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BELL FUNDS.

The spirit which prompts the effort to raise funds to add two new bells to the peal at Isleworth is highly to be commended, and shows a faith in the generosity of ringers which, we hope, will not be found misplaced. The object behind the scheme, which we published last week, is to provide a peal of ten bells in a part of West Middlesex where facilities for ten-bell ringing are now very meagre, and is solely to promote the art. The church authorities are sympathetic, but they have no funds to assist the project; hence, if it is to be carried out, it must be financed by ringers. For this reason it is likely to prove a big undertaking. Ringers, as a whole, are far from being a monied class, and those who have endeavoured to raise funds for special objects have realised the difficulties.

The proposed memorial to Mr. J. W. Washbrook is still far from complete, yet here is a scheme which appeals to a wide circle from the fact that the object is to perpetuate the memory of one of the greatest ringers of all time; who was known throughout the country, and who had done, in his day, a tremendous amount of work among beginners which had a lasting effect upon the fortunes of the Oxford Guild, and later of those other societies with which he happened to be connected. The memorial is to consist of two bells to increase a peal of six to a ring of eight, and in that respect is very similar to the Isleworth proposal. At present, however, a considerable sum is required to complete this memorial, and we trust that no time will be lost by ringers throughout the Exercise in bringing this scheme to successful fruition. There must still be many associations who have not yet sent any collective contribution, and it is from this source that the bulk of the fund must come if the project is to be completed within a reasonable time.

At Isleworth the position is different to that at Oxford, in that there is nothing to make a countrywide appeal, and for this reason the promoters will have to make up with zeal what they lack in the way of a special cause. There have been cases where an association has made itself responsible for adding bells to a peal, notably recent instances of bells given in memory of ringers who fell in the war, so that a scheme of this description is by no means beyond the possibility of achievement. Unfortunately the Middlesex Association is itself not too well endowed with funds, and a big donation from this source is not to be expected. The venture, therefore, is likely to depend almost entirely on the individual members, and if they can successfully shoulder this scheme they will deserve every credit. Enthusiasm and work will do wonders, and we may expect both from the officials of

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the Middlesex Association who will have to undertake the task. Reliance on outside help will, we are afraid, prove but a weak reed, but we hope the faith in which the scheme has been launched will be rewarded by a liberal response from all who desire to see the advance of ringing. Upon the men of Middlesex will mainly depend the success of the scheme, but there must be many others who will like to help.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 7
THOMAS MILLER 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	ERNEST MANSSELL 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	ERNEST MORRIS 10
JAMES GEORGE 5	JOHN NEAL 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in the inverted titmuss and hand-stroke home position, as a last token of respect to Dr. Oakes, aged 96, who was the oldest medical practitioner in Birmingham, and for very many years an active worker and supporter of St. Martin's Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	FREDERICK S. WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
*HARRY BENNETT 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
*FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Harry Holifield, a late member of the Appleton Society. * First peal on ten bells. Rung by all Sunday Service ringers.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	HENRY W. BROWN 6
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
GILBERT H. HARDING 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
WILLIAM LOUD 4	SYDNEY HILLIER 9
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	JAMES BULLOCK 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE

Rung as a compliment on the coming of age of the eldest son of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, Mr. H. W. Pasmore, who is in South Africa; also to Mr. C. F. Winney, whose birthdays occurred on the 16th and 17th respectively.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble	FRANK SADLER ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... 2	PETER ETHERIDGE ... 6
GEORGE ILLMAN ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
*JAMES BATTERS ... 4	WALTER HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS GLADYS BROAD ... Treble	REGINALD G. WILLIAMS ... 5
MISS ALICE STOKES ... 2	JAMES NISBET ... 6
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE ... 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7
MISS DOROTHY WILLETT ... 4	ALBERT E. COLBOURN ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS ALICE STOKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. E. J. Hudleston, who had held the office of churchwarden at the above church for the past 15 years, and who was interred on that date.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*R. J. HACKETT ... Treble	G. H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. ... 5
T. CLARKE ... 2	H. DOWELL ... 6
W. H. DETHERIDGE ... 3	A. TIMMINS ... 7
E. HOMER ... 4	*A. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TIMMINS.

* First peal in any method. This is believed to be the first peal rung on these bells by ringers wholly from the local band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 2	JOHN H. CHESMAN ... 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.
The above peal contains two separate and distinct halves of Kent and Oxford, and is now rung for the first time.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble	CHARLES N. BORDOCK ... 5
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 2	JOHN A. COLE ... 6
*MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of Aldershot Town War Memorial by H.R.H. Prince Henry. * First peal in the method. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality after the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	CHARLES ROOPE ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	FRANK COPEMAN ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

The conductor's 500th peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
JOSEPH MILNER ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	*LEONARD DRAKE ... 5
GEORGE HUNT ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
WILLIAM E. ASH ... 3	FRANCIS BAKER ... 7
*HERBERT ROWLEY ... 4	*GEORGE W. PICKLES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAGUE ... Treble	*ROBERT CADDWELL ... 5
†WILLIAM RATCLIFFE ... 2	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 6
*GEORGE MARIES ... 3	FRANK WHITESIDE ... 7
*THOMAS ALLANSON ... 4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR HAGUE.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Major, and hail from Lytham. † First peal in the method, and belongs to local band. Ringers of 7th from Sacred Heart, R.C., Blackpool; 6th and 8th from St. John's, Blackpool.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
WILLIAM LATER ... 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. White, Master Peter White, and also to the ringer of the 5th. Mr. F. White's 100th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JOHN F. SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ALBAN DISNEY 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
*THOMAS ATKINS 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD

* First peal of Major in the method 'inside.' The band wish to thank Mr. E. Reader for taking a rope at the last minute.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WILLIAM STEGGALL 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by W. SUTTONSTALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	BERNARD DITCHER 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Taylor recently added the trebles, and the splice is excellent.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble	*ARTHUR BRAINES 5
*ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	JOSEPH BAILY 7
W. RICHARD DRAGE 4	FREDERICK W. BAILY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Also the first peal in the method by the Sherwood Youths.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE JENNINGS ... Treble	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 5
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
FRANK E. DARBY 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for a peal of Stedman, which was to have been attempted by a band under 21 years of age. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
FRANK BELSKY 2	HARRY ARGENT 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 7
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

* 200th peal.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. in F.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	GEORGE W. STERRE 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*JOHN A. COLE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

†WILLIAM H. THORNE ... Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR 5
*RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY .. 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	WILLIAM STONE 7
†FREDERICK SHARPE 4	EDWIN HIMS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* First peal. Great credit is due to this ringer, who is only 15 years of age. † First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

BERNARD FISHER ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
GEORGE HUTCHINGS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung on the back six, after meeting short for Treble Bob Major.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: J. Wood 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, P. Good (conductor) 5, E. Hams 6. The ringers of the treble and tenor are local men.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten different ways.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
*WILLIAM T. SHORE ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
HARRY PROUT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

viz., three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

*MISS E. HOUGHTON ... Treble	*THOMAS FOSTER ... 4
JOSEPH FOSTER ... 2	WILLIAM MITCHELL ... 5
*ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	JOSEPH RAMSBOTTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foster, to whom the ringers extend their heartiest congratulations.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY BLEE ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 4
*WILLIAM E. RINGROSE ... 2	CHARLES H. ROSS ... 5
*JOHN G. NASH ... 3	*ARTHUR PUTLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PUTLAND.

* First peal. + First peal of Minor.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY E. BOWERS ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4
*WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. E. Bowers, who most kindly entertained the band to an excellent repast at the conclusion of the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 19, GLEBE ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 1-2	HARRY ARGYLE ... 5-6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4	*DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7-8

Composed by W. WARHURST. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire: ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. First peal of Treble Bob on handbells for the Guild.

MR. F. WHITE'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 2; Grandsire Caters, 4; Siedman Triples, 36 (2 in hand on 7-8); Siedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 (on treble); Superlative Surprise Major, 22; London Surprise Major, 9; Bristol Surprise Major, 3 (including 12,160); total, 100. Rung in 42 different towers, in 10 counties, and with 188 different ringers.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.

SECTION III. CORRIGENDA.

Following the revision of Sections I. and II. of the Central Council's Peal Collection the correction of Section III. has now been completed. The following corrigenda will be printed by the Central Council, and issued in form to correspond with the original publication:—

Page 270, Line 1.—Read 'forty' for 'forty.'

Page 270, Peal 3.—For 35426 read 35426.

Page 270, Peal 5.—The note should read 'Single instead of Bob at 1, in the 12th and 24th parts.'

Page 271, Line 19.—Omit words 'two courses of.'

Page 271, Peal 6.—False (11,136 by W. Walmsley).

Page 271, Peal 7.—Omit final sentence—'By using Bob Major.'

Page 272, Peal 8.—For 54263 read 54236.

Page 272, Peal 9.—For 6972 read 6912.

Page 272, Peal 9.—For 36542 read 56342.

Page 273, Line 9.—Add the words 'first and ' between the words 'except' and '7th.'

Page 273, Line 13.—Omit one t in 'bracketed.'

Page 273, Line 15.—Read (12) 5376.

Page 273, Peal 15.—For 53624 read 53264.

Page 274, Peal 16.—For 26343 read 26345.

Page 274, Peal 18.—Read 63542 bobs 1 and 6 not 4.

Page 274, Peal 19.—The calling given in the footnote for 5056 is false. It may be reduced to 5056 by calling Single for Bob at the first 6 instead of at the last 6, and omitting the second bob at 6 in the 5th and 10th parts. It was so rung, in a transposed form, at Northop, Flintshire, on July 8th, 1909, as the composition of the conductor, the Rev. H. L. James.

Page 275, Line 10.—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 275, Peal 23.—False (5040 by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer).

Page 276, Peal 25.—False (5,376 by E. Wightman).

Page 276, Peal 26.—False in its shortened form (5,056 by H. Dains).

Page 277.—In notes to peals 28 and 29 read 'full extent in 6th place, etc.,' striking out '5.'

Page 278, Peal 30.—False in its shortened form (5,072 by H. Dains).

Page 278, Peal 32.—For 54236 read 54326. and for 23546 read 32546.

Page 279, Line 2.—For 23466 read 23456.

Page 279, Line 12.—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 279, Peal 35.—For 43256 read 43256.

Page 279, Peal 36.—Rung by Midland Counties Association on Feb. 5th, 1889, at Belgrave, Leicestershire, as the composition of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who conducted it.

Page 279, Peal 37.—Read 42356 bobs at 1 and 6.

Page 280, Line 13.—Read 'bracketed,' and for 'latter positions,' read 'position.'

Page 280, Peal 40.—For W. W. Wilde, read H. W. Wilde.

Page 280, Peal 41.—False (5,376 by H. Tucker).

Page 283, Line 12.—Read F. Dench.

Page 283, Peal 49.—The direction should read 'Bob for S except in 1st and 4th parts.'

Page 284, Peal 51.—Put bob mark under 5 opposite 34265.

Page 284, Peal 52.—False (5,088 by J. Carter).

Page 284, Peal 54.—For 32646 read 32546.

Page 284, Peal 54.—False as printed (5,088 by Hy. Johnson). This peal has not been correctly copied from Snowden's Treatise. The calling of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th courses should be as under, then the peal is true.

	1	4	5
32465	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—

Page 285, Peal 56.—For 5248 read 5280.

Page 285, Peal 56.—Opposite 42563 put bob at 6.

Page 285, Peal 57.—Omit mark under 6 opposite 64352; for 34622 read 34625.

Page 285, Line 6 (from bottom).—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 287, Peal 62.—For 52365 read 52364.

Page 287, Peal 63.—Last course end should be 36524, with bobs at 1 and 6.

Page 290, Peal 73.—False in its reduced form (5,008 by H. Dains).

Page 290, Peal 73.—In footnote for 'first course' read 'seventh course,' and for 'either' read 'any.'

Page 291, Peal 75.—For 34256 (last course) read 34526.

Page 293, Peal 81.—For 5120 read 5248.

Page 293, Peal 82.—Instead of 'reduces to 5024' read 'Cuts out a course and reduces to 5040.'

Page 295, Peal 85.—Omit mark under 4 opposite third course 53624.

Page 296, Peal 87.—For 64524 read 63524.

Page 296, Peal 88.—For 34624 read 34625.

Page 298, Peal 95.—For 62533 read 62534.

Page 300, Peal 98.—For 52943 read 52643.

(To be continued.)

THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRISTOL SURPRISE

By W. TAYLOR.

(continued from page 186.)

The other four variations are not symmetrical, and should be called Bristol Surprise Major (?) Variation, substituting any suitable name for the (?) mark. For the sake of completeness I give them here:—

Variation (a)	Variation (b)	Variation (c)	Variation (d)
1234 5678	1234 5678	1234 56 78	1234 56 78
2143 6587	2143 6587	2143 65 87	2143 65 87
1234 6857	1234 6857	1234 65 78	1234 65 78
2143 8675	2143 8675	2143 56 87	2143 56 87
2413 6857	2413 6857	2413 65 78	2413 65 78
4231 6587	4231 6587	4231 65 87	4231 65 87
2413 5678	2413 5678	2413 5678	2413 5678
4231 5768	4231 5768	2435 1786	4231 5768
2435 1786	2435 1786	2345 7168	2435 1786
2345 7168	2345 7168	3254 1786	2345 7168
32 54 1786	32 54 1786	3524 7168	32 54 1786
32 45 7168	23 54 7168	5342 7618	32 45 7168
23 54 7618	32 45 7618	3524 6781	23 54 7618
32 45 6781	23 54 6781	3254 7618	32 45 6781
32 54 7618	32 54 7618	2345 6781	32 54 7618
23 45 6781	23 45 6781	4231 5768	23 45 6781

In Lancashire Surprise, the construction is just the same, the Stedman blocks commencing with a whole pull the opposite way to Bristol, the 5th makes a peculiar variety of P. Court Shunt, taking up the whole half lead to complete it. This is because it gets involved in the Stedman block. Further, we may make the Stedman blocks, Bristol fashion on one side of the treble and Lancashire fashion on the other, either way about, and the half lead end is always 23456781.

In Royal it is possible to make use of two Stedman blocks above the treble and two below in each half lead. There is, however, overlapping of the middle pair, giving rise to a triple change when the treble is in 5—6; also the P. Court Shunts are cut out, leaving only R. Court Shunts in each position. From this circumstance, the method should be called 'Bristol Surprise Royal, Norwich Variation.' The bells at the half lead end are, of course, in proper coursing order, but, at a different stage to Major, consequent on the cutting out of the P. Court Shunts, the order is 4263850791 at handstroke. If no extremes are made when treble is leading and lying, we get the peculiar lead head 1860492735, from which, although it is a regular Bob Royal lead head, the bells run round after three leads only. The other lead head having this property is 1795038264, which results when extremes are used at the leading and lying of the treble, with a half lead end of 3527496081. These two lead heads, together with rounds, form a round block. Here follows the method. Extremes should be used.

Double Bristol Surprise Royal, Norwich Variation.

1234	567890	
2143	658709	
1234	685079	567890 work in
2143	860597	Stedman block.
2413	685079	
4231	658709	
2413	56 7890	
4231	65 7980	7890 work in
2436	15 9708	Stedman block.
4263	51 7980	5 makes R. Shunt.
4623	15 7890	
6432	51 8709	
4623	58 1790	
4263	85 7109	
243658	1790	7 makes R. Shunt.
234568	7109	
325486	7019	
234568	0791	
243658	7019	
426385	0791	

N.B.—With Extremes it should be called Double Oxford Variation.

According to the different numbers of bells which may take part in the Stedman blocks the Method may be rung in 180 variations, of which 10 are symmetrical or double.

I now give Bristol Surprise Royal along with Mr. Craven's variation for comparison. It will be seen that in the correct form the (a) type of P. Court Shunt is used, whereas Mr. Craven uses one each of types (c) and (d), Major uses the (a) type.

Bristol Surprise Royal.

	1234	567890		Mr. Craven's Variation.	
	2143	658709		567890	
	1234	685079		make	
	2143	860597		Sted-	
3 makes	2413	685079		man	
R. Court Shunt.	4231	658709		block in	
				both.	
5 makes	2413	567890			
P. Court Shunt	4231	576980			
(a) type.	2435	179608			
	2345	716980			
7 makes	3254	179608			
R. Court Shunt.	2345	719068			
9 makes	3254	791086			
P. Shunt type (a).	3527	490168			
	537294	1086			
0 makes	573924	0168			
R. Shunt.	759342	0618			
	573924	6081			
	537294	0618			
	352749	6081			

The order in which the Court Shunts occur shows conclusively that Bristol Surprise Royal is the correct form. In Major they are in the order, R, P, R; in Royal this becomes R, P, R, P, R. In each of these the number of variations possible is 30, of which 5 are symmetrical, and quintuple and quadruple changes only.

Finally, in Maximus we can have a Norwich variation without overlapping of the Stedman blocks, and so having only sextuple and quintuple changes. The half lead end being 42638507T9E1 and lead head without extremes 18604T2e3857, and with both extremes 142638507T9e. In Bristol Surprise Maximus, the two central Stedman blocks overlap, the Court Shunts are in order, R, P, R; R, P, R; that is, Major duplicated and a Stedman block for each series R, P, R on each side of the treble. The half lead end is 3527496e8T01, and lead head without extremes 13527496e8T01, and with both extremes 1795e3T20486.

Double Bristol Surprise Maximus. Double Bristol Surprise Maximus, Norwich Court Variation.

	1234	567890eT			1234	567890eT
	2143	658709Te	567890eT in		2143	658709Te
	1234	68507T9e	Stedman		1234	68507T9e
	2143	8605T7e9	block.		2143	8605T7e9
3 makes	2413	68507T9e			2413	68507T9e
R. Shunt.	4231	658709Te		3 in R. Shunt.	4231	658709Te
5 makes	2413	5678 90eT			241356	7890eT
P. Shunt.	4231	5769 8e0T			423165	798e0T
	2435	1796 e8To			243615	97e8To
7 makes	2345	7169 8e0T	80eT in	5 in R.	426351	798e0T
R. Shunt.	3254	1796 80eT	Stedman	Shunt.	243615	7890eT
	3524	7169 08Te	block.			
	5342	7619 80eT	9 makes		4263	5187 09Te
2345 in	3524	6791 8e0T	R. Shunt.		2436	5817 90eT
Stedman	3254	7619 e8To		7 in R.		
block,	2345	6791 eT80	e makes	Shunt.	426385	7109To
compare	3254	769e 1T08	P. Shunt.		462835	1790eT
Major.	3527	496e 1T80			648253	7109Te
					462835	7019eT
			T makes	9 in R.	426385	0791Te
	5372	94e6 1T08	R. Shunt.	Shunt.		
	5739	2e46 1T80			24365870	19eT
2345679e in	7593	e264 T810			23456780	91Te
Stedman	5739	2e46 8T01			32547608	9T1e
block	5372	94e6 T810			23456780	'99e1
					24365870	9T1e
	3527	496e 8T01				
					42638507	T9e1

540 Variations are possible by altering number of bells in the Stedman blocks. If a diagram is made showing the work of the tenor, a further confirma-

The Stedman blocks can easily be seen. Of this, 2,700 variations are possible, all with same half lead end, further by using or not using extremes

tion that this is indeed Bristol Maximus will be evident.

each may be further varied four ways, giving a grand total of 10,800 perfect methods. Enough for the most ambitious band. This variation is far superior to the one using P. Court Shunts. It is the Double Norwich of Treble Bob.

The Stedman five row block is not the only way in which plain hunting bells may be brought back to coursing order with dodging bells. For instance, four rows of slow hunting with only two bells taking part do the same thing. See Kent with treble in 1-2, or Albion Treble Bob with treble in all positions. Court Shunts can be used in simple variation of Albion.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, with a fair attendance. Ringing commenced at St. Paul's at 3 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Chippenham, and congratulated them on their beautiful form of service.

Afterwards, a move was made for the Waverley Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. The usual business meeting followed, at which Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon) presided.

Rishopstone was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in June, and two monthly meetings are to be held, viz., St. Mark's, Swindon, in April; and Purton in May. The party adjourned to St. Andrew's, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung, after which the bells were lowered.

The following towers were represented: Swindon, Broad Hinton, Stratton St. Margaret's, Wootton Bassett and Devizes, together with members of the local bands.

A well-attended meeting was held at Lydney, Glos., on Saturday, March 14th. Mr. Davis was elected chairman, with Mr. Thomas as hon. secretary. Mr. T. Hart, junr., was elected representative upon the management committee.

There were numerous elections of honorary and performing members.

The next meeting will be held at Nornham.

This opportunity is taken to thank all visitors who helped to make the meeting a great success.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY HOLIFIELD.

A WELL-KNOWN ABINGDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Holifield, member of a well-known ringing family, which took place at his residence, 6, The Vineyard, Abingdon, on Friday, March 13th. For the past two months he had been ailing, but the end came rather suddenly, the deceased having only taken to his bed a week previous to his death. Mr. Holifield, who was 68, was born at Appleton, Berks, and started his ringing in 1884 by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, this being his first peal. After ringing several years with the Appleton Society he went to Hertford, where he rang a few peals with the Hertford Association. After seven years at Hertford he left, and took up residence at Abingdon, where he established his business as plumber and decorator.

He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and St. Helen's company, where he has scored a good number of his peals. He had kept no record of his peal ringing, but his total was upwards of one hundred peals in various methods. His longest performance was at Appleton, where he took part in the 10,043 of Grandsire Caters in November, 1921, and the last peal he rang with the Appleton Society was a peal of Grandsire Caters on March 4th, 1922. His last peal of all was Stedman Caters at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, on Boxing Day, 1924. The deceased was a steady ringer, and a willing helper, and was much respected by all.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 17th, the first part of the service being at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, where he was a member of the choir. The Rev. C. S. Fleet officiated. The interment took place at Appleton later in the afternoon.

As the funeral party reached the village, the bells of St. Laurence were rung deeply muffled. The coffin was met at the churchyard gate by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. A. H. W. Theodosius (curate of St. Helen's, Abingdon), who conducted the service. The remains were carried to their last resting-place by four members of the Appleton Society—four of the Brothers White.

As the mourners left the grave 503 Grandsire Caters was rung, with the bells deeply muffled. The bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Helen's were rung muffled during the afternoon and evening, and the following towers were represented: St. Helen's, Abingdon; St. Giles', Reading; Witney, Cumnor and Appleton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On March 24th, 1856, Hyde ringers rang at Hyde 9,600 changes of Grandsire Major. After the peal was rung, Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, was presented with a valuable silver lever watch, and appendages, the gift of the Hyde ringers, as a token of regard for his attention during two years in teaching them the art of change ringing.

The attempt for a peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday, was unsuccessful, the ringing coming to an end in the eighth course, after nearly three hours.

There seem to have been no peals of record length rung at Bow, principally, we presume, on account of the weight of metal, although several long lengths were rung in the distant past at Southwark, where the bells are very little lighter.

But Southwark has long had twelve bells, while Bow was only made into twelve in 1881. They had been a ring of ten from 1762, but even so no Caters or Royal records were made on this big peal, the task being considered too great. But although no records have been made there, there have been some memorable performances.

Both the steeple and the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow perished in the Great Fire of 1666. They were rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren, and an order for a peal of eight bells was then given to John and Christopher Hodson, the funds to pay for same being derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire.

When a certain local historian wished to give a lecture on All Saints' Church, Leicester, recently, he desired to bring in the bells and their inscriptions. One of the ringers obligingly pulled the bells up, and left them so, to enable him to get the inscriptions more easily!

A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes which they rung in 6 hours 28 minutes on the 1st day of April, anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. This is the record of a peal at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, but in view of the limited knowledge at that date concerning the composition of such peals, it is considered highly probable that it was false.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples 'by Kent men only' was rung at Wye on March 29th, 1736.

A 6,000 of Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on April 1st, 1777, by the College Youths.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Waldron, Sussex, and recorded last week, was rung on the 35th anniversary of the first peal rung by the Waldron band, viz., on March 15th, 1890. Six of the band are still alive, and one, Mr. Albert Reid, passed away on Feb. 13th this year, deeply regretted and sadly missed.

The Winchester Guild have a promising young ringer in John A. Cole, of Godalming, Surrey. Full of enthusiasm, he has shown perseverance and remarkable ability, and, seeking practice with the band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, he has within the space of three months rung his first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The peal at Oswestry, published in our last issue, was conducted by T. R. Butler.

THE EXPERTS & THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article in last week's issue I consider very fair and just. While agreeing with you that there are a vast number of ringers to whom articles dealing with theory do not appeal, yet there are doubtless some who, like myself, can follow all the pros and cons on either side, but yet are not able as these writers are to put our thoughts into words, or, rather, I might say, not so gifted with the pen. I may add that, although Mr. Trollope has given us some brilliant articles, I am more inclined to agree with Mr. G. Baker. I would also like to thank Mr. W. Taylor for his excellent exposition on the construction of Bristol Surprise and allied methods.

—Yours truly,
Feering.

W. KEEBLE.

BIRMINGHAM BELLS BROADCAST.

The bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, were again broadcast on Sunday evening.

Mr. G. Holmes, of Sheffield, writes:—

On Sunday I was listening in at my wireless, and was much surprised to hear the Birmingham station announce that the Cathedral chimes were going to ring. I listened to some very good Stedman Caters, I heard the course end 213546978 come up beautifully, and a job at 2 made. Eventually at three minutes to eight the bells came round. I must congratulate our Birmingham friends on their effort.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

TO BE MADE A UNIQUE PEAL.

By the addition of another treble, the bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, are to be made unique among ringing peals. There is already an additional bell in the tower giving a choice of rings, and another bell above the present treble has now been offered, which will give a second peal of twelve, in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt., and a third peal of ten in F, tenor 19 cwt.

The bell is to be the gift of Lady Leeds Kay in memory of her husband, and the offer is only awaiting the formal acceptance of the Cathedral Board, which meets on the 31st inst.

Of the bells at present hung in the Cathedral, the back ten, with a tenor of 45 cwt. in C, were given by Lord Iveagh in 1897, and with them is an additional B flat bell. The late Lord Justice Cherry gave two trebles to make a peal of twelve in 1909.

Originally there was a ring of eight, and two of them, the 3rd (cast in 1670) and the tenor (cast in 1670 and recast in 1809), are still used for occasional services, and the rest of the old peal stand in a room in the tower.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP ATTENDS MEETING OF SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Lergie, an honorary member of the association. With the exception of four, all the towers in the division were represented, and, with visitors from Chesterfield, Killamarsh, Norton and Workson, the number was brought up to 60, an attendance very gratifying to the officials, and, it is hoped, a good omen for future meetings, and the good of change ringing in the division. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and a short meeting was held, at which the Vicar officiated. His very interesting address was very much enjoyed, as was also the splendid singing of the choir boys.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, and the members were honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, and the president and hon. secretary of the association, the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Immediately after tea, the Bishop addressed the meeting, and apologised for not being able to take the service. He gave a very interesting address on the status of ringers in the service of the church, and the importance of that service.

His Lordship was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the president, seconded by the general secretary.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. C. Marshall was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Vicar, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. F. Willey (vice-president), and Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master).—Nine new members were elected, viz.: Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth), and Messrs. A. Winn (Tickhill), R. Sarsby

(Conisborough), R. Macfarlane (Sprothorough), J. Tuke and T. G. Sarel (St. Maries), A. Marshall (Darfield), J. Greaves (Ecclesfield) and J. Parker (Ranmoor).

Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster) was re-elected Ringing Master for three years, and the retiring committee, Messrs. Cockey (Ranmoor), Wooler (Wortley) and Panther (Wath), were also re-elected.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address; to the organist and choir boys; and to the local company for the excellent arrangements made, were passed, and were replied to by the Vicar. This brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, Lincs., on Friday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., by H. Cooper 1, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 2, J. T. Bartram 3, J. Dixon 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, E. Dalingwater 8. This was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. N. Harrison, who, for over 40 years, was a loyal church worker and a member of All Saints' choir; also in memory of Mr. Edward Pask, who for a considerable number of years was a ringer at St. Lawrence's Church, Corringham, and passed away on March 18th, at the age of 77 years.

At St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs., for morning service, on March 22nd, 720 Cambridge Treble Bob; for evening service, 720 College Exercise. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Barlow and Mr. Harold L. Barlow, both members of the Parochial Council, and sidesmen of the above church. The whole pull and stand was rung at intervals prior to the evening service: R. Preston 1, C. Bowen (conductor) 2, H. Billings 3, C. Preston 4, W. Wheeldon, senr., 5, W. Fradley 6.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

A MAGNIFICENT ADDITION TO YORKSHIRE PEALS.

In Saxon times, Rotherham seems to have been a place of some importance. It had a Saxon church, it also had a market, and a fair before the Norman Conquest. If there be any truth in the old tradition that its big neighbour, Sheffield, was at one period of its history 'A Vill, Near Rotherham,' one has now the effrontery to say it applies with more force to-day (when we speak of bells!) than ever it did in bygone days, when Rotherham had its market and fair, and Sheffield had no such privileges. Strange, how history repeats itself! To visitors the Parish Church of Rotherham is the chief object of attraction, its rare beauty is so great inasmuch that it gives interest to the very irregular township. The church is a most spacious and handsome fabric, built in the reign of Edward IV. on the site of a Saxon edifice, it is dedicated to 'All Saints,' and is indisputably one of the finest parochial places of worship in Yorkshire.

On Wednesday, March 18th, 'all roads led thither.' On entering the sacred portal we found it packed to the utmost of its seating capacity, a reverent congregation awaiting—what? The ceremony of the dedication of the recast ring of ten bells, recast and erected in memory of a true son of the church, a beloved and revered fellow-townsmen—Robert Dyson.

The impressive service commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy Courts,' a shortened form of evensong followed intoned by the Vicar (Canon Allen). Psalm 122 was chanted, and a former Vicar, Canon Goodhall, read the special lesson from Numbers x, followed by the 'Nunc Dimittis,' which was also chanted.

At 3.35, the soul-stirring moment had arrived, beneath the traceried roof of that spire stood the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows), who dedicated the bells in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Honour and Glory of God, and His Church, and in memory of Robert Dyson, and setting them apart from all profane and unhallowed uses. Anon, a sweet velvety note falls upon the ear as the treble is raised into the inverted position, reminding one of the pure, clear and poetic beauty of a silvery voiced choir-boy, whose voice rings out in solo as a preliminary to some great anthem. Picture the scene. A congregation standing in mute reverence, the stillness broken only by the odious hoot of some passing motor, dispelled the next moment by the harmonious song which burst forth from the brazen throats of the recast peal: through the old church on ethereal soundwaves their cadences ripple with soothing influence, and in majestic grandeur over the ancient township rolls the concordant harmony of these magnificent bells.

Never before in the chequered bell history of Rotherham had such a stately half-muffled requiem sobbed from lips of bronze, a lament, half sorrow, half exultation, in alternate permutation. Never before had such charming purity of tone, such temperament poured over the heads of a congregation in that church. Never before had a concourse of humanity assembled outside and listened to such a delightful and well-balanced Liturgy, to such a melting ritual of the soul.

The bells cease. The lingering vibrations die away, the grand old hymn, 'Hark! hark! my soul,' re-echoes through chancel and columned aisle. His lordship delivers an eloquent and impressive address, basing his remarks on 'A Bell and a Pomegranate,' and the ceremony concludes with the hymn, 'There is a blessed home.'

After service, the local band rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Kent, and Bob Royal, and a mixed band rang a touch of Double Norwich on the back eight, the bells were lowered in peal, and the locals adjourned to the residence of Mr. Dyson, who entertained them to dinner, along with other guests who partook of the donor's hospitality, as follows: Canon Allen (Vicar), Messrs. Elmhurst, Green, Smith and Hemmingway (churchwardens). Dr. Baker Dr. Knight, Mr. J. E. Knight, Mr. R. Fawcett (ex-wardens) and Mr. Dyson.

During the course of the evening, Mr. Dyson referred to a thing that weighed most (apart from his own opinion of the musical qualities of the old peal), when it came to a question of recasting. There was within recent years a peal of twelve (not many miles from home), which had had quite a considerable sum of money spent upon them with very little improvement, and it was not his (Mr. Dyson's) intention to have the job 'half done' at Rotherham!

With regard to the renovation and recasting which have been so generously undertaken as a memorial to the late Mr. Robert Dyson, the cost being defrayed by the widow, Mr. W. Dyson and Mrs. Knight (son and daughter) 'moves up to the hilt' that the Dyson family have always taken a deep and sincere interest in Rotherham Church, and difficult it would be even to try and estimate the extent of their munificence.

Concerning the old peal, 'Guest' writes about the opening, which took place on Easter Monday, 1822, when ringers from various parts of the country assisted in producing 'Tintinnahuly Clatter.' Truer words never were written and in confirmation of the historian's remarks of 1822, we have the honour to add our testimony a century afterwards, even less brief, 'they was!'

Thanks to the Dyson family, the cacophonous peal is 'hushed' the shrieking syrens, which only a lay mind would designate 'Trebles' are gone! That detonation, a dominating fiend, formerly known as 8th, which hid a multitude of ailments of her less lusty but equally dissonant 'Step-Sisters,' is gone! In fact, they have all—including that poor thin 'De-noted' tenor, who gave us persistent de-de-demonstrations of acute bronchial trouble—gone into the fiery cauldron, and they have all arisen, phoenix-like, from their own ashes!

The old oak frame has been removed. The donors had determined that only the very best should be done; therefore they commissioned Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, to recast and rehang the bells on modern principles, and a new steel and iron frame has been specially designed to suit the tower, and remove the hitherto unequal strain on the fabric. Massive steel girders now brace and bond the walls, forming at the same time a foundation for the new framework, with two additional pits prepared for the 'next' augmentation to twelve.

The whole job is a most magnificent piece of engineering skill, and reflects credit on the founders. The old tenor weighed 31½ cwt., the new one is increased to 34½ cwt., and on the day of dedication was raised by one man, and 'clattered-up-right-side!' This alone speaks volumes for the firm, who have introduced a superior type of clapper and other manifold improvements in hanging. All the bells are hung on patent ball bearings, and the only comment made on the 'go' is that 'they are perfection!'

A redistribution in the weight of the metal has 'hurled the thick treble theory out of sight' and worked 'wonders' (not imaginary) in conjunction with 'Taylor's harmonic system' of tuning, and has brought into being that which never before existed in the Rotherham peal, i.e., an equal temperament, combined with an absolute purity of tone. The former 'clatter' and dissonance is blotted out; in its stead, beautiful sonorous tone, and rich volumes of sound reign supreme!

The old 'Harmonious' inscription is reproduced in facsimile on the recast tenor, with this modest addition:—

'This peal of ten bells was recast 1924

In memory of Robert Dyson.'

The remaining nine each bear the inscription:—

'Recast 1924, John Taylor and Company, Bellfounders, Loughborough.'

Come, little judges, big judges, or judges of assize, find the founder (living or dead) who has cast, tuned and hung a peal that can be placed on a higher artistic, musical, or engineering plane than the 'Dyson' peal of ten at Rotherham!

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

A GREAT ADVENTURE.

Mr. Connor O'Brien, of Dublin, who was an active ringer in London and Guildford several years ago, and who set out in 1923 for a voyage round the world in the 25-ton ketch 'Saoirse,' arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, about the end of December last.

The 'Saoirse' sailed from Dublin on June 20, 1923, and called at Madeira, Pernambuco, Capetown, Durban, Melbourne, Picton, Napier, and Auckland. The vessel arrived at Auckland on May 25th of last year. On July 16th she left for a trip to Tonga, from where she returned about a month later. After refitting at Auckland the ketch took her departure from New Zealand on October 22nd, on her long journey back to Dublin via Cape Horn. On her arrival at Port Stanley the small vessel had travelled about 20,000 miles.

A CORRECTION.

In the composition of the peal of Grandsire Triples (by Mr. Samuel Jones) published last week, the rows opposite the first two singles were transposed. The peal should begin as follows:—

234567	
752634	1
237546	3
562437	1
5	735246
627435	2

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples by Samuel Jones, given in your last issue, is W. Matthew's 12-part, and will be found in the C.C. Collection, No. 63, except that the 2nd and 3rd calls are reversed in the version published last week.—Yours, etc.,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

PAID RINGERS—THE GLOSSARY.

We sometimes discuss among ourselves the propriety or otherwise of the payment of ringers in these days. I am with those who say that we ought to be a purely voluntary body; giving our services (except in special cases) for the pleasure which we get out of our art. I have usually found on my travels that the bellries where the visitor is least welcomed are those where the ringers receive some miserable pittance for ringing the bells on Sundays; and it is certainly the general rule that paid ringers are less concerned about their change ringing than their 'remuneration.' I can never quite follow the anxiety of some men that I know, who hang on to the 'loaves and fishes,' and set themselves against the introduction of young blood, because they are afraid it may affect their pocket to the extent of a few shillings a year. There are very few, if any, cases where the ringers are paid a sum at all commensurate with the time they give, and if the practice of paying ringers is to be continued ought there not to be a trade union to secure a proper recognition of the services rendered?

The extracts from ancient accounts which were given in 'Belfry Gossip' last week induced me to return to a perusal of some old records, reproduced in Mr. Cheetham's 'Church Bells of Lancashire.' They used to pay the ringers pretty well for their job at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, a hundred and more years ago. Eighteen shillings seems to have been the price of the services of six men for special occasions, with a lump sum of £16 17s. 6d. for their Sunday ringing for one year. In the year 1799 they paid six men for ringing on the King's birthday, on June 4th, 18s.; and a similar amount on each of the following occasions in the same year; July 12th for the news of General Suwarrow's victory; August 12th, for the Prince of Wales' birthday; August 19th, for the news of the taking of the Dutch fleet; September 5th, for news of taking of Alexandria and Mantua; September 22nd, for the King's Coronation; October 25th, for the King's Ascension to the throne; November 5th, for Gunpowder Plot; December 25th, for ringing on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In addition, they had £3 3s. for 'ringing 3½ days for Bishop.' They do not pay for as many 'extra' days in these times, even in the best remunerated bellries.

These ancient records from parish documents make interesting reading. At Liverpool the men were encouraged to attend church, for in 1746 it was 'Ordered that a peal shall be rung at the old church every Sunday, both morning and afternoon, at the time of going into church, and that the ringers shall have liberty to sit in the seat next to the bell house door, and that the Sexton take care to secure the same for them.' Apparently about this time they used to inflict the 'passing bell' upon the parishioners for so long at a stretch that a special order had to be issued to limit it. Probably the sexton was paid by the hour; anyhow, to curb his enthusiasm in this department, on Sept. 21st, 1752, 'it is ordered that no passing bell be tolled at any Parish Church in this town longer than an hour upon no consideration; and if the sexton suffer it, that he pay for the use of the Parish five shillings for every offence, to be received by the Church Wardens for the time being.'

Paid ringing has been with us as long as ringing in the form we know it has existed. The Church book of Childwall records that in 1635 a meeting of parishioners ordered that 'he that keepeth the clock and ringeth curfews shall have xiid. per annum for his paynes; and also the ringers vis. viiid. per annum to ring every Sunday in this manner following, to witt, the sexton one peale att seven of the clock, the clark and sexton another peale at eight of the clock, and the clark, sexton and the other ringers another peale att nyne of the clock.' There are many other quotations which I should like to give, which I am sure would interest my readers, but I have quoted sufficient history to show that the paid ringer is a relic of the 'good old days,' and any attempt to rob him of his traditional emolument is bound to be resisted. Personally, as I have said, I look forward to the day when all ringing for services will be entirely voluntary; but if that is not possible, why should there not be an agitation to make the punishment fit the crime—or the payment fit the job?

Looking through these old records, I came across several ancient, and, to me, strange, expressions in regard to bells. In seeking information, I naturally went to the 'Glossary,' published by the Central Council, and, in turning over the pages I could not help feeling that it is nearly time this very useful little book was brought up-to-date. It was published in 1901, and there are terms which we now use which ought to find a place there, and some, which are already there, that require amending. When the 'Glossary' was published it supplied all that was required by way of definitions, but we have progressed since then, and there is substantial revision necessary. For instance, the classification of methods wants dealing with. The various grades such as 'Pleasures,' 'Delights,' etc., up to that jaw-breaking word 'Passalatesera' (or whatever it is) are not included, and even 'Surprise' is given the entirely obsolete definition of 'a name attached to certain Treble Bob methods, in which

the work of the course is highly elaborated and more or less difficult of execution.' That, of course, satisfactorily filled the bill a quarter of a century ago, but it is quite out of the running in these more scientific days.

But the part which to my mind requires most overhauling is the appendix, in which a large number of methods are 'described.' The description may be accurate, so far as it goes, but I defy anyone who does not know any of these methods to ring them from a mere study of the explanation given. Something much more readily understandable by the ordinary intelligence is necessary, and the Council might well set to work to revise this part of the book, if—and I say 'if' advisedly—it is really worth while to include this appendix. Most of the methods given are already included in other text books, and more explicitly dealt with. But if they must be given, let them be so set out that they can be understood by anyone approaching them from the standpoint of a learner. The 'Glossary' is a little volume that ought to be in every ringer's possession; it is one of the most valuable of the Council's publications, and I hope it will not be long before they set about its revision. These jobs take time. It would probably be two years from now before any revised copy would be ready for printers, and it would be unwise to wait until the present edition is exhausted before taking the matter in hand.

CRITICUS.

STEPS OR SHUNTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is unfortunate that Mr. Baker and Mr. Williams should have taken my little joke so seriously. I thought I had exaggerated so obviously that no one could be hurt. I can only say, I am very sorry.

I am, however, glad to avail myself of this opportunity of saying that I have all along felt sure that Mr. George Baker has the truth of the matter in him, but that he does not seem, so far, to have made it clear to the Exercise in general. If I could help him to do so, I should be only too glad. I have in the past adopted Mr. George Williams' suggestion, and asked him for information (if not in your columns at any rate in 'Bell News' in the past), but I regret to say it was not forthcoming.

Those from whom I have learnt to preach or speak or write, have impressed on me the importance of always directing my arguments to the person with the least intelligence among those whom I am addressing. In what I have written lately, I have adopted this role, that of the least intelligent of those whom Mr. Baker, for instance, is addressing. So when he says (so kindly) that he cannot give me brains to understand, or when Mr. Williams says I show a want of knowledge of the subject, it proves that I have succeeded in what I set out to do; but I am sadly afraid that it also proves that they have not succeeded. For if I do not understand, or do not know, and yet am sufficiently interested to discuss these matters, surely I am quite the sort of person for whom they are writing. Mr. Baker cannot really mean that he gets you to print his articles just for the 'three persons in the United Kingdom, and one in far New Zealand,' of whom he speaks.

Your article in defence of these technical discussions is very much to the point, and I am sure you will agree that if such discussions are to be profitable to as large a number as they should be, everyone must always be careful to 'define their terms'; and especially to avoid misleading new readers by using confusing names, of which the word 'Shunt' is a glaring example.

In conclusion, may I give an instance of the needless difficulties which Mr. Baker supplies, by asking him when he has adopted the term 'Shunt' (or Step), why he goes on to speak of Double, Two-Bell and Four-Bell Shunts' (or Steps), without explaining the exact difference these epithets imply?

And why, when he has been told repeatedly, that the words 'proof of construction,' convey no meaning to us, does he go on using them? Ringing may be in some ways an abstruse art; but the English language is easy enough if we only use it properly.

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A NUNEATON RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, March 21st, the mortal remains of Mr. John Bollard were laid to rest in Nuneaton Cemetery. The deceased, who passed away, after a long and painful illness, had been a member of the Nuneaton Parish Church Ringers for upwards of 30 years. He was an excellent tenor man, and had rung the treble to a number of peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Although he never aspired to great things in ringing, he was most regular in attendance for service ringing, and had a very genial disposition. He was always ready to take a rope or to stand down if the ringing was above his standard.

After the funeral, the Nuneaton company rang several touches, with the bells muffled, as a last mark of respect.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STONY STRATFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 22nd, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, T. Tomkins 2, F. Case 3, E. Yates 4, W. Pedley 5, H. Edwards 6, W. Bonham 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: J. Robertson 1, E. A. Horn 2, A. Tully 3, C. Waugh 4, J. Scott 5, J. George 6, E. Gosden 7, G. Dix (first as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in method by ringers of 1st, 6th and 7th.

PASTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, March 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 1,080 Grandsire Doubles, in 39 minutes, by the Northrepps company: E. L. Risebrow 1, J. W. J. Brown 2, C. Pooley (conductor) 3, H. F. Carter 4, F. N. Golpen 5.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, W. Batcliffe 2, T. Storer 3, H. Byfield 4, H. L. Williamson 5, H. Bush 6, E. C. Williamson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, N. Hemmington 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells, and by all the band except J. E. Hobbs. All are Sunday Service ringers.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, for Matins, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Titt (first 720 of London) 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor as follows: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Outmor 3, H. G. Owen 4, W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, F. Norris 10.

CHIPPENHAM.—For morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, on March 22nd, 788 Oxford Treble Bob Major, by the Sunday Service band: E. Trueman 1, A. Dale 2, S. Wiltshire 3, E. Perry 4, C. Lovelock 5, R. Pearce 6, L. Ambrose 7, F. Lambeth (conductor) 8. Longest length by all.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, on Sunday, March 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Riley 1, I. Attwater 2, F. Alleyway 3, S. Wapshere 4, F. Digby 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, J. Carmen 7, F. Clark 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Grant (first quarter-peal) 1, G. S. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, L. Johnson 4, E. Whitehead 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Vale 1, H. Kemp 2, T. Napper 3, W. Powell 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Colwell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, J. Bushnell 8.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday, Mar. 15th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. (composed by C. Charge): J. Hawkins 1, A. C. Gasson 2, C. Choquet 3, H. Franks 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Wheald on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 with meeting after. Those requiring tea should advise me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

A most successful meeting of the Northern District was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, about 30 members attending, including a few visitors from the Southern District, whose presence was greatly appreciated. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and several good touches in standard methods were rung during the afternoon.

The company afterwards attended service, conducted by the Rector, who extended a hearty welcome to the association, and delivered a most interesting address.

A very substantial tea was provided at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, by the kindness of Mr. Alleyway (District Master), Mr. Riley and Mr. Attwater, after which the business meeting was held.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on May 16th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells; to Mr. Riley (steeplekeeper) for having the bells ready; and to Mrs. Alleyway and friends, who waited at table.

After listening to a short touch on handbells a move was again made to the tower, where several good touches, including Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Darfield on Saturday, March 14th. Ringers were present from Anston, Badsworth, Barnsley, Hoylandswaine, Ecclesfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Wath, and members of the local company. The bells (six) are all ancient, and for years past have been the despair of change ringers. Happily they are now safely housed in a strong steel and metal frame, fitted with modern fittings. The tenor bell was believed to weigh 20 cwt. It has now turned the scale at 14 cwt. A table is now hung in the church giving measurements, weights, notes, age, inscriptions, etc., of the bells.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., and service was held at 4.30. The Rector (Canon Sorby) was absent, through illness, and the curate (the Rev. — Wilson) read the prayers. The Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls (Vicar of Ranmoor, Sheffield), who preached a short sermon, is an able ringer in standard methods, and needless to say, his presence and sermon were highly appreciated.

Tea followed in the Church Schoolroom. The above-named clergy were present, and warmly thanked for their great kindness.

Ringings followed after tea and business meeting in many pleasing variations of Treble Bob. One touch of Darfield seemed to be pathetic. It is the last method composed by the late Mr. W. Woodcock, and one which he did not live to ring himself.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL, NEW ZEALAND.**BELLS OVERHAULED AND RINGERS ENTHUSIASTIC.**

Quite recently the fittings of the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 28 cwt.), at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, have been overhauled, with the result that the whole peal is now in good going order.

The furnishings in the belfry leave very little to be desired, everything being well ordered and clean. An oak cupboard of handsome design is the receptacle of a handy set of musical handbells. It also contains the complete series of Snowdon's works, tastefully bound, in addition to other literary matter on change ringing. Tablets on the walls record the performances of two peals of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Triples. Not the least pleasing feature to a ringer from the homeland are portraits of change ringing celebrities of the last generation.

The local ringers—an enthusiastic body of young men—ring rounds and call changes quite creditably. They are anxious to learn change ringing, and would welcome the advent of an instructor, who would have sufficient leisure to drill them to efficiency. The following took part in the ringing on New Year's Eve: G. H. Claydon, J. S. Wilde, F. H. Perkin, A. D. Dunkerley, W. D. Sloan, A. G. Cusdin, H. T. Lang, and G. N. Sloan (hon. secretary).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**

A combined ringing practice was held at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham, on March 21st, when the bells were utilised for three hours by the twenty members who attended from St. Laurence's, Reading; Binfield, Sandhurst, Hurst, Wargrave, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Wokingham. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyu) and the general sec. (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) attended, and their help was very welcome. The following methods were practised: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Gen. Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—H. J. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 28th, 1925. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Far Headingley on March 28th, 1925. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall) the fine peal of 8 bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the School, Otley Road, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Malden, M.A.) the bells of St. Michael's will be available for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 o'clock. There will be a short service in St. Chad's Church at 4 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopgood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 28th March. The bells will be opened on this date after re-hanging, and will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on March 28th at St. Cutbbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Breaston on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on March 28th at Braughing. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.45. Tea at the Brown Bear after business meeting. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Flying Horse.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Old Windsor, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne, on Saturday, March 28th. The recast ring of 8 bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Iron Acton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 27th, at 6.30: quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18 Merrick Square, S.E. 1.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 4th, in St. Laurence's Hall (near Abbey gateway), at 3 o'clock. Notice of motion should reach general Secretary at least 10 days before. Will all branch Secretaries and representatives please note?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Ripponden (near Halifax), on Saturday, April 4th. Will all those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify me not later than Monday, March 30th?—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Leicester district will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 2nd latest?—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hone on Saturday, April 4th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea. — E. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service 7.30 p.m. All attending please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, by March 31st.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt. Tickets; Members 2/., non-members 2/9 each, to be ordered no later than April 6th, from Mr. H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. Martin's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station — A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — **PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by Rev. G. A. Lewis, Rector of Cheriton. Further particulars later.—Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars later. Will captains of belfries inform Hon. Sec. before April 4th, as to the numbers who will attend?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owistone Road, Cambridge.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—General meeting will be held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel, Market Place at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending being present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Wednesday, April 8th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting will be held at Nantwich on Easter Monday, April 13th. —Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., president. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Blake, Rector of St. Helen's. Tea will be provided at 5.30 for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. The committee will meet at 1 p.m. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 2. Meat tea 2.30, and general meeting in the Co-operative Hall at 3.15. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Margaret's and St. Clement's all day.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present at tea should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—East Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Branscombe, Devon, on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock., Mason's Arms Hotel. Members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury, Gloucester, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Management Committee meeting in the morning. Those requiring luncheon and tea should apply early, as a very large meeting is expected. Reports are practically ready. For charabanc from Bristol apply at once. Peal books on view. Proposal to alter or add to Rules 3 and 5 received.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM (2 miles from Winston, L.N.E.R. Station).—By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, M.A.), the new peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available on Easter Monday, April 13th, to all ringers. A bus will meet the 10.11 and 10.29 trains from the north at Bank Top Station, Darlington, and another will leave the Turk's Head, Bondgate, Darlington, at 10.30 a.m. Fare: 1s. single, 2s. return. The buses will return at any time after 6 p.m. to suit ringers. Cheap fares are usually available to Darlington on Mondays. The 'United' bus leaves Bishop Auckland for Staindrop (Route 18) at 10.35 and 2.35 p.m., and returns at 4.52 p.m. Dinner will be provided, 2s. 6d. each, at the King's Arms, 12.30 to 1 p.m., for all those who notify me by the 7th of April.—Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, near Darlington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the respective clergy the fine new peal of ten at the

Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onward, and the peal of eight at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. C. Ryder not later than first post Thursday, April 11th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing 2 p.m. (six bell towers by arrangement with conductors). Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Let me know if you can come—it will help the caterer—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—For the purposes of the annual cup contest and the association the following rule has been passed, viz.: 'The radius of the area covered by the association is 12 miles from Barnsley Parish Church tower. All members enrolled before March 14th, 1925, are to remain members, and are unaffected by this rule.' — C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

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