent out? Why should not such ringers be coached by a competent man until they have got a grasp of the more complicated methods! A teacher of music does not leave his pupil to get on alone when he can play his first simple air; and why should ringing instruction stop when a band has learned hardly the rudi-

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ments of ringing? The practice is really absurd when you come to think of it. What our associations ought to do is to formulate much more extensive schemes of instruction than any of them at present put into operation, and they might also do a great deal more in the way of organising regular interchange of visits between the ringers of neighbouring towers, which should take place not once or twice in a year, but more or less every week. If such a scheme should be asking too much of the district secretaries there ought to be little difficulty in putting this special work in the hands of a capable man in each centre, and the more centres there are, within limits, the better. Much progress might be made by this means, which would not only benefit the ringers, but react to the advantage of the association.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	*Treble*	ALFRED E. BACON	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	HENRY T. WILSON	8
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M.	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	HARRY PARKES	10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5	†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	11
*JOHN W. JONES	6	JOSEPH E. SYKES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal during 1924.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD	*Treble*	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON	6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	2	PERCY H. SMITH	7
HARRY DYAS	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE	4	GILBERT H. HARDING	9
ALBERT V. SELBY	5	HENRY G. MILES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. G. MILES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

*EDWARD H. SPICE	*Treble*	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	2	*THOMAS JULL	6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILLIAM J. WALKER	4	WILLIAM SPICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
HENRY C. COLLYER	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 3). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bibby and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collyer.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Monday, September 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*MRS. W. H. THOMAS	*Treble*	GEORGE C. PRICE	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
CHARLES H. GORDON	4	JAMES R. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON	3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	7
EDWARD LANKESTER	4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	ISAAC EMERY	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	WALTER SMITH	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
GEORGE DURLING	4	EDMUND MOUNTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of Bromley's Charter of Incorporation.

COLERNE, WILTS.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	CHARLES W. BELL	6
RONALD BECK	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	4	JOEL WEEKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples failed, after ringing 600 changes.—On Tuesday evening, August 26th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Perry 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry 3, F. Blewitt 4, J. Perry (conductor) 5—6, A. G. Hunt 7—8. Rung to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Prebendary Dunkley and Mrs. Dunkley.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. PITSTOW	5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW	2	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	FREDERICK DENCH	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	GEORGE JORDAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Brothers Prior.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS	*Treble*	PRYCE TAYLOR	5
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	FRANK J. DAVEY	6
WILLIAM PERVIN	3	EDWARD READER	7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

The peal was arranged for Mr. F. Davey, of Exeter, who was on a visit to Loughborough.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

†JOSEPH CHESTER	*Treble*	*FRANK WALLINGTON	5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN	2	†WALTER WALLINGTON	6
WALTER T. WILSON	3	HARRY BAXTER	7
†FREDK. WALLINGTON	4	C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

Miss Hepburn is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells. * First peal. † First peal of Major. Ringers of the 2nd and 3rd are from Isham, 7th from Broughton, the rest belong to the local company.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

†STANLEY C. MOYE	*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
*MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
HERBERT J. SKELT	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

† First peal of Major. * First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S. Tenor 20½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS	*Treble*	C.-Q.-M.-S. G. GILBERT, R.E.	5
GEORGE UPSHALL	2	THOMAS UPSHALL	6
MISS H. F. MILLS	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
GEORGE W. STEERE	4	RICHARD HASTED	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Le Clercq. The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells, a credit to the steeplekeeper.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	JACK GARBETT	5
ROBERT EVANS	2	WALTER LAGO	6
JOSEPH HANLEY	3	WILLIAM D. WASE	7
LEONARD HEWITT	4	JAMES L. HAYWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. WASE.

The ringers are a section of Coalbrookdale local band, and are also all members of the Salop Guild. They would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. William Page, local captain, for making excellent arrangements, and meeting them at the tower, etc. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HILLIER	5
JESSE FRANCIS	2	HORACE TAYLOR	6
†WILLIAM WEST	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.	7
LOUIS A. WILSON	4	*BENJAMIN COOK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Walton-on-Thames.

WARE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH LADLEY	5
GEORGE H. BARKER	2	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ...	6
REGINALD DORE	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
WALTER GREENAWAY ...	4	P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

First peal by Mr. W. Greenaway, aged 58 years. Also first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS	...*Treble*	ALFRED HACKETT	5
JOHN BASS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	*CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	7
JOSEPH DAVIES	4	*JOHN LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN WALFORD	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ROBERT PICKERING	6
ED. F. MITCHELL	3	JOHN PERRY	7
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	ERIC SPEAKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. † 150th peal. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

WILFRED G. COOK ...	...*Treble*	H. CHARLES BOND	5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	2	JOHN HOPE	6
WILLIAM C. CUSS	3	EX.-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD ...	4	M. WILLIAM MINCHIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Arranged for Ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent, and rung on the occasion of Coln Feast.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and Three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

MISS CATHERINE FIELDS	...*Treble*	JOHN T. NEWINGTON	4
WILFRED C. IBBETT	2	CHARLES J. BALL	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	ROBERT HOWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Long Stanton, and of the tenor from Barley, Herts. They were elected members before starting.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

*JABEZ PREECE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM EVANS	4
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	JAMES HYETT	5
ALFRED TOMKINS	3	ALFRED TALBOT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to A. Talbot, who is leaving the district, he having been hon. secretary of the Presteign-Leominster branch of the Guild since its formation.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of College Single Reverse and Oxford Single, and 2,160 of Bob Minor.

*FREDERICK COTTERILL	...*Treble*	ERNEST BOSTOCK...	4
GEORGE VERNON	2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT	5
*FREDERICK HINDES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM A. TILLEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HIGGS	4
GEORGE F. ADLEY	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	5
WILKINS MASSEY	3	JOHN HOWES...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 11th, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): A. T. Chenery 1, Y. Green 2, W. C. Ibbett (first in the method) 3, A. E. Austin 4, T. R. Dennis 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(Halesworth & Chediston Society.)
On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Fredk C. Lambert ...	...*Treble*	*William Barber ...	... 4
Fredk. Peck	... 2	Walter Kerrison ...	... 5
Thomas Crane	... 3	Herbert G. Pratt ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

Arranged for H. G. Pratt, London. * Proposed a member before starting for the peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Albert Howard... ...	...*Treble*	Walter Mansfeld ...	... 4
Walter F. Sermons...	... 2	Robert Howard ...	... 5
William A. Tack ...	... 3	*Harold J. Hazell ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Hazell.

* First peal as conductor, and elected a member of the association in the tower. The conductor hails from Cambridge, the rest are local ringers.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Keeble ...	...*Treble*	Henry F. Cooper ...	... 4
George Wiffen ...	... 2	*Edwin Wiffen ...	... 5
*Lewis W. Wiffen ...	... 3	Arthur Saunders ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Keeble.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for evening service, with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. B. Lee Winter, Vicar of Bradwell-by-Braintree.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently.

Arthur Symonds ...	... 1—2	Walter Jarvis ...	... 4
Reginald Dent ...	... 3	Stedman H. Symonds	... 5—6

Conducted by S. H. Symonds. Witness: Alick Jarvis.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD PEALS.

LONG STANTON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five and a Half Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) ...	...*Treble*
The Revd. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity)...	... 2
E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.) ...	... 3
E. G. Benson (St. Cath.) ...	... 4
The Revd. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) ...	... 5
The Revd. H. G. Benson (King's)...	... 6
W. J. H. Hooton (Queen's) ...	... 7
The Revd. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Sixteen and a Half Minutes,
In Trinity College,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor, size 17 in A.

The Revd. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity) ...	... 1—2
The Revd. H. G. Benson (King's) ...	... ... 3—4
W. J. H. Hooton (Queen's) ...	... ... 5—6
The Revd. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Pembroke)	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thursday, September 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the University Church of St. Mary the Great,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

The Revd. H. Law James (Caius) ...	...*Treble*
W. J. H. Hooton (Queen's) ...	... 2
*The Revd. H. G. Benson (King's) ...	... 3
†J. Butler (Fitzwm. Hall) ...	... 4
*E. G. Benson (St. Cath.) ...	... 5
†The Revd. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) ...	... 6
E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.)...	... 7
The Revd. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Pembroke)	8
J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) ...	... 9
The Revd. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity) ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First peal on ten bells in the tower. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

CAMBRIDGE.
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On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
In Trinity College,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor, size 20 in F.

*The Revd. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity) ...	... 1—2
‡E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.) ...	... ... 3—4
W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's)...	... ... 5—6
*The Revd. H. G. Benson (King's) ...	... ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the Guild. * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'in hand.'

SURFLEET.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At the Vicarage,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES,
Tenor, size 17 in A.

The Revd. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity) ...	... 1—2
The Revd. E. Bankes James (Caius) ...	... ... 3—4
W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) ...	... ... 5—6
The Revd. H. Law James (Caius) ...	... ... 7—8

Composed by The Revd. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

This composition contains the 60 course ends without singles.

SURFLEET.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Vicarage,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Revd. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity) ...	... 1—2
The Revd. E. Bankes James (Caius) ...	... ... 3—4
W. J. H. Hooton (Queen's) ...	... ... 5—6
The Revd. H. Law James (Caius) ...	... ... 7—8

Composed by The Revd. H. Law James.
Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

The 60 course ends without singles.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELL FRAME.

OLD TIMBERS DECAYED.

St. Peter Mancroft Parish Magazine for August contains the following with regard to the bell frame at this famous Norwich Church. The bells, as our readers know, are already in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for rehanging.

'For some time past it has been known that the condition of the bell frame and bell fittings was far from satisfactory, and several of the larger bells had been going almost too badly to be rung. From time to time small fragments of decayed wood have fallen in the ringing room. The bell frame was showing considerable movement when the bells were being rung, and it was thought that this movement was attributable in part to the condition of the frame itself, and in part to the failure of the main beams which carried the frame.

'On removing the bells it was found that the joints of the bell frame were loose, and, what was worse, that some of the timbers were in too bad a state to allow of their further service.

'The bell frame was accordingly taken to pieces and the under beams, which supported it, were examined. It was found that there were three sets of beams. The upper ones, presumably of 1775, were fairly sound, but the second set of much older beams was in very bad order, and some beams badly rotted. These beams had at sometime (probably because the ends had decayed) been wedged up from the bottom set of beams—those which are visible from the church. The result of this was that nearly all the weight of the bells came ultimately on to the lower set of ceiling beams, and of these it was found that several were in very poor condition and the ends much decayed.

'The lower beams, forming the ceiling visible from the church, will not be removed. They will be repaired and made perfectly safe. The bells in future will be carried on new beams of steel, and quite independent of the old oak beams, which will henceforward be relieved of any duty except that of carrying themselves and the wood flooring laid on them.

'The work will need considerable time, but when it is done we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that everything in the tower is sound and in good order, and that the strain of the bells is more evenly distributed on the tower walls, which will henceforward be much less likely to be injured by the ringing of our heavy peal of bells.'

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have no fault to find with Mr. Trollope's letter in your last issue, his explanation of the construction of Double Dublin Court Bob Major is quite correct, but the letter serves to remind me that my challenge to himself and the Rev. E. S. Powell has never been replied to by either gentleman.

I have stated before, and I repeat the statement, that the construction of every method, principles and system, can be proved, and I shall be much obliged to either of the above gentlemen if they will prove the construction of the two following methods by their particular formula.

The first half lead is London Surprise Major, the second half lead is a variation of London Surprise Major obtained by shifting two places only indicated thus ——*

12345678	12345678
21354768	21354768
12537486	12537486
21573846	21573846
——	—— —*
25178364	25137864
52713846	52318746
52178364	52137864
25713846	25318746
——	——
52731486	52381476
57234168	53284167
75321486	35821476
73524168	38524167
—— * ——	——
37254618	83542617
32745681	85324671
23476518	58236417
24367581	52863471
——	——
42837851	25683741

In London Shrprise we all know the lead head is 14263857. In the variation here given the lead head is 15738264.

Will either gentleman explain how it happens that with exactly the same number of interior places, and an equal number of bells shifted in each method, the lead head in one is 14263857 produced by six or more constructional shunts, and in the other is 15738264 produced by two or more constructional shunts?

I shall await with interest for their reply.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When the 'Snowdon Dinner' was held at Leeds there was some sort of understanding that there ought to be a peal attempt by men who had, at some time, taken part in a peal in company with Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon. For a while the proposal appeared to be maturing, as if everything was arranged except the date ——

Though we are none of us two years younger, I think such a band could be got together. I need not say that, beside being an interesting peal, it would be a well-deserved tribute to the memory of a very charming man. Now, just let's see what can be done!—Yours truly,

Gargrave. J. McKELL.

OATLANDS TOWER AND WINCHESTER GUILD

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. Shepherd's letter in your last issue, I should like to say that Oatlands Park tower was represented at the Yorktown district meeting, held at Yateley, by a young and enthusiastic member of the Guild, who is also a member of the St. Mary's Guild, Oatlands Park. His presence at our meeting represented the tower. If at any time any members of the St. Mary's Guild wish to join in our meetings, and wish to belong to the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Yorktown district), with the view of progressing in the art of change ringing, let them do so, and no obstacle should be put in their way.

I am very glad to state that the ringing in the district is improving, especially among the younger members.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. HESSEY,
Hon. Dis. Sec.

OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER.

The death occurred, on Friday, Sept. 5th, at his residence, Town End, Ormskirk, Lancashire, of Mr. James Sholicar, a veteran ringer of the Parish Church. Mr. Sholicar commenced his ringing career in 1873, and was for many years prominent as an exponent of Grandsire ringing in South-West Lancashire, both as a composer and conductor.

The funeral took place on Monday, Sept. 8th, at Ormskirk Parish Church. In addition to the family mourners, there were amongst those present Messrs. W. Gibbons, J. Marsh and W. Rimmer, from Christ Church, Aughton; Mr. Edward Caunce, Liverpool; and Messrs. James Pilkington, Alfred Halton, and James R. Park, of the local company. Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Ormskirk ringers, and one from his employers and fellow-workmen. During the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the deceased) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to his memory by the following: John Pilkington 1, Ernest Fyles 2, James Pilkington 3, William Pilkington 4, John Gardner 5, James R. Park (conductor) 6, Alfred Halton 7, William Draper 8.

CARDIFF RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. John's Church, Cardiff, hold their annual outing on Saturday, August 23rd, when they were accompanied by some of their wives, and by ringing friends from Llandaff, Penarth and Pentre. The party of twenty set out by charabanc via Newport, Usk and Raglan to Monmouth, where it was hoped to have had a pull on the bells, but owing to the steeple being under repair ringing is suspended for the time being. After a short stay the journey was continued to Ross, Herefordshire, where, on arrival, they were met by Mr. John Clark. After dinner, at the Carlton Cafe, a move was made to the tower, and an hour's ringing of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire on this beautiful peal of eight was much enjoyed. An hour was also spent in sight-seeing. The journey was then continued to Ruardean, Glos, Mr. Clark accompanying the party, who were met on arrival by several of the local ringers. The bells, a fine ring of eight, were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire, several touches being brought round. A move to Chepstow was next made, and shortly after leaving Ruardean, Mr. Clark took leave of the party to return to Ross. The drive was continued through the heart of the Forest of Dean, via Parkend, Whitecroft and Lydney, to Chepstow, by which time everyone was ready for tea, after which a visit was made to the tower. The visitors were welcomed by the curate and some of the local ringers, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The party arrived back at Cardiff at 10.45 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the drive, views, ringing and catering, each contributing to make the outing a great success. The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the towers visited for permission to ring; the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and the excellent 'go' of the bells; and Mr. Clark, Ross, who kindly arranged for the ringing at Ross and Ruardean.

ELY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of September 12th, re the Ely decision as to membership, is quite to the point, but it could be amplified by pointing out that adjoining Guilds could retaliate by refusing permission to those who took this 'dog in the manger' (this is literally true) attitude. Where should we stand if all our big 'peal fighters' stipulated to bands who beg of them to help them through their firsts that they must first join the Anacreontic Guild before the said big 'P.F.' would make the attempt? No, sir, let these matters settle themselves. Bishops have a perfect right to decide these things, but I think they are too broad-minded to enforce such decisions.—Yours sincerely, ONCE A BEGINNER.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MISSON.

The summer meeting was held at Misson on Saturday last, when 14 members attended from Worksop and Tickhill, together with the local company. The tower contains six bells, which replaced the old ring of four which were melted in the fire of 1893. The weather on Saturday was wretched in the extreme, wind, rain and sunshine, alternating through the afternoon, while later in the evening it prevented many from attending who had intended to cycle to the meeting.

Mr. S. W. Law, churchwarden, was with the ringers in readiness to welcome the visitors, and touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was excellently served at Mrs. P. Williamson's, Church Street.

The meeting followed, presided over by Mr. S. W. Law, supported by the hon. secretary, assistant hon. secretary, and others.—Two new members were elected, viz, Mr. H. Caffeiratta, of Sutton-on-Trent, as vice-president, and Mr. J. Oldfield, of Messon, as probationer.

The next meeting will be held at Harthill in November, it being left to the secretary to chose a date and advertise the meeting in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Law for presiding over the tea and meeting, to the Vicar of Misson for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for serving the tea.—Mr. Law suitably replied, and quoted a few of the inscriptions on bells in Notts and Lincolnshire. He also gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, in the absence of the Vicar.

LEEK SURPRISE MAJOR.

By E. A. RIDGWAY.

12345678
21436587
12346857
21438675
24136857
42318675
24138657
42316875
24361857
42638175
46231857
64328175
46238715
64283751
46827315
64872351
68427531
86472513
68745231
86754213
68574123
86751432
87654123
78561432
87516423
78154632
87514623
78156432
71854623
17586432
71856342
17583624

17856342
Fourth's place Bob.

False Course-ends.
24365
32465
43265

5024

23456	M	W	B	H
45236		—		—
24536				—
52436				—
64235	—			—
26435				—
26354			—	—
32654				—
65324		—		
36524				—
53624				—
46325	—			—
34625				—
63425				—
54326	—			—
35426				—
43526				—
62534	—	—		—
56234				—
25634				—
34256	W	B	W	H
23456				—

E. A. Ridgway.

5184

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
63254	—		—
26354			—
32654			—
46253	—		—
24536	B	M	H
52436			—

Twice repeated.
J. W. Parker.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Sept. 19th, 1775, a peal was rung on the new peal of ten bells at Grantham. This was a 5,130 Grandsire Caters, and occupied 3 hours 40 minutes. It took thirteen men to ring the peal, ten being from Nottingham and three from Newark. There were two men on the 9th, and three on the tenor, and the peal was called by W. D. Crofts.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green was born on Sept. 22nd, 1826.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Sept. 22nd, 1894.

What is believed to have been the first 'peal' of Stedman Doubles was rung at Chesterton on Sept. 25th, 1873.

The bells at Braughing, Herts, were opened with a peal of Triples on Sept. 25th, 1745.

The many friends of Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (chairman of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild) will be pleased to know that his second operation for peritonitis was most successful. Mr. Heginbothom is now making excellent progress.

The peal at Clifton, Bristol, was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the son of the conductor of the Clifton Society (Mr. R. Clark), who died on September 3rd, and was buried on the 8th. Before his illness, Gilbert, who was 12 years of age, often came to the tower with his father on the practice night.

A correspondent suggests that a Jasper Snowdon commemorative peal, by a band who had rung a peal with that great pioneer of change ringing, might be arranged, in connection with the annual dinner.

The proposal was first made two years ago at Leeds but has not yet matured. It is too late, probably, to do anything in this direction in connection with to-morrow's gathering at York, but—well, perhaps next year.

THE 12-BELL WEEK.

Peal ringing weeks are becoming more and more a feature of the summer months, but that which begins next Monday at Leicester is quite a fresh departure, inasmuch as the tour is confined to twelve-bell peals. Birmingham is to be the centre, but it is somewhat of a far cry from Leicester to Cirencester, where the 'week' terminates. The following is the programme:—

Monday, Sept. 22nd: Leicester, 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23rd: Birmingham, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24th: West Bromwich, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25th: Wolverhampton, 1 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26th: Painswick, 12 noon.
Saturday, Sept. 27th: Cirencester, 10.30 a.m.

A social evening has been arranged to take place at St. Martin's Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, Sept. 25th.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual outing of the above Society took place on Saturday last. A party of twenty ringers left by motor coach at 6 a.m. for Thetford. After breakfast several touches were rung on the eight bells at SS. Peter and Andrew's Church. The next call was SS. Andrew and Patrick's, Elvedon, where Lord Iveagh has built a grand tower, with eight highly tuned bells, a short distance from the church. After looking round the well-kept park, etc., the company were en route for Mildenhall, along a road, straight as far as the eye could see, passing a splendid war memorial over 100ft. high. Upon arriving, shifts were formed so that ringing, light refreshments and lunch could be in operation simultaneously. Mine host from the Black Horse, Dry Drayton, now joined the party, and continued till the bitter end(ed). The eight bells at St. Andrew's, Mildenhall, are from several foundries, the tenor being about 17 cwt. The ten bells at St. John the Baptist, Soham, Cambs, were the next objective, and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Royal, were rung. A tablet here records 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob on November 20th, 1809, by three brothers Tebbit and their sons.

One of the visitors wished to photograph the party, and thought it advisable to do so before dinner to ensure getting them in the camera. After a substantial meal, the next call was made at Newmarket (no tips heard), part of the company ringing on the eight at All Saints, whilst others rang on the six at St. Mary's (tenor 21 cwt.). The latter are a grand peal, and deserve two good trebles to complete the octave.

On the return journey a halt was made at Stowmarket to renew old acquaintances and for handbell ringing, Ipswich being reached at 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable outing. The methods rung were: London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, also Double Court Minor.

The society wish to thank the incumbents and steeplekeepers for their co-operation.

THE TOURING SEASON.

BY CRITICUS.

The season of ringing tours is upon us; indeed, this year it seems to have been upon us for quite a long time. I never remember having read of so many organised 'weeks' as there have been this long-drawn-out autumn—or should I have said spring? Summer is certainly not the term to apply, for that is a season of the year no longer vouchsafed to the people of these islands. At least, it comes and goes in a mere flash. Last year, the weather experts tell us, it happened on a Wednesday afternoon, about 4.30; this year we are still waiting for it, and the Press photographers are kept constantly on duty in readiness to snap it when it passes. Certainly those who have been out on ringing 'weeks' have not been on summer tours, but there you have one of the advantages of ringing. You are not dependent on the weather. If the weather is bad it may be unpleasant to get from one tower to another; but, once in a belfry, rain or shine makes no difference to the ringing. There is no need for delays or abandonments because the pitch is waterlogged or frost bound, no postponement for fog or snow. Once at the tower there is nothing to prevent the ringers getting down to the job; and that is where ringing scores over nearly every other pastime. And the public—what of them? They do not have to pay any charge for admission or take out any license to 'listen in'; they get it free, gratis, absolutely for nothing—whether they like it or not.

Of course, we pride ourselves that our art is a purely English one; and as a consequence the public really love it. There are some few individuals who may say they don't, but then they are usually the type of people who are anti-everything. But, on the whole, English people are fond of their bells, especially those who are fortunate enough to live close to the towers, where all the beauties—and other things—of the ringing permeate the air and float around them by the hour, without let or hindrance. Why, therefore, should we ringers concern ourselves about the noisy cacklings of a vocal minority? So let us go merrily on; and broadcast our music from the turrets.

I am afraid, however, I have rambled somewhat from the subject which I intended to write about, namely, ringing tours. Now, there are tours and tours. There is the tour that begins at 2 o'clock, and, taking in two towers, a tea, in which 'the course ends come up in perfect order,' and two (or more) stops to cool and oil the engine, ends about 10 p.m. There is the tour which begins about the time that the milkman calls in the morning, with additional towers, meals and oiling points, and concludes about midnight. There is the tour which extends over the week-end, and includes a peal or two, according to luck, and there is the grand tour, which, under present custom, extends to a week—a week, by the way, that usually includes two Saturdays and as many Sundays. Shortly we shall probably find these super-tours lengthening out to a fortnight, or, maybe, a month. Such a departure would not be altogether surprising, because there are some ringers who seem to be able to 'manage' more than one week for this form of holiday. There's I.G.S., for instance. I am not quite sure how many times this year he has run away from Greenwich to gather more laurels for his wreath which now comprises leaves enough to make an imposing hush, let alone a crown for his brow. It's nearly fourteen hundred now, isn't it like? You go so fast that I seem to have lost count. Then there is the historian of the Exercise, to whom time seems of little moment when ringing tours are to be had, and one or two others, including the Company Sergt.-Major, R.M., who seem able to fit themselves into any old arrangement which will shape itself into a ringing expedition.

Usually we find that these peal ringing excursions, though covering a lot of towers, are confined to a comparatively small area—perhaps half a county, but one is now about to take place, if it is not already in progress when these notes appear, in which nearly half the country is to be covered. The 'twelve bell week' is a big order, for you cannot find enough twelve bell rings in any one centre to give you a full week's ringing—unless you go to London, where there are certain obstacles in the way of any one society 'getting in.' No, this twelve-bell week must almost of necessity be spread over a wider field, and it departs considerably from the conditions under which most tours are carried out. Perhaps it is the precursor of 'tours de luxe,' arranged by Thomas Cook. Will the time come when we shall see an advertisement in 'The Ringing World' something on these lines: 'Grand Ringing Tours, by luxuriously equipped motor coaches; first-class hotels; all the best bells; peals personally conducted and guaranteed. Inclusive fees, including tips and steepleage —'? What a fine opportunity this would present! If Cook's cannot take it on, someone else might. Think it over, Mr. Fussell. There is plenty of time to get going by next year.

Mention of that great little man of Greenwich, who not long since gave up work to go in for ringing, leads me to say that to me he has always been somewhat of a marvel. He hasn't altered a lot since I first met him, something like thirty years ago. His hair may be a little thinner, as it is a little whiter, but his energy is as great as ever. He is not a 'hefty' chap, but he must be all wire. I don't know if anyone knows quite how old he is—he may be a hundred for all I can tell you—and I don't suppose even he could say exactly how many peals he has rung—without consulting his secretary. I believe this official has had to work overtime this year in his endeavour to keep the record going, and even he may not be quite up to the minute. There isn't a lot of limelight about the doings of this little man either—the ringer, I refer to, not the secretary. In fact, all his actions are carried on in the Shade, and if his name appears a good deal in print it is because a peal record would not be complete with only seven names. With him, the peal's the thing, and I believe he would go to the North Pole—or the other place—if there was half a chance of ringing one there.

Then there's that other young fellow, who is now well in the running for a four-figure total. When a man is past 70, and has still a couple of hundred peals to ring to get up to this record, one would not, in the ordinary way, give much for his chances. But George, of England—not King, or Saint or Lloyd—but just plain James—has wonderful possibilities. We are told he gets younger every day, and it seems to me the only fear is that he may get back to the boyhood stage, and then into the cradle again, which would put him out of the running for some of his customary big jobs. But if he can only keep in trousers, instead of getting into swaddling clothes, all records will go by the board before he is finished—if he keeps going long enough. His record is an extraordinary one, not so much for the number of peals he has rung, but for the 'jobs' he has done. There is one little matter, however, in which I would suggest he might save himself some trouble, and you, Mr. Editor, some space. When next that list appears, there is no need to tell us all the associations the Birmingham Wonder belongs to; it would be much easier and quicker to give us a list of those which he hasn't joined. Also, Mr. George must have had wide experience among ringers all over the country. Could he not add interest to the record of his peals by telling us something about the men he has rung with? His opinions of some of these would be well worth reading. It was this latter point which prompted a friend of mine (no, I will not tell you the perpetrator of the deed) to pen the following lines, which he passed on to me with the hope that I would 'use my influence with the Editor,' etc.:

We all have heard the story of a man of great renown,
Who, though he's now past seventy, rings the biggest bells in town.
He travels o'er the country, to north, south, east and west,
And where'er there is a giant's task you see him at his best.
To look upon his record makes me feel with envy green,
For 'gainst his wondrous list of peals my own looks very 'lean.'
They say that down the ages like Methuselah he'll roam,
And hopes that for a thousand years he'll hear the peals roll home.
But if for every hundred we're to have the tale retold,
When he reaches his obituary 'twill then be rather old.
As none of us can manage to ring peals upon our own,
May I suggest we have a change of dressing for this bone,
And when we read the record, which appears just now and then,
We may know some of the story of those other useful men,
Who have helped to make the picture which is painted for our view —
Who have to ring the other bells; the men like me and you.

My only comment on the above is that the author (or should it be 'composer'?) need not have dragged me into it as a sort of afterthought, or an 'also ran.' I don't in the least mind coming in last, but, having written publicly about Mr. James George I shiver to think what Mr. James George might say if he expressed his personal and private opinion of

CRITICUS.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

The Southern branch of the Swansea and Brecon Guild held its first quarterly meeting at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 6th, when a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were kept going from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas) conducted a short service in St. Catherine's Church. After service the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, who cordially welcomed the ringers, and said he was especially pleased to see such a good muster.

The Rev. J. R. Thomas, Vicar of Llanstephan, Carmarthen, also addressed the ringers, giving them a hearty invitation to visit Llanstephan in the future.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for so kindly giving the use of the bells and entertaining the ringers to tea; also to the ladies who had assisted at the tables.

The towers represented were Gorseinon, Morriston, Neath, Cadoxton, and Aberavon and Llanstephan. The ringers of Llanstephan were admitted to the Guild en bloc. There were also two hon. members and two ringing members elected.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Neath.

The ringers afterwards visited the tower again, and the bells were kept going to Bob Doubles, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples till well after 8 o'clock.

OLD PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the contribution by Mr. G. P. Burton in your recent issue re the Peal Boards at Coslany, and agree with him that it is a matter for regret that these things should 'require' attention. We can't do too much to preserve to posterity such priceless relics which, in many cases, have been the only means we have had of piecing history together. I have long been of the opinion that all these ancient boards should be a standing charge on the belfry repairs fund of the association, in whose area they exist. Were a small grant made perhaps the church would do the rest. Re the board stowed in the crypt at Coventry, the note on the board is all too significant in that case anyhow.—Yours faithfully,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

TAUNTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, had a tour in Devon. They went first to Ottery St. Mary, via Blagdon Hill and Honiton. The very nice ring of eight bells was soon set going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and some well-struck touches were soon brought round. Having had a look round this very fine old parish church, tracks were made across country to Bradninch, where another good peal of eight bells was found. Stedman Triples were also rung here, and the Vicar congratulated the band on their excellent striking. They next visited Cullompton, with its fine ring of ten bells, and here Stedman Caters were rung, some good touches were brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. After tea, at Paul's Restaurant, a move was made to Tiverton, where there is one of the best peals in Devon, quite new, and tuned on the five-tone principle by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Some very good Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round, with some of the local men standing in. The homeward journey was completed about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to thank all the Vicars and those who so kindly met them at the various towers.

YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

The ringers of Sutton-on-Trent, who includes two ladies, have been working very assiduously under the tuition of Mr. J. Semper, of Ossington, since last February, to ring their first 720 changes on the new bells, and succeeded in doing so on Wednesday, Sept. 10th: N. Moxon 1, L. Pierrpoint 2, Miss Grace Burchall 3, Miss Kate Burchall 4, H. Haigh (Worksop) 5, J. Semper (conductor) 6.

Great credit is due to all the band. The ladies have not missed a practice, and their punctuality is worthy of emulation by all beginners.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes, at Paignton Parish Church: F. Allwood 1, S. W. Ward 2, A. L. Bennett 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. T. Gover 6, W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8, to celebrate a wedding. Ringers of 3rd and 7th hail from Buckfastleigh and Birmingham, respectively. Arrangements had been made for a peal, but one of the band failed to turn up, and under the circumstances only a quarter could be attempted.

The wedding took place at Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, on Saturday, Sept. 6th, of Mr. Adam Blogg, one of the ringers at St. John's Church, the bride being Miss Beatrice Cooper. In honour of the event, a touch of 1,008 Stedman Triples: E. B. Coxhead 1, F. Blacklidge 2, W. Sharples 3, J. H. Gartside 4, A. Hartley 5, C. Salisbury 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

At the Parish Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Thursday, Sept. 11th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Norah Christine Skurray, daughter of Mr. E. C. Skurray, J.P., M.B.E., and of Mrs. Skurray, of West Lodge, Swindon, and Mr. Joseph L. McElhaw, Victoria Road, Swindon, son of the late Mr. J. McElhaw, and Mrs. McElhaw, of Dumbarton, Scotland, a quarter-peal of 1,259 Stedman Caters: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

SHIREOAKS.—On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, for evening service: H. Mills 1, E. Knowles 2, H. Hall 3, H. Haigh 4, H. Rogers (Mansfield Woodhouse) 5, F. Hargreaves (conductor) 6.

WANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: A. Reeves 1, W. Miller 2, A. Prior 3, C. Petty 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Smith (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Steele 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, J. B. Budd (conductor) 4, N. Dales 5, F. Metcalf 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Mingay 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. Russell Warrilow to St. Andrew's.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE.

By A. J. PITMAN.

Seeing that there is such a dearth of peals of Cambridge Surprise Major with tenors together, I have composed the enclosed peals, in which the ringing is chiefly Cambridge, and they should provide further scope for those able to ring both methods. They will be found to consist of 37 and 40 courses, respectively.

5024				5408			
2345678	B		H	2345678	B	H	
23564 4	—		—	35264 4	—		
36245 1	—			35642	—	—	
64352 1	—			35426	—	—	
45623 4	—			52364	—		
52436 4	—			32465 34	M		
52364	—	—		26354	B		
46325 345	M	W	H	65243	—		
46253	B		H	54632	—		
26354 34	M			43526	—		
65243	B			52436 45	W	—	
54632	—			23564	B		
43526	—			36245 1	—		
24536 45		W		64352 1	—		
24365	B		H	45623 4	—		
24653	—		—	45236 4	—	—	
45236	—			53462 1	—		
53462 1	—			36524 1	—		
36524 1	—			62345 4	—		
62346 4	—			24653 4	—		
62453 4	—		—	24536	—	—	
25634 1	—			24365	—	—	
53246 1	—			46253	—		
34562 4	—			46532	—	—	
34625 4	—		—	63425	—		
42356 1	—			63254	—	—	
25463 1	—			63542	—	—	
56234 4	—			34625	—		
63542 4	—			42356 1	—		
63425	—		—	25463 1	—		
63254	—		—	25634 4	—	—	
35642	—			53246 1	—		
35426	—		—	34562 4	—		
35264	—		—	46325 4	—		
56342	—			62453	—		
64523 1	—			62534 1	—	—	
42635 1	—			56234 345		—	
23456 4	—			56342 4	—	—	
				64523 1	—		
				42635 1	—		
				23456 4	—		

The figures to the right of the course-ends indicate the leads of those courses which must be rung Superlative. All the other leads to be rung Cambridge.

Thus the 5024 has 27, and the 5408 27 leads, which are to be rung as Superlative. There is no change of method at a bob. These compositions and the 5056 previously published are the first in Cambridge and Superlative Major to contain more than thirty courses.

5,093 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By F. BENNETT.

23456789	1	2	3	4	5	25364978	1	3	4	5
35264	—	—		—	—	25463		—	—	—
235			—			425		—		
523			—			542		—		
54263	—		—			53462	—	—		
53462	—		—			52364	—	—		
453			—			352		—		
345			—			235		—		
32465	—		—			24365	—	—		
432			—			324		—		
243			—			432		—		
25463	—		—			45362	—	—		
4526			S			3546		S		
245			—			435		—		
524			—			543		—		
53264	—		—			52463	—	—		
54362	—		—			53264	—	—		
354			—			253		—		
435			—			325		—		
42365	—		—			34265	—	—		
342			—							
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25364	—		—							

Round at hand 2 leads before the last course end.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

These peals contain the 60 course ends without singles.

5,088.

23456	1	4	5	6
42563		—	2	
26543	—			
35264	—		2	
56234	—			
43652	—	—		
63254	—		1	
52364	—			—
35426			1	
54326				—
35642			1	
26354	—		2	
46253		—	5	
43265		—	1	
36245	—		5	
64235	—			
36425	—		4	
54632		—	3	
42635	—	—	1	
56423	—		2	
36524		—	5	
34562		—	1	
46532	—		5	
63542	—			
46325	—		4	
23645		—	3	
34625	—			
64523	—		1	
25463	—			—
42356			1	
23456				—

5,248.

23456	1	4	5	6
64235	—		2	
26435				2
42563			1	
35426	—		2	
52436	—		5	
34256	—			—
45362			4	
53462				—
36524			4	
65324				—
52643			4	
26543				—
64523	—			
54326	—		1	

Once repeated.

Rung on handbells by the C.U.G.C.R. on Sept. 9th at Surfleet Vicarage.

5,440.

23456	1	4	5	6
26435		—	1	
46532	—		1	
42563		—	1	
26543	--			
35264	—		2	
34256		—	1	
36245		—	1	
42635	—			—
24536		—		—
43526	—			
62345	—	—		

4 times repeated.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — Re the Surprise Method published in 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who asks if anyone else had discovered it, I may say that I have had the method for some years, but certainly not 30, neither can I say if it has been previously published. I herewith give another of the same group; this may possibly have been published before.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. RIDGWAY.

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68472513
86745231
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78563412
75864321
57683412
75638142
57361824
57638142
75361824
73516842
37158624
73518264
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13254768

13527486

False course-end.

24365

4th's place bob.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3 Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, E. C. Hartley 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6. This is the first spliced 720 by the whole band, and in the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Lockwood's Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, E. B. Crowder 2, R. H. Stevens 3, C. R. Walker 4, C. R. Millway 5, C. Turner (conductor) 6, F. W. Elliott 7, L. Sibley (first quarter-peal) 8. The above quarter was arranged for Mr. E. B. Crowder, of St. John's, Deptford, who was on a visit.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on Sept. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman (longest touch) 1, W. A. Goodenough 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. V. Webb 5, T. East 6, J. S. Napper (conductor) 7, H. Goodenough 8. —For evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Napper 1, W. V. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, T. East 4, A. H. Webb 5, G. Caudwell (Drayton) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

ACTON.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Miss Hawksworth 3, H. Wincote 4, W. Sparrow 5, Robt. Holloway 6, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 7, W. Elliott 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, W. Mead 2, E. Yates 3, W. Pedley 4, E. C. Lambert 5, H. Edwards 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Sear 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. E. Reader hails from Loughborough; H. Sear and W. Mead from Bletchley; and J. Sear from Linslade.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 14th, at St. Margaret's, 1,122 Grandsire Cinques: E. Morris (conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, E. Mullins (Birmingham) 3, J. Morris 4, A. Ballard 5, T. Bent 6, F. Hopper (Northampton) 7, W. P. Whitehead 8, E. Whitehead 9, G. S. Morris 10, A. Cattell 11, H. Monk (Northampton) 12. First touch of Grandsire Cinques by the three visitors for whom this was arranged.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Taylor's six-part, in 45 mins.: A. Biggs (first quarter) 1, E. Barker (first quarter on a bob bell) 2, T. Butler 3, J. Gibson 4, W. Baron 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, T. R. Butler 7, H. Taylor 8.

LEICESTER. — At the Pro-Cathedral, for evensong, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Mullins 1, S. Cotton 2, H. W. Needham 3, P. Harrison 4, F. Hopper (Northampton) 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Whitehead 7, H. J. Poole (conductor) 8, H. Broughton 9, A. Bonk (Northampton) 10. Arranged for the ringers of 5th and tenor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Jas. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Creasey 3, P. S. Thompson 4, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 5, A. Hobden 6, T. Booth 7, G. King 8. The quarter-peal was arranged for the ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th, who are from Waldron. The rest belong to the local band.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. (1,260 changes): J. Sly (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acock 4, W. Clayton 5, D. Hills 6, C. Westmacott (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: A. White 1, A. Brading 2, P. S. Parker 3, H. Barton 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 4th.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS. — On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Billinge 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6. Messrs. Preston and Billinge hail from Bucknall. Also for evensong, 720 (being 360 each) of London and Wells Surprise: H. Wibberley 1, F. Triner 2, J. W. Walker 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

CHEDISTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, T. Crane 4, A. H. Took 5, H. G. Pratt 6. Also 240 in the same method.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs): F. Webb 1, G. Melbourne 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond (conductor) 4, F. Ely 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, at St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1 C. Edwards 2, G. Harbour 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clarke 5, E. Harris 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

Sunday Service Touches—continued.

FULBOURN.—For evening service, on Sept. 7th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: L. Foreman (first quarter-peal) 1, D. Buttress 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, G. A. Peck (Saltburn, Yorks), 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, C. E. Patten (conductor) 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS. — At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sept. 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 of Kent Treble Bob: W. C. Lindsey 1, Fred. Webb 2, A. W. Lindey 3, F. W. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob, with Geo. Cherry taking part.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, H. W. Mance (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, F. Knight 4, J. Burdfield 5, H. Mance (conductor) 6, S. Paice 7, J. Dean 8.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE. — On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, T. Davies 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, C. E. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Messrs. Davies and Williams are local men, the remainder hail from Oswestry, Shropshire.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Cooper 1, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 2, G. T. Mitchison 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, F. Price 5, C. Davies 6, W. Davies 7, H. Cook 8. Arranged for Messrs. F. Price and W. Davies.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes: J. Challis 1, S. Bevon (first away from treble) 2, Miss Stella Disney 3, N. Scott 4, J. Scott (first attempt as conductor) 5.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for morning service, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples 1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, J. Lee 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, F. I. Hairs 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8. All are members of the local band. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Skevington (conductor) 1, W. C. Stacey 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Dyas 4, H. Cook 5, H. Rivers 6, R. Mackrill 7, S. Stratton 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, A. Cutmore 2, F. Norriss 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, F. Davey (Exeter) 6 F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Rivers 10.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Wingrove 1, C. C. Mayne 2, H. Bolt 3, A. Bateman 4, R. Turner 5, J. Batting 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Blackmore 8.

SLOUGH. — On Sunday, August 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth) 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, G. Barkus 8.

BANBURY. — On Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, in 45 mins.: H. Impey 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Impey (first quarter-peal) 4, F. Baldwin 5, E. Mitchell 6, R. W. Burrows (conductor) 7, R. Higham 8. The ringer of the 6th hails from Wolverhampton.

PUBLICATION.

'AMONG THE BELLS.' — The Ringing Career of late Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I to XX complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. Robinson, Fair Home, Wokingham.

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NOTICES.

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SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. The peal of 12 at the Minster will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., while the peals of 6 at Bishophill and Clifton will be at the disposal of visitors throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have again put their Bowling Green and Athletic Ground at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, Sept. 20th.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address 4.45. Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mitcham, on September 20th. Tower open 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business after. All will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Harrow Weald bells open after tea. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Sept. 20th. Tea, 4.30, in the Reading Room, followed by meeting. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Brading, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 5.15, at 1s. 3d. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christow on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The following towers will be open: Christow, Bridford, Trusham, Ashton, Dunsford and Ide. Excursion fare 1s. 3d. return to Christow.—W. J. Southwood, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford (Hornchurch not available) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Will the secretaries of towers kindly collect outstanding subscriptions for the current year and forward to me as early as possible?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify me early for tea.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Members who intend to be present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 4.15 p.m., meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kemerton (by invitation of the Rev. J. A. B. Mercer) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. — Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — The September meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Sept. 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), Huntingdon, St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. — P.C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Stogursey. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at Acland Arms, 1s. each.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. —J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.— A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. National bus leaves Colchester at 2.10 p.m. Book Great Totham Post Office, returning at 8.15. — R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Sawley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. The secretary would also be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limpsfield on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at the Bird Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members). — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.— A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Annual branch party at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tickets—2s. gentlemen, 1s. 9d. ladies—obtainable from the local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. —Branch meeting at Aldford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tower open 3 p.m. — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dist. Sec., Bredenbury, Bromyard.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.— Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Sept. 23rd; St. Andrew's, Hol-

born, on the 25th. All at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Batley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. A set of medals, kindly given by the Batley company, will be presented with the Cup. Tenor is 10 cwt., not 16 cwt., as previously mentioned. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to all who send word not later than Sept. 22nd, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—R. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Visit to Chertsey on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Trains from Waterloo at 1.54, 2.15 and 3.15, fare 2s. 10d. return. Tea about 5 p.m. Good attendance requested. Meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7 p.m., instead of 7.30, owing to committee meeting. — A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Visitors requiring tea should notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th, so that adequate arrangements can be made.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley (new peal of 8) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., will be provided for all who send in their names to O. Exton, West View, Billington, near Whalley, not later than the 24th. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise number coming not later than Sept. 23rd.—P. Lane, District Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will only be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th inst.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service in St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.30. Tea at the Co-operative Hall 5.15, for those who notify Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the 23rd inst. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. The city bells (except Cathedral) and Washingborough will be available. St. Peter-at-Arches 8 to 9, other towers afternoon and evening.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Sept. 27th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Dale). Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, provided by the association, and general business meeting to follow for the election of officers, etc. Folkestone tower will be available for ringing in the evening from 7 till 8.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreux (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. B. W. Chancellor, M.A.). Will all those intending to be present let me know not later than Monday, Sept. 22nd?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — A ringing meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Warfield (8 bells) at 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Winkfield (6 bells) 8 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must reach me by Sept. 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ash bells (6) will also be available in the evening. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m., tea at 5.—L. Turner, Hon. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch. — A meeting will be held at Ardington on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me those requiring tea by Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Other towers available for ringing will be given out at the meeting.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 23rd. Will all members who have not paid their annual subscription kindly do so as early as possible?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. to all who notify Mr. A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.— North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hornsey on Monday, Sept. 29th. Bells from 7-9.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Swan Hotel for those who advise me not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Lavenham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, Archdeacon Farmiloe presiding, at 4.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Bells available 2. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Further particulars will appear next week. All ringers and friends are cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 13th, at 6.30, quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock, and the 27th, at 7.30. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 20th, at 7.30. Special Northern District meeting on Saturday, the 18th, at St. Mary, Islington, to which members of both districts are invited. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea about 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, Oct. 9th, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of 12 at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be open to the members. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12.30 p.m. The address will be given by Canon R. Aubrey Aitken. Luncheon will be served at Hills' Restaurant, 168, King Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present must notify the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 6th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will be held in the Priory Hall, Church Plain, at 2.30 p.m. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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