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WHERE THE CLERGY CAN HELP.

Speaking on Saturday at one of the series of district meetings now being held to organise the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Rector of Leatherhead alluded to the need that existed in many places to stimulate interest in church bell ringing, if the art were not to become extinct. He pointed out how bands in his own neighbourhood were becoming depleted by the passing of old members and the absence of young ringers. This is a state of affairs which all those concerned with the welfare of the art have been seriously considering for some time, and for which they have been seeking a solution. It is well that it should have consideration also by the clergy who are outside the Exercise, because we believe the task of those who are endeavouring to keep the bell ropes fully manned will be facilitated if the importance as well as the difficulty of their work is realised by the Church authorities.

We have often dwelt upon the discouraging results which meet the efforts of many a patient ringer in his efforts to keep together a band and to make good with new material the ravages of time and the losses of men occasioned by other reasons. Men go on year after year teaching young ringers, not one-tenth of whom probably ever remain to be of real assistance in the tower where they are taught. They move away to other places, or disappear from the belfry, because they fail to find sufficient interest in the early stages of their training to resist the many counter-attractions of this pleasure loving age. And so, time after time, the patient, painstaking instructor has to begin all over again.

The initial difficulty is, of course, to find the material to work upon. It is here that the clergy can be of such great assistance. They can influence the right type of young man to visit the belfry, and, at any rate, see for himself whether ringing is likely to appeal to him. The clergy can even do a good deal by way of inducing them actually to take up ringing as a definite contribution to church work. The great drawback in many parishes is that the clergy do not interest themselves sufficiently in the welfare of the ringers to lend a helping hand in this direction. They lose no opportunity of encouraging boys to come into the choir, or to join such organisations as the Lads' Brigade or the Scouts, and yet they display a marked apathy with regard to the efficient manning of the bells. A personal interest on the part of the clergy would do much to remedy the present troubles in recruiting for the belfry, and ringers should do their utmost to bring home to the church authorities that they, too, have responsibilities in this matter as well as the men who are

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already giving their services in ringing the bells. The relations between the clergy and the ringers have improved immeasurably in the last five and twenty years, but there is still much to be done in bringing the authorities to realise the importance of their direct interest in the affairs of the belfry. In their scheme for the future management of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the committee have proposals which it is hoped may assist in this direction, and, while only time can prove their efficacy, they are a step in the right direction in the organisation of a ringers' association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS... ...	6
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	RICHARD J. STONE	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	3	KEITH HART...	8
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	9
HENRY J. TUCKER	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

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

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	6
HERBERT LANGDON	2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	7
HORACE BELCHER	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	4	ERNEST BRETT	9
ROBERT W. GREEN	5	JAMES BULLOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Brett.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT STOKES	...*Treble*	JESSE FRANCIS	5
WILLIAM LOUD	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
†JAMES BILBY	3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	FREDERICK HAYES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. R. BAXTER.

* First peal on eight. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK OVERTON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR T. SWAIN	5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	2	HERBERT I. MINGAY	6
JAMES B. BUDD	3	CHAS. W. TAYLOR	7
JACK BRAY	4	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. BURTON. Conducted by CHAS. W. TAYLOR.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Chas. Kennington, who is a member of the St. James' band. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor are members of the St. Andrew's Church; ringer of 4th hails from Burton Stather. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. A. B. Sheppard and G. Snell for having everything in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

C. E. PERKINS	...*Treble*	JAMES WHATMORE	5
HARRY HOLDEN	2	WALTER MASTERS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	THOMAS HEMMINGS	7
WILLIAM POTTER	4	JOHN LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

Arranged for James Whatmore, who has done 40 years' service ringing. All are members of the local band.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BENNETT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BROWN...	5
THOS. J. SALTER	2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ...	6
CHAS. WM. COOPER	3	ALFRED HACKETT	7
JOHN SMITH	4	ALFRED REYNOLDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Salter.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY...	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
ALBERT J. HUGHES	3	HENRY W. WILDE	7
JOHN HAYES	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	5
THOMAS LAVER	2	*A. GEORGE BETTS	6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WALKER	3	FRANK J. DAVEY	7
ARTHUR W. SEARLE	4	ERNEST W. MARSH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Bob Major.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*JOHN WHITEHEAD	...*Treble*	THOMAS JONES	5
PETER LAFLIN	2	JOHN BRIERLEY	6
†WILLIAM BLACKHURST ...	3	TOM WILDE	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	FRED PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method and first away from the treble.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WONNACOTT ...	5
*HARRY TIPPETT...	2	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE	6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	3	ERNEST W. MARSH	7
*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ...	4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	*SAMUEL ROBERTS	5
GEORGE R. JONES	2	*JOHN RANDLES	6
WILLIAM ROBERTS	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ...	7
JAMES ALDERMAN	4	ARTHUR TILSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR RIGGALL	5
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	*JOHN G. AMES	6
GEORGE LADD	3	JOHN CURRY	7
JOHN B. HALLIFAX	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM PIKE	...*Treble*	PERCY JONES	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	GEORGE COOKE	6
SIDNEY RACKHAM...	3	ABBIAN SLATTER	7
GEORGE POPNELL	4	CHARLES GREEDY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. GREEDY.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT... ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT WALLWORK	5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ...	2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH	6
JOSEPH BANKS	3	THOMAS WALLWORK	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	4	JAMES H. BANKS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE R. C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE F. SWANN	2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	6
JAMES E. GROVES	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

ORMESBY, YORKS.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	WM. NORMAN PARK	5
*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ...	2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ...	6
THOMAS METCALFE	3	ROBERT LAUGHTON	7
*ROLAND PARK	4	THOMAS LANCASTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT LAUGHTON.
* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*BERT F. CALCOTT ...	...*Treble*	†ALBERT FLEET	5
ALFRED KING	2	EDMOND J. HOBBS	6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ...	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	7
HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	4	HORACE H. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and arranged with great pleasure for the ringer of the third.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HURD	5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	2	ARTHUR ALLMAN	6
JOHN BRASSINGTON	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	7
FRANK BARNARD	4	ALBERT ASTBURY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	GEORGE WILSON	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
ARTHUR MARTIN	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
First Surprise peal on the bells. Mr. G. Wilson was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. A jubilee peal for Mr. W. H. Fussell, who started ringing in the old tower of St. Mary's, in October, 1875. This was Mr. Fussell's 650th peal and the conductor's 200th.

ERITH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ...	...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
HERBERT HOLDEN	2	P.S. RICHARD STEERS ...	6
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ...	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	4	WILLIAM E. DARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.
The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 6th are members of the 'R' Division of the Metropolitan Police, and it is their first attempt for a peal away from the tenor. They, with the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at St. Nicholas', Deptford; the remainder are from St. John's, Erith.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT HARRISON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*HAYDN THORPE	6
JOHN THORPE	3	A PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	7
ALBERT H. WARD	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR SYMONDS	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	6
FREDERICK L. LEEKS ...	3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ...	7
*PERCY L. JOHNSON	4	THEODORE E. SLATER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS
* First peal. Messrs. Slater and Johnson hail from Glemsford. The rest are local men.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN.	*Treble*	WILLIE PROCTOR...	5
WILLIAM AMBLER	2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN.	6
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW	7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD	4	MILLIGAN HARRISON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by VERNEY BAIRSTOW.
First peal of Oxford by 5th, 6th and tenor.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12⅝ cwt.

JAMES MARSH	...*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
ERNEST BIRCHALL	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
JAMES WM. GROUNDS	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN BOOTH...	4	*FRED FOWLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER
* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Marsh.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
*REGINALD C. KIRSEY ...	2	FREDERICK J. SMITH	6
*HARRY C. BALLS	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	JAMES G. KUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for A. Keeble, also his 100th peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Saturday evening, September 24th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: H. Lowman 1, C. McGuiness 2, G. Chester 3, F. W. Stokes 4, G. Flintham 5, S. J. Wolffe 6, J. Walden 7, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all in the method, and supposed to be the first quarter-peal in the county.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD G. BEARD	*Treble*	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ...	4
WILLIAM STOCK	2	HENRY STAPLETON	5
WILLIAM SHARP	3	PEARL INSKIP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS EDITH I. DAVIS ...	*Treble*	‡HARRY ANDREWS	4
†WILLIAM J. COOMBS	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
H. JIM RALPH	3	‖PERCY H. HAZZARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal. First peal with an 'inside' bell for ringer of the third. ‖ First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells, and rung on harvest festival Sunday.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Canterbury, eight of Old Doubles, eight of Plain Bob and 13 of Grandsire.

GEORGE MIDDLETON	*Treble*	SIDNEY MUNTON	3
GEORGE BROWN	2	RONALD COLEMAN	4
REGINALD WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

First peal on the bells by all local ringers. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to B. James Coleman. First peal on an 'inside bell and first peal in four methods by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESTER HILL	*Treble*	HARRY HILL...	4
†RONALD H. DOVE	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
ERNEST PULLEN	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. † First peal of Minor inside.

CLIFF PYFORD, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CALNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS AMY LAWRENCE...	*Treble*	LOUIS A. WILSON	4
MISS ELSIE LAWRENCE ...	2	LESLIE BOX	5
JOHN GIBBS	3	WALTER BOULTER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS A. WILSON.

First peal by all except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells. The above are all service ringers at Wootton Bassett, and this is believed to be the first peal for the Guild in which two ladies have taken part.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Thursday, September 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, H. Martin 3, J. Hughes 4, J. Breese (first 720 on an inside bell) 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6. The first 720 on the bells since they were rehung.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, New London Pleasure and Kent. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM	*Treble*	ARTHUR GILL	4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH	2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS	5
ALBERT NASE	3	CHARLES WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal on the bells.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WEELMAN	4
GEORGE R. JONES	2	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	5
*JOHN BENNION, SEN.... ...	3	†JOHN BENNION, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. This is the first peal on these bells in which Hoole ringers have taken part, Messrs. J. Bennion, sen. and jun., being members of the local band.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's by L. W. G. Morris, six by A. J. Pitman, and 22 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*PERCY LAKE	*Treble*	CYRIL LAKE	4
JOHN E. BLOXHAM	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	‡LESLIE BENDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHARPLES	4
*MISS MAY CLAYTON	2	FRED BLACKLIDGE	5
ARTHUR HATCH	3	WILLIAM FOWLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (SPLICED), 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN WILSON UDALE...	*Treble*	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	4
GUYDO DICKINSON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ALBAN DISNEY	3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival services. This peal is in alternate 720's of each method, the Grandsire (also in spliced 240's) being spliced into the last lead of the Plain Bob, which is completed at the end.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,320 changes) was rung in 42 mins. as a compliment to Mr. P. Secretan, J.P., and Mrs. Secretan, of Slaugham Park (parents of the Rector of Balcombe), on the occasion of their diamond wedding: T. E. Exeter (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, A. C. V. Gasson 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6.

LUBENHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH NORTON	3
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	A. NORMAN GEARY	4

ERNEST F. PAYNE ...*Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ...*Treble*		JOSEPH DIXON	4
HARRY MORGAN...	2	*ROGER W. DANIELS	5
HARRY CARTER	3	HERBERT TORR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Torr to enable him to ring a peal in the tower, where he first learned to ring; also a compliment to him on his 60th birthday.

SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PICTHALL ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH W. HAYTON	4
WILFRED BOLTON	2	JOHN HOLME	5
EDWIN JENNINGS...	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Tenor ringer belongs to Ambleside, treble to Barrow, 3rd to Kendal, rest to Silverdale.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	*WALTER ARNOLD	7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal on handbells.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS' 200 PEALS.

	On handbells.	On tower bells.
Stedman Triples	8	6
Stedman Caters	27	11
Stedman Cinques	11	2
Grandsire Triples	12	1
Grandsire Caters	*10	1
Grandsire Cinques	2	—
Bob Minor	1	—
Bob Major	40	—
Bob Royal	22	1
Bob Maximus	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	—	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	2	6
Superlative Surprise Major	1	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	—	5
Cambridge Surprise Royal	—	6
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	—	3
London Surprise Major	—	1
Bristol Surprise Major	—	2
Middlesex Surprise Royal	—	1
Totals	144	56

* Including 8,099 Grandsire Caters.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.
KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-CYCLE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Andrew Farlow, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, at the age of 55 years.

The deceased, accompanied by two friends, was crossing the road in the evening to join a birthday party—where he had but a few minutes earlier been listening to some wireless items—when a motor-cycle came whizzing by, catching him in the back and dragging him some 20 yards. Upon examination at the hospital it was found that little hope to save him could be entertained, and in less than three hours later he had passed away.

Harry, as he was familiarly known, was of a bright and cheerful disposition, was always ready to stand in for a peal attempt, and was successful in scoring a total of 39 peals, including Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Bob Major and Maximus. He joined St. Peter's company on September 29th, 1907, and by a strange coincidence died on September 29th, 1927, thus being a member for exactly 20 years.

The funeral took place on the 4th inst., when the mortal remains were borne to the grave by three of deceased's workmates and three ringers. The first part of the service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. Preb. Stockley (Rector), and the committal portion at the cemetery by the Rev. L. Morgan (senior curate). The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including some from St. Peter's and St. Luke's (Wolverhampton), Tettenhall, and Penn towers. Ringers present included Messrs. T. Smith, W. Maddox and H. Knight (bearers), T. Roden, T. Hinsel (Penn), A. Greenfield and A. Prestidge (Netherton), J. D. G. Harris and G. Langley (St. Peter's).

Bells were rung half-muffled at St. Luke's, both mid-day and in the evening, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples brought round at Penn by: H. Brewster 1, A. Bowyer 2, J. Hickman 3, T. Roden 4, J. Bloore 5, T. Beards 6, E. G. Bowyer (conductor) 7, E. Beards 8. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Tettenhall, but came to grief after two and a half hours' ringing: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, R. Pickering 3, E. F. Mitchell 4, W. E. Cooper 5, T. Smith 6, W. H. Lawley 7, J. D. G. Harris 8.

AMBITIONS.

In almost every walk of life we see and admire people with ambition. Some set their aim very high, some even at the impossible, yet he who would progress must of necessity have some goal to aspire to. In ringing, we have certain prominent men who with earnestness and zeal set out with certain aims. Some are merely ambitious to ring every bell in their own particular tower to a peal; some to conduct a peal from each bell; others with wider interests try the like at neighbouring towers. Then there are those with 'pet' methods to ring the extent of on all numbers, while others have the desire to ring as many tenors as possible. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, not content with a 1,000 peals, endeavoured to get a like number of Stedman Triples. 'Uncle' Joe has (among others) the desire to ring every possible number of changes of 'Yorkshire Glory' from 5,000 to 50,000, as well as 'bagging' all the tenors in this and other distant countries. The great 'J. G.' of England has the desire (and, if rumour be true, he is not the only one) to ring a peal on every date in the year. In like manner, the hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester) has another ambition, and that is to ring peals on every ring of five bells and upwards in his native county. This may prove one of the impossible tasks, fraught, as it is, with very many difficulties, such as travel to outlandish places (he is not blessed with possession of either motor or cycle), finding the bells sadly neglected, especially the fives and sixes, sometimes making more than one long journey to oil bearings, tighten up frames and fittings, taking ropes to replace worn-out and unfit ones, and, in many cases, only scoring under great difficulties and punishment by way of blisters and aching limbs.

As reported recently, Mr. Morris has now scored peals in 100 towers in Leicestershire—a number yet unequalled by any for one county. They comprise peals in 35 five-bell towers, 31 sixes, 29 eights, 4 tens, 1 twelve, and included, in 33 cases, the 'first peal on the bells.' The peals are in all the standard and many Surprise methods from Doubles to Maximus, and include Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman, Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and the three former in Plain Bob and Spliced Treble Bob. They also include the longest M.C.A. peals of Doubles, Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

In his visits to these Leicestershire towers, Mr. Morris is also correcting and revising up to date the book 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' by the late Thos. North, F.S.A.

MR. GEO. FREEBREY'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 2 (conducted 1), Grandsire Triples 10 (conducted 6), Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Minor 3 (conducted 2), Minor in two methods 3 (conducted 3), Stedman Triples 13, Bob Major 11 (conducted 9), Double Norwich 2, Duffield Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Bristol Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Canterbury and Plain Bob Major (Spliced) 1. Total rung 50 (conducted 21).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH TO LOSE ITS CHAIRMAN.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wyndham Noel, M.A. Tea followed, after which the business meeting was held.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, through illness, the vice-chairman, Mr. B. Cook, presided.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) read a letter from the chairman, giving notice of his intention of resigning the office of chairman at the next annual meeting of the branch.—This was received with very great regret by everyone present, as Mr. Heginbothom has been an excellent chairman.

On the motion of the vice-chairman, the secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the meeting to the chairman, and also to express their regret at his intention to resign.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of a cheque for over £4 from the Parochial Church Council of St. John's, Devizes, as a donation to the funds of the branch.

Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, was proposed as a candidate for the chairmanship.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Warminster; Melksham was proposed for the meeting in December, and Trowbridge for the annual meeting in January, 1928.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and also to the organist.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch, and as an honorary member, although taking no part in the general business of the branch, he was pleased to see the keenness which had been shown by those present in the work of the Guild. He said how much he appreciated the work of the ringers, and he did not believe in any way interfering with the ringers in their work, as he thought as long as a man was doing his job well he should be allowed to get on with it without interference.

Ringers were present from Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Bratton, Devizes (St. Mary's), Rowde, Holt, Melksham and Trowbridge. Ringing also took place at Holy Trinity Church. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Cambridge Minor were rung at both churches.

There was a small attendance through the wet weather, but the quality of the ringing compensated for this, and one cannot help noticing the advance made by the branch.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the above association was held at Royston on Saturday, October 1st. In spite of the wet afternoon a goodly number of ringers attended, and nine different towers were represented. Royston is just now without a Vicar, so a short service was not possible. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. R. G. King, was partaken of at Beales' Cafe, 22 members sitting down.

Mr. Hargreaves kindly consented to take the chair at the short business meeting, at which Hitchin was decided upon for the next place of meeting.

A 'whip round' was made towards Ickleton bells fund, and the collection handed over to Mr. P. Webb, who was present.

Mr. H. E. Day moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The ringing throughout was good, Stedman Triples seeming to be the favourite method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held on Saturday, September 24th, at Sandhurst, ringers being present from Binfield, Finchampstead, Twyford, Wokingham, Waltham St. Lawrence and the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and at five the party adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, about 15 sitting down.

The tea was kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. H. Craven, who has recently come to the parish, and the ringers were pleased to make his acquaintance. The wives and mothers of some of the local ringers kindly served the tea, and they and the Rector were cordially thanked by the secretary for all the trouble they had taken to make the meeting a success. The Rector briefly replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers and to do what he could to make the meeting enjoyable.

Service followed in the Parish Church, the Rector giving a short and practical address, urging those present to regard their work as something they were doing for Christ and His Church, and also that by reason of their high office people outside looked to them to see that their life and conduct was in keeping with the work which they did.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8.30. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and York Surprise Minor, and 'rounds' for beginners.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The performance of Miss Jessie Davenport, in ringing a peal of Bob Major at Dore, as recorded last week, raises the question as to who is the youngest girl to ring a peal. Miss Davenport was 14 years and 11 months old when she rang this peal. Incidentally, she has a twin brother who has twice rung about half-way in an attempt for a peal. They still have a chance of making history by being the first twin brother and sister to ring a peal together.

Mr. Wm. H. Fussell's jubilee as a ringer has been celebrated by a peal at Slough, not in the tower where he learned to ring, but in its successor. Mr. Fussell is one of the 'institutions' in the Exercise, and he must have had more experience in arranging ringing tours than any other individual. He has arranged three 'weeks' this year in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. And he looks as young as ever.

'This board was placed here by order of the Churchwardens, in consequence of the attention and good conduct of the ringers.' Thus runs the 'footnote' to the record in the tower at Wakefield, where on October 16th, 1820, was rung 'a compleat peal of Grandsire Caters, comprising 6,030 changes of 60 nine six eights and 60 eight nines, composed by Wm. Woodhead, and performed in 3 hrs. 44 mins.'

William Ireland, one of the foundation members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild, called a peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham on October 16th, 1880.

Thomas Tolladay, a leading light in the ranks of the old St. James's Society, in its early days, died on October 18th, 1843. He rang and conducted many peals in and around London.

We have heard a good deal in recent years about the necessity for retaining the old names of methods, but no one in these days rings 'Union' Treble Bob, although that was the name applied to the method in the early days of Treble Bob ringing, and is found in the records down to the end of the eighteenth century. On October 20th, 1776, a 5,376 of Union Treble Bob was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and on October 20th, 1794, 6,720 was rung under the same name at St. Giles', Camberwell.

Exactly 150 years ago next Thursday a peal of 5,040 'Grandsire Trebbles' was rung by the College Youths at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

At the dedication of 'Great Peter' on Saturday, the 22nd instant, the York Minster bells will be rung prior to the service. Great Peter will be rung only at the dedication, and afterwards in conjunction with the peal of 12. The Minster bells will also be available for ringers during the evening.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast at 8 p.m. on Sunday evening for a special service.

BUNTOSE AND BATRYES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers solve the following entries from parish registers:—

Date 1627.—To a Bell Buntose, 1s. 6d.

Date 1631.—Mending the Bell Batryes, 6d.

What were Buntose and Batryes? I shall be very pleased if you can help with this information.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. LENTON.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

MR. A. H. PULLING'S SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

We are very pleased to be able to report that Mr. A. H. Pulling, who is still in Hertford County Hospital, as a result of his serious accident on September 2nd, is making good progress towards recovery, and there has been a marked improvement in his condition in the last ten days.

He has been able to write a short message to us saying that he is getting better, and in that cheery spirit of his adds that if he could only get hold of the end of a rope he would soon get on. The best of the joke is, he says, that he read in 'The Ringing World' an account of his spill before he knew he had had one. He wishes to thank all who have written letters of sympathy and made inquiries.

By a strange coincidence there are now four ringers lying in Hertford County Hospital. In addition to Mr. Pulling, there are Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, suffering from yellow jaundice, Mr. Ladley, of Hertford, with throat trouble, and Mr. Leonard Chapman, at one time a member of the famous Bennington band, who has a broken thigh. The last-named, although over eighty years of age, is very cheerful.

Among the visitors to the invalids on Sunday were Mr. R. Dore, hon. secretary of St. Andrew's Branch of the Hertford College Youths, and Mr. W. H. Lawrence, hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of Herts County Association.

ROYAL FOR A ROYAL VISIT.

In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Henry to Ipswich, on Friday, October 7th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 780 Duffield Royal: H. Shemming 1, R. H. Brundle 2, G. Fleming 3, H. E. Smith 4, J. F. Tillett, jun., 5, C. J. Sedgley 6, W. P. Garrett 7, W. Wood 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, F. J. Tillett 10.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the tenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

PRACTICAL USE OF THE LEAD-ENDS.

While we have set ourselves to the study of the theory, we can, in passing, pay some little attention to the practical use of the pricking of the lead-ends.

So far as Minor is concerned, our 'calling positions' have the same effect, when applied to any method, no matter what the first lead-end may be, so long as the same POSITIONS are used.

For example, the W.R.W. calling repeats the following characteristics in each part, when applied to methods with any one of the four lead-ends:—

The first bob at 'W' in each part is always 'made' by the fifth's-place bell at the part-head (the 5). In other words, the '5' bell makes fourth's place at the bob row. The second's-place bell at the part-head, always rung 'IN' to the treble. This is done by the '2' in the first part, the '3' in the second, and by the '4' in the third part. The third's-place bell at the part-head runs 'OUT' (the '3,' the '4,' and the '2' in the respective parts). The sixth's-place bell at the part-head (the tenor) is, of course, always at 'W,' and the fourth's-place bell is always at 'R' (the '4,' the '2,' and, lastly, the '3').

The bob at 'R' in each part is always made by the second's-place bell at the part-head ('2,' '3,' and the '4'). The fourth's-place bell is always 'IN,' and the fifth's-place bell always 'OUT.' The tenor, of course, is 'R,' and the third's-place bell is always at 'W.'

The third bob (the second at 'W') is always 'made' by the third's-place bell at the part-head, the fourth's-place bell 'IN,' the fifth's-place bell 'OUT,' the tenor at 'W,' and the second's-place bell at 'R.'

The part-heads are always the same, in all methods called the same way, and, therefore, the conductor may always know where his bells should be at the bobs, if not elsewhere. These same characteristics apply to any method called W.R.W., and, once memorised, they can be applied whenever this calling is used.

Similarly with the other callings at I.I.4th's, I.O.I., etc., the characteristics differing, according to which calling is used.

PROOF.

Before proceeding with this subject, it is necessary to understand clearly what is meant by certain terms, and what we are going to try to do.

A 'true' peal consists of a certain number of rows, of which no two are identical. The object of 'proving' a peal is to endeavour to find those lead-heads, which, although differing from all of the others, will produce rows that will appear elsewhere in the peal.

In the first place, all of the lead-heads must differ; if any two are identical, the whole leads will, of course, be identical.

Rows with the treble in different places in each are not mentioned here, because there is no possibility of these repeating with each other. 'Rows' mentioned hereafter, will refer only to those rows which have the treble in the same place therein.

'Corresponding rows.'—These are rows which appear in different leads at the same distance from their respective lead-heads. Row No. 3 in one lead is the corresponding row to No. 3 row of every lead, etc. These 'corresponding rows' are produced (in every lead) by changing EXACTLY the same pairs, and therefore cannot repeat with each other (although the treble is in the same place in each), because DIFFERENT bells at the lead-heads go to make the SAME PAIRS which change.

'Similar rows.'—These are rows which have the treble in the same place, but which are not 'corresponding rows.' The changing pairs which produce them are NOT the same pairs in each case, and therefore there is possibility of repetition. That is to say, while row No. 5 of one lead cannot repeat with row No. 5 of another lead, yet row No. 5 of the one might repeat with ROW No. 7 of another, although the lead-heads be different; and so on, with all of the 'similar rows' in the leads. There are four such rows, for every place in which the treble appears, in every lead of a Treble Bob method.

The following example is given merely to show how 'similar' rows can repeat, while the lead-heads and the 'corresponding' rows differ. Similar rows (No. 7 and No. 28) are chosen from the first lead of Kent Treble Bob Major; the corresponding rows in the other leads have been arrived at by transposition, as we did when finding 'internal rows,' by covering 12345678 with the other lead-heads in turn, and transferring the red cards first to 42163857, and then to 23154768:—

	From first lead-head. 12345678	From lead-head. 13426587	From lead-head. 14236587
Row No. 7 in each ...	42163857	23154768	34152768
Row No. 28 in each ...	23154768	34162857	42163857

It will be seen that No. 7 in the first lead is repeated by No. 28 in the third, and that No. 28 in the first is repeated by No. 7 in the second lead given. Also that all of the No. 7 rows differ, as do all of those numbered 28.

Taking a pair of 'similar' rows in the first lead, we can find the lead-heads that will produce each of them again, but as the CORRESPONDING row of the other. For example, we can take the pair given above (No. 7 and No. 28), and the questions are: If 12345678 gives 42163857 as the 7th row, and 23154768 as the 28th row, which lead-head will give No. 7 again as its 28th row? Also, which lead-head will give No. 28 again as its 7th row?

FINDING THE FALSE ROWS.

First deal with No. 7 (42163857), and find the lead-head which will give 23154768 (No. 28) as the corresponding row to No. 7. Use the 'transposition back to lead-heads' as before. Place the 'known' row and head side by side (42163857—12345678), and under the row place the 'unknown' row (23154768); draw lines between all of the figures, and then fill in the empty spaces under 12345678, with figures which will make the same pairs READ DOWNWARDS, which you find in the two rows. The finished example will be:—

4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 3 1 5 4 7 6 8 1 3 4 2 6 5 8 7

Then, if 42163857 is the 7th row from 12345678, the 7th row from 13426587 will be 23154768.

Now deal with the other row of the original pair by reversing the above procedure; find which lead-head will give No. 7 again as the corresponding row to No. 28:—

If 2 3 1 5 4 7 6 8 is the 28th row from 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Then 4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7 will be the 28th row from 1 4 2 3 6 5 8 7

We have two false lead-heads from this pair of 'similar' rows, which, if admitted to the peal, will give repetitious of these two rows which come from 12345678 (the first lead-head).

Ordinarily, this procedure should be applied to every pair of 'similar' rows in the first lead. There are four similar rows for every place (in the row) in which the treble appears; that is, four rows 10000000, four of 01000000, four of 00100000, etc. We can make four different pairs with four separate rows. So that, in Major, we have eight 'places' of four pairs each—32 different pairs in all. In Minor, we have six places of four pairs each, being 24 pairs in all; and so on.

So then, in Major, 32 pairs ought to be compared, but our law that 'odd and even rows cannot repeat' helps us here. Our basis at each lead-head is always 'even' in Treble Bob methods, so that 'corresponding' rows in the leads are always of the same nature; if No. 7 row in one lead is 'even,' then all of the No. 7 rows will be 'even,' and never an 'odd'; vice versa with the odd rows. This is always the case, unless the nature of the lead-head be altered by singles, which we do not use in Treble Bob.

Therefore, in comparing similar rows, if No. 7 is odd, and No. 28 is even (in the first lead) we can know that No. 28 (being even) will not appear elsewhere AS A No. 7 ROW, because all of the No. 7 rows will be odd, and vice versa. We only have to compare similar rows when both are 'odd,' or both are 'even.'

When we have taken all of the pairs of similar odd rows, and all pairs of similar even rows, in the first lead, and have compared them in the above manner, we shall have arrived at so many false lead-heads (two heads for every pair of rows compared). We can strike out all of the duplicates, and the remainder are placed in a column headed '. . 12345678 (No. 1) . .' Then, in this column, we have all of the lead-heads that will produce identical rows which are also to be found in the FIRST LEAD (from 12345678). Therefore, if we ring this first lead, we must not ring a lead headed by any of the 'false' heads shown in our column No. 1.

HENRY V. TRADITION.

DID THE MONARCH BRING FRENCH BELLS TO MONMOUTH?

The recent visit to Wales of what the 'Western Mail' described as a band of National Ringers has elicited some interesting history with regard to some old bells of Monmouth. Mr. R. G. Williams, of Penybont-ar-Ogwr, wrote to the 'Western Mail' as follows:—

'The presence of the National Bellringers in Cardiff calls to mind a reference I have recently read in a book on old South Wales, relating to the bells in the tower of St. Mary's, Monmouth. This book states that these bells once hung in the steeple of a church in Calais, France. When Henry V. sailed from that port for England on a certain memorable occasion, great was the joy of the French at sight of the hated Englishman's back; and to express their joy at the riddance they set the bells to ringing a merry peal as the invading army sailed toward the chalk cliffs.

'This left-handed compliment annoyed Henry, it seems, and when he got home he sent back to France and had the impertinent bells unhung and transported to his native town. There were ten, but two were left to console the Calaisois; the remaining eight were hung in this tower, and here they are still.

'As a boy in Monmouth I heard frequent reference to this tradition. Further, it was stated that the biggest bell was so heavy, and the weather so rough, that it capsized the boat and slid to the bottom of the sea.

'The local story was that Harry of Monmouth put back to ask the inhabitants of Calais the cause of their bellringing, and on learning the reason gave orders there and then for the removal to Monmouth of the bells. I have never heard nor read of authentic corroboration of the above tradition. Surely, such an incident as the transfer of the bells of Calais to the Royal and ancient borough of Monmouth would be mentioned somewhere in the records of the days of "Harry of Monmouth"! It is possible some of the bellringers at present in Cardiff can throw light on this matter, or, failing them, some of your readers.'

THE PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RELATIONS WITH SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The second of the series of district meetings in connection with the founding of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. This is a corner of the old widespread diocese of Winchester in which the Winchester Guild failed to make any headway, but the new spirit which the formation of the diocese of Guildford has put into church work promises to be reflected in the new diocesan Guild, and towers were represented on Saturday which have been unattached, at any rate for a number of years, to any association. The peal of ten bells at the Parish Church were at the disposal of the visitors, and were utilised both afternoon and evening, and the methods included Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar of Leatherhead (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) officiated, and gave an appropriate address, based upon the words, 'There are, it may be, so many voices in the world and none of them is without signification' (1 Cor. xiv. 10).

A capital 'knife and fork' tea was partaken of at the Institute, which is a centre of life and activity in this old and thriving Surrey town. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presided, and among those present were the Rev. C. F. Carver (Vicar of Capel), the Rev. H. C. Martin (Rector of Ockley), and ringers from Leatherhead, Banstead, Capel, Cobham, Cranleigh, Epsom, Guildford, Ockley, and Woking, and visitors from Streatham, Beddington, Edmonton, Woodford and Croydon.

The Vicar, in opening the meeting, said he could not help feeling that the whole cause of ringing in that part of the diocese would be advanced by the formation of the new Guild. It would not only stimulate interest in ringing among those who were already ringers, but he hoped it might help them in the difficulty which was being experienced in getting young ringers. There were many towers where the old bands were gradually dying out, and unless young ringers could be brought in, the art of ringing in those towers was in danger of extinction.

THE SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION.

The Organising Committee's report was presented by the hon. secretary pro tem. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who said that since this report was presented at Guildford on the preceding Saturday, the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association had raised with him the accuracy of the interpretation which the committee had put upon the Surrey Association's proposals for amalgamation. Although the Guildford Diocesan Committee fully gained the impression that the Surrey Association's suggestion was one of absorption, they were now assured that this was not the case, but that what was intended was amalgamation on a fifty-fifty basis. As the outcome of an informal talk that afternoon between the members of the committee and those of the Surrey Association Executive who were present, it was now suggested that the Surrey Association, if they desired to do so, should put an amalgamation scheme on paper, which the Guildford Diocesan Guild, after its formation, could consider. At the moment, the Organising Committee was appointed to organise a Guildford Diocesan Guild, and they could not go outside their terms of reference. Proceeding, Mr. Goldsmith said that the Organising Committee desired to make it as plain as they possibly could that in coming into that district they did so with no designs whatever upon the Surrey Association. They recognised the loyalty which many towers in that area had given to the county association, but as they were organising a diocesan Guild, and that area was within the diocese, they would be failing in their duty and they would be unable to claim to be a truly diocesan body, unless they set up their organisation in that district as in the other parts of the diocese. Whatever might be the outcome of future negotiations, the earnest desire of the Guildford committee was that the two associations, which had common interests, should work amicably side by side.

The report was accepted, and a resolution approving of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and pledging support, was carried nem. con., on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Rev. C. H. Carver.

The proposed rules were then considered in detail, and met with general approval, one or two slight alterations being suggested which will be brought to the notice of the preliminary general meeting.

A motion in support of the reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester Guild as to present members becoming compounding members on payment of 1s. was carried, but the meeting regretted being unable to support a proposal of the Winchester Guild that life members of that Guild should become life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment.

A number of suggestions for furthering the work of the Guild when formed were put forward for consideration by the committee, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for the service, the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, also to the lady organist, who had assisted at the service.

Mr. R. Whittington voiced appreciation of the work which has been done in organising the Guild by the hon. secretary.

The towers which it is proposed shall form the Leatherhead District are: Ashtead, Banstead, Capel, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom (Christ Church and St. Martin's), Ewell, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Ranmore and Ockley.

Further district meetings are to be held at Chertsey (to-morrow) and Farnham (October 22nd). The preliminary general meeting of the Guild will be held at Guildford on November 19th.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the meeting of the above Guild which was held at Guildford on October 1st, may I enquire through the medium of your paper if the decision not to admit life members of the Winchester Guild to membership of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment also applies to compounding members of the former society?

If it does, what will the payment be? Will these 280 or more members of the Winchester Guild be given advantageous terms in view of the fact that they are already members of a society covering the area over which the new Guild will operate, and which is the predecessor of that Guild?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

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Higham's Park, E.4.

REIGATE BELLS RE-DEDICATED.

PEAL OF TEN RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The bells of Reigate Parish Church, Surrey, after the silence of ten months, were set ringing again on September 22nd. Their reopening was signalised by a service of rededication, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, and attended by a crowded congregation. It was a service at which all the Parish Church clergy officiated—the Vicar (Canon F. C. Davies, R.D.), the Rev. A. H. W. Sanders and the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan. After the processional hymn, 'See the conqueror mounts in triumph,' there followed evening prayer, Psalms cxxii., ci., the lesson from Numbers x., 1-11, and the Magnificat. Before the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, the hymn, 'Hark the sound of Holy Voices,' was sung. Suitable dedicatory prayers were offered, and while the clergy and choir were returning to the chancel, the bells were rung for two minutes. A special hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' was sung, and, after an address by the Archdeacon, the service closed with 'Now thank we all our God.'

At the conclusion of the service, 557 Grandsire Caters was rung by: H. Ewins 1, A. A. Hughes 2, A. Bull 3, R. H. Thorpe 4, H. Jordan 5, J. Foster 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, W. Claydon 8, F. T. Hoad 9, W. Pooley 10.

The restoration and re-hanging of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to whom great credit is due for the splendid work they have carried out in recasting the 9th bell, retuning the whole peal, fitting new gudgeons, and rehanging the peal in ball bearings, and also for the promptitude with which the work was carried out.

The bells, with weights and inscriptions, are as follows:—

Treble.—4 cwt. 1 qr., 25 lb. 'J. Newman Harrison, Vicar, 1847-1899 (Little John).'

2nd.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. 'Given to our dear Vicar, John Newman Harrison, by his Parish Church workers, 1899.'

3rd.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. 'Recast by R. Patrick, London, at the expense of the Rt. Hon. John Somers Oaks, 1786, and Richard Barnes, gent, through whose exertions T. Mears, Fecit 1811.'

4th.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. 'Recast 1899. J. Newman Harrison, Vicar.'

5th.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 'We eight were cast to supply the place of six, 1784.'

6th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. 'The gift of R. Ladbroke, Esq., and others, 1784.'

7th.—10 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb. 'The gift of Edward Leeds and William Bellingham, Esqre., 1784.'

8th.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. 'The gift of the Earl of Hardwicke, 1784.'

9th.—14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. 'The gift of Charles Lord Somers, Lord of the Manor, 1784. Recast to record the completion of 25 years' ministry by Frederick Charles Davies, M.A., C.B.E., Hon. Canon of Southwark, as Vicar of Reigate, 18th June, 1926. F. C. Davies, Vicar; F. S. Orme, W. J. Bennett, Churchwardens.'

Tenor.—19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. 'The Rev. Geoffrey Snelson, Vicar; Thomas Bodle, John Burt, Churchwardens, 1784.'

'DOWN IN KENT.'

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Messrs. Challis Winney and G. R. Fardon, paid a visit to Tenterden for the week-end, and on Saturday, October 1st, attended the annual meeting of the Ashford District, which was held at Hythe.

On Sunday, October 2nd, being the harvest festival services at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for morning service. For a children's fruit and flower service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: E. A. Young 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Baker 4, W. Tickner 5, R. Edwards 6, C. Tribe 7, C. H. Ballard 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. Baker 1, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 2, C. Winney 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Baker 5, C. W. Player 6, A. Saxby 7, A. Battin 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COMBINED PRACTICES IN TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 1st, and was attended by nearly 40 members from Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon H. Masters), who also gave a short appropriate address. Mr. Aldridge (the local organist) presided at the organ, and the service was very bright and hearty.

Afterwards, the members were kindly entertained to tea at the George and Dragon Inn by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. One new practising member from Tonbridge was elected, and the Rector was elected an hon. member amid applause.

Mr. A. Richardson (Tunbridge Wells) brought forward the subject of arranging combined practices at various towers, so as to enable members to practise methods which they were unable to do at their own towers.

The District Secretary intimated that while he heartily approved of the scheme, he was quite unable, owing to other duties, to undertake any further secretarial work in the matter.

It was ultimately decided that Messrs. A. Richardson and D. Findley, of Tunbridge Wells, should arrange monthly meetings for this object. It was pointed out that if these meetings were to be a success members, both learners and those more advanced in the art, must make efforts to attend.

Mr. A. Relfe (Lamberhurst) spoke of the frequent clashing of district meetings, and suggested that efforts should be made to have fixed dates for the various district meetings.—It was decided that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Central Committee in November with a view of making some arrangements in the matter.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his generosity in entertaining the members to tea, and also to the organist for his services, were passed, and the Rector replied. The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting, but, unfortunately, the weather did not permit acceptance of the Rector's kind invitation to view the Rectory garden.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on October 1st. Although the weather was not too inviting, there was a good attendance, including Messrs. E. Alex. Young, C. F. Winney and G. Fardon, of London. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, at which the Vicar (Rev. De Boinville) gave the association a most hearty welcome to Hythe.

Tea was partaken of at Paddock House, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar in the chair, the secretary's report was read and passed.

The election of officers next took place, and, after some discussion, Mr. Tribe was persuaded to carry on, and all officers were then re-elected, viz., Mr. C. Tribe and Mr. E. Ruck, representatives on the Central Committee; Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary.

Meetings for 1928 are to be arranged as follows: February, Headcorn; May, Folkestone; June, Brabourne; and September, Ashford.

One new member from Brabourne and one hon. member (Mrs. C. W. Player) were elected with cheers.

The Secretary referred to the loss the district had sustained by the death of one of the Headcorn band, Mr. W. Huckins. Mr. C. Tribe spoke a few words of tribute, and the company stood in silence for a few moments, and directed that a letter be forwarded to the widow from the meeting, expressing sympathy and condolence.

Ringing was kept up until 8.30, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire being the methods rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Paul's, Widnes, on Saturday, October 8th, about 36 members being present, representing eleven towers.

Mr. W. H. Shuker (the general secretary) gave a report of the annual meeting held at Wigan.

Nineteen new members were elected.

The proposal of the previous meeting to pay special attention to two methods was highly appreciated, and good practice was made. At the suggestion of the Ringing Master, the same two methods will be taken at the next meeting at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, November 12th.

A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded to Mr. E. L. Humphriss, of Woolton, on scoring his first peal as conductor, and four of his colleagues on ringing their first peal.

ICKLETON BELL FUND.

The following further donations to the Ickleton Bell Fund are acknowledged with thanks: Mr. R. Lathbury 5s., Miss V. Shorter 5s., Mrs. B. Buttress 5s., Messrs. R. G. King 2s. 6d., R. Howard 2s. 6d., T. Fitsjohn (second donation) 1s., S. Bowtell £2, Wm. Watts 2s. 6d., W. Watts 1s. 6d., collected at Herts meeting at Royston 11s. 1d. Contributions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

AN INNOCENT IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write to your paper and express my admiration of those stalwarts, the bellringers. It is only recently that the Art has come to my notice; already my interest is stimulated. I shall, Sir, give bellringing my wholehearted support, and endeavour, through your columns, to understand some of its mysteries.

At present I am somewhat bewildered.

Am I right in assuming that the ropes in the belfry are for ringing the bells?

I watched a band of ringers last week for two and three-quarter hours; then the ringing suddenly stopped. Apparently an argument ensued, for two members appeared most annoyed. Can you explain all this? There also appeared to be an extraordinary number of ringers named Bob, for they all spoke at once when somebody called that name. Is this unusual?

I already know six ringers. Wishing you success, yours very truly,

'SURPRISED MAJOR.'

[We welcome a new supporter of our art, and hasten to assure him that the ropes are not for ringing the bells, but for testing the strength of the ringers. We could probably explain the argument when the bells suddenly stopped after ringing two and three-quarter hours, but perhaps it would be better not to do so here. We are glad 'Surprised Major' already knows six ringers. There are about 39,994 more whose acquaintance he has yet to make, and we reciprocate his good wishes for success.—Ed. 'R.W.']

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st, when the ladies received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, and the local ringers. Ringing commenced soon after 3.30, and then the Guild service was held, the Vicar giving an inspiring address. Tea was enjoyed in the Institute, and Miss E. K. Parker (general secretary) took this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mr. A. Dean for their kindness and help.

There was very little business to deal with, the most important item being that it was proposed to hold the next meeting in conjunction with the Central District at St. Clement Danes, on January 21st.

Mrs. Hairs particularly asks all ladies to keep this date free, as she is anxious to have a very good meeting.

After the meeting the members revisited the tower and continued ringing until 8 o'clock.

HUNGERFORD BELLS DEDICATED.

At St. Laurence's Church, Hungerford, Berks, for evening service, after the dedication of two new trebles by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes from Thurstans') in 45 mins.: H. Simmonds (Caversham) 1, R. W. Hymer (Swindon) 2, Miss Phyllis M. Moss (Uxbridge) 3, Cecil C. Mayne (Beaconsfield) 4, H. A. Hearl (Swindon) 5, C. Hussey (Aldbourne) (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Simmonds (Oxford) (conductor) 7, H. W. Bishop (Swindon) 8. Longest length on the bells.

MR. A. E. SHARMAN'S 100 PEALS.

The Bedfordshire secretary's century was completed with the peal of Superlative at Caerphilly on the South Wales tour.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor, 1 method	2	1
Minor, 2 methods	1	1
Minor, 3 methods	1	1
Minor, 7 methods	5	0
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
Grandsire Triples	6	4
Stedman Triples	10	3
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	1
Oxford Treble Bob	1	1
Double Oxford Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major	23	8
Superlative Surprise Major	11	3
Cambridge Surprise	14	0
Grandsire Caters	3	2
Stedman Caters	5	0
Bob Royal	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Total	100	32

Rung in 68 different towers, in 16 counties, for 15 associations in England and Wales.

A FIRST 720.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, on Wednesday, September 14th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: F. Corney 1, E. Plummer 2, J. B. Marks 3, C. Perry 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 rung by F. Corney.—Also 360 Plain Bob: F. Corney 1, J. B. Marks 2, C. R. Morss 3, C. Perry 4, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 5, E. Plummer 6.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving (evensong), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Walker (first quarter-peal) 1, W. C. Cuss 2, G. J. Wenter 3, H. Taylor 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Hughes 6, J. Pearce 7, T. Clark 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for harvest festival evensong, 1,294 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Twitchen 2, F. W. Boxell 3, R. Coles 4, E. Markham 5, J. Evans 6, G. White 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, E. Croxford 10.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: C. Bower 1, W. Gusterson 2, A. Ives 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, D. Elliott 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Gusterson (first in the method) 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On October 9th, at the Parish Church for harvest festival evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 48 of Double Court: A. E. Sneath 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, W. Tilley 3, H. Holmes 4, J. O. Landan 5, G. H. Wells 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong of harvest festival, 1,288 changes of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6, H. Hills 7, S. Penfold 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. Stevens (first quarter-peal) 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, A. Hiscock 3, J. Lamb 4, W. C. Parker 5, E. J. Goater (conductor) 6, J. Phillips 7, G. Walmsley 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. Shorter 1, J. Lamb 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, J. Phillips 4, E. J. Goater 5, A. Hiscock 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: L. Allwater 1, H. Barrett 2, E. E. Bish 3, H. Cook 4, J. Rumley 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, T. Hendy 8.

HALLIWELL, BOLTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on October 9th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: C. Pike 1, J. Kay 2, R. Holden 3, A. Parker 4, W. Pennington 5, A. Heywood 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, W. Dearden 8.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. L. Bumpstead 1, E. Kimm (Cromer) 2, G. Rashbrook 3, R. W. Stannard 4, Fred. Bowell (Ipswich) 5, G. Dent 6, H. Evers 7, Wm. Schofield (conductor) 8. First attempt of Treble Bob by E. Kimm.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. John's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Nelson (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, Alfred Blogg 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, F. G. Bradley 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: G. Sanders 1, W. Webb 2, P. Blake 3, F. Cherritt 4, F. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Cherritt 1, P. Blake 2, W. Webb 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—After service, 360 Oxford Bob.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—For evening service, harvest festival, on Sunday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Scott 1, G. W. Day 2, A. Symonds 3, H. Else 4, H. G. Day 5, J. Hare 6, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 7, A. Ketcher (first quarter-peal, and hails from Southgate) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Butler 1, Ray Curtis 2, J. Faithfull 3, F. Cole 4, F. Mursell 5, A. Newman 6, H. Payne (conductor) 7, F. Durnford (first quarter-peal) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Faithfull (conductor) 1, A. Newman (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, H. Payne 3, F. Mursell 4, F. Cole 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, H. Nash 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, on the occasion of the dedication and harvest festival, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *F. Plummer 1, A. E. Butcher 2, A. Seabrook 3, †R. Butcher 4, W. Botsford 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, *J. Shepherd 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal inside.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 49 mins.: *H. R. Cobbin 1, Miss E. Webster 2, S. Pinder 3, *J. E. Hobbs 4, M. Ward 5, F. A. Salter 6, G. West 7, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, at the Priory Church, for matins, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. F. Calcott (longest length of Treble Bob) 1, G. Heley 2, C. Rollings 3, G. W. Harris 4, C. E. King 5, G. H. Sentance 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.—For evensong, 1,008 Stedman Triples: G. H. Sentance 1, A. G. Matthews 2, G. W. Harris 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. E. Sharman 7, C. T. King 8.—Also as a birthday compliment to G. H. Sentance.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, before 8 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Ipswich Surprise; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Norwich Surprise and 240 Cambridge Surprise; before evensong, 720 York Surprise and 240 London Surprise. Ringers: L. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

FULHAM.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, M. Belcher 3, F. Norriss 4, A. Coles 5, J. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. W. R. Grimwood 8, A. Harding 9, H. Folkard 10.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, T. Read 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for the harvest festival evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Harding, jun., 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, N. Harding 3, J. Goacher 4, G. Grover (conductor) 5, F. Bennett 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Thursday, September 29th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, H. H. Chandler 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, T. J. Childs 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving services, on Thursday evening, September 29th, 728 Grandsire Triples: F. Kemp 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Childs (Godalming) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, W. Newberry 8.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 608 Bob Major (after a quarter-peal of Stedman had been lost): H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, H. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—On Wednesday, September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Percy Lake 1, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, C. Lake 4, D. J. Lewis 5, L. Bendle (first quarter) 6.

BAGLAN, SOUTH WALES.—On the eve of St. Michael and All Angels' Day, September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Boyce (conductor) 1, Miss Lucy Thomas 2, Mrs. E. G. Bellringer 3, J. H. Curtis 4, E. G. Bellringer 5, A. E. Pitman 6. First quarter-peal by the ringer of 4th, who is from Carmarthen. The conductor belongs to Neath.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, September 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Colcombe 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, T. Taysom 3, G. W. Taysom 4, W. E. Williams 5, Alec Taylor 6, G. Lewis 7, H. Taysom 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Taylor.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 25th, for early Communion service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lloyd 1, G. Coles 2, P. Merson 3, E. Elson 4, H. Pocock (first as conductor) 5, W. Underhill 6.

IPSWICH.—At the Church of St. Clement, for morning service on September 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Chas. Waters (age 14) 1, Fredk. Bowell 2, V. E. Waters 3, Wm. Prime 4, H. Shemming 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: David Brunning (age 13) 1, F. Bowell 2, F. J. Long 3, Wm. Prime 4, Ernest Kimm (Cromer) 5, H. Shemming (conductor) 6. First 720 Treble Bob and first attempt by C. Waters and D. Brunning, who only started ringing in November, 1926. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

FIRST CHANGE RINGING AT NANTMEL.

The Brecon ringers, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, by the kind invitation of the Rev. E. E. Davies, visited St. Cynllo's Church, Nantmel, Radnorshire, where there is a very nice ring of six bells, cast in 1903 by Llewellin and James. There is no record of these bells ever having been rung in peal. They had been well oiled and overhauled for this occasion, and with a new set of ropes were in perfect order. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round, also a touch of 220 changes, dedicated to the Rector's son and heir, who had attained that number of days since birth.

The Rector afterwards invited the band to a sumptuous tea, and it was difficult to know who was the more pleased, the Rector at the ringers' visit to his tower, or the Brecon band with the kindness shown to them.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT TO LONDON RECTOR.

On Wednesday, September 28th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, St. Clement's Youths rang 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. R. Fardon 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, F. Digby (longest length on ten bells) 5, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Bullen 8, R. Sanders 9, E. G. Garrard 10. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.'

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th, *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th, and Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. —H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Litlington on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. The Vicar has kindly made arrangements for short service and tea, and extends a warm welcome to all.—Geo. T. Croft and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elm, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 10, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Opening of bells of the Parish Church, Stisted, near Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. All ringers welcome. — Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30. Everyone heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Tanners Lane, 5. —H. Baxter, Broughton, Kettering.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at CHERTSEY, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Parish Church bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Room. Meeting to follow. Meeting at FARNHAM, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Parish Church bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church House, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea must inform me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Preliminary general meeting at Guildford Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells available after the meeting.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting, Southgate, Thursday, October 20th. Bells (10) from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. Applications for tea to be made to Miss Taylor, Harness Grove, Worksop, before October 19th.—M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEDICATION AT YORK.—The dedication of the 10¾ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome. Tea will be provided to those who send in their names to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 18th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A joint meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 6d. each). Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, not later than Thursday, Oct. 20th.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — October 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, Parish Hall. Business meeting after. Number for tea by 18th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebut Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by October 19th.—Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Names must be sent to Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, by the previous Thursday. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, October 19th. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th, those who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Proposed formation of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.—A special general meeting in connection with the above will be held at the Chantry Hall, St. Mary's Street, Southampton, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All members and ringers in the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth earnestly requested to attend. Bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches available before and after meeting.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Oct. 22nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, tea at 5.30, at The Welcome. Good train and bus services, and a ringers' Vicar. All ringing friends will be made welcome. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DERBY CATHEDRAL. — Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee Festival —The 50th annual Festival will be held in Durham on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m., and dinner at 2 o'clock at the 'Rose and Crown' Hotel. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The service will be held in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. We earnestly ask ringers and friends for their whole-hearted support, as we expect a large number to dinner. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me by first post on Tuesday, October 25th, to enable the seating accommodation to be arranged. The bells of the Cathedral (8), subject to services, St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. Wiltshire). Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before last post on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Business meeting will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. A hearty welcome to all who attend.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HAGBOURNE BELLS will be reopened on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tea will be provided for those who buy tickets beforehand. See this column next week for details.—J. Butler.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A special meeting for combined practice of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. A short informal meeting will be held in the belfry during the afternoon to discuss the best means of arranging future similar meetings. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this meeting, which has been arranged to enable members to practise any of the above methods.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins,

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A PUTNEY WEDDING.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney, on October 1st, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Elizabeth Bolton and Mr. William H. Saunders. The Vicar of Putney (Rev. E. Priestley Swain) officiated. The bride, who was simply and daintily attired, was given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Bolton, the genial master of the local society of ringers. Mr. Paul Saunders (brother) was best man, whilst the bride was attended by her sisters, Annie and Ethel, as bridesmaids.

The local ringers attended in good force, and as the bridal party left the church the bells were fired, afterwards breaking into Stedman Triples, some good touches of which were subsequently rung. Owing to business and other calls it was regretted a quarter-peal could not be attempted. The ringers afterwards adjourned to another 'place,' where the health of the newly-wedded pair was suitably honoured, and a pleasant hour was spent as the guests of Mr. Bolton, who has now for many years filled the post of Master and steeplekeeper with great tact and courtesy.

BRIDEGROOM RINGS FOR HIS OWN WEDDING.

At Glemsford, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 1st, Mr. P. Leslie Johnson, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Sparham, the sister of another of the Glemsford band. Later in the day, the bridegroom took part in a 720 Bob Minor rung on the Parish Church bells in honour of the event: C. Watson 1, H. List 2, P. Leslie Johnson 3, J. Sparham 4, R. V. Johnson (conductor) 5, T. E. Slater 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): James Cowley (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Hesketh 2, H. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8.

ROCHESTER.—On Wednesday evening, September 14th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) in 55 mins.: C. Winser 1, P. Springham 2, J. L. Harris 3, A. E. Allen 4, F. Belsey 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, J. Haigh 9, A. Taylor 10.

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