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The manner in which the idea of county and diocesan ringing associations spread through the country fifty years or so ago can be judged by the fact that this week the fifth 'jubilee' celebration in a little over three years is being held. To-morrow the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will commemorate a half century of existence, and it follows upon similar celebrations by the Devon Guild (established in 1874), the Yorkshire and Lancashire Associations and the Norfolk Guild, the last named having reached this notable landmark in its history earlier this year. Indeed, the Norwich Diocesan Association, as it was in those days, has some claim to be the parent of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, for, fresh from the newly established organisation in the Eastern Counties, Mr. G. J. Clarkson went north and was the initiator of the movement which resulted in an association to embrace the then diocese of Durham. Norwich was the first and Durham the second to take a diocesan title, and thus, by their designation, proclaim their connection with the church.

As other associations came into being some took a territorial, others a diocesan title, as best pleased them, but in view of the present development of the Exercise, to become more and more allied with Church organisation, it would, perhaps, have been a good thing if all of them had made their boundaries diocesan instead of civic. Where these overlap there is always a latent cause of friction, but we believe that the trend in the future will be towards organisations diocesan rather than county in character, with a splitting up of some of the larger ones.

Be that as it may, the occurrence of 'jubilees' in various parts of the country come as a reminder of the progress which the Exercise has made in the last half century. Associations which began with a membership numbered in tens are now organisations with members to be counted in hundreds. Not only have they raised the whole tone of the belfry and spread the art of ringing to a previously undreamt of degree, but they have been responsible for putting in order the bells of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of towers throughout the land. But for the activities of the associations, first in creating an interest in change ringing, and then in arousing appreciation of the importance of having bells in good order, numberless rings would be lying to-day dilapidated, unused and unusable, except perhaps for chiming or, more deplorable still, for clocking. There is, even now, plenty of work to be done in this direction, but a great deal of what has been accomplished has been due either directly or indirectly to the influence of our ringing associations.

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The Durham and Newcastle Association has been in the forefront of progress in ringing and all that makes for the good of the Exercise. It has been favoured by officers of great keenness and ability, and men whose personality has been of immeasurable advantage. It has done great work in the north, and ringers throughout the country to-day will join in wishing the association long continued success and prosperity.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PERCY MAY... .. Treble	*JOHN F. TILLET, JUN. ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM TILLET ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
CHARLES MEY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
HARRY R. ROPER ... 6	ERNEST F. POPPY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. Samuel Tillett, father and grandfather of the ringers of the 11th and 7th respectively, also uncle of W. Tillett.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	HENRY BENNETT... 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 4	WALTER FARLEY... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the parents of Edward William Rahtz (who was drowned as a result of a motorcycle accident), his father being a past churchwarden of St. Stephen's.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
HORACE BELCHER ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5	WALTER AYSE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGE ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	†CYRIL WINWOOD ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
*SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 5	GILBERT GUSST ... Tenor

Composed by the late WM. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* 70th peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Reuben Hall, an old and esteemed member of the above Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*KENNETE KNOWLES Treble	ALBAN E. SLATTER 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	*WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6
CHARLES GREEDY 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
PERCY JONES 4	JOHN HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by H. HOPGOOD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	†GEORGE LEA 5
*RONALD G. JONES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
GEORGE SPERRING 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM ROBERTS 4	*HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES;

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the 2nd is son of the conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*CYRIL F. HOWITT Treble	*ROWLAND BARROW 5
ALBAN DISNEY 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE 6
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
*PERCY HARRISON 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First of Kent 'inside.'

LLANFIGNAN, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... Treble	†ROBERT G. JONES 5
WILLIAM EVANS 2	ALBC A. RACKHAM 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 7
JAMES P. HYETT 4	†SUPT. JAMES THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the diocese for the above Guild, and first peal of Triples on the bells. Messrs. Jones and Thomas were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting the peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST FLEET Treble	WILLIAM ASTLE 5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	WALTER THOMAS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	*NORMAN COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung for evening service, and the last on-these bells, which are going to be recast and relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*RUPERT J. GOATE Treble	ARTHUR CORBYN 5
ROBERT WARMAN 2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 6
STANLEY COPLING 3	HENRY W. BARRETT 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	FRANK H. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DAVEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was arranged for Mr. E. J. Trimmer, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who was erecting a new clock in the church tower. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
BENJAMIN J. BUDD 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	BENJAMIN J. BUDD 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

The above two peals were arranged for Mr. B. J. Budd, of Grimsby.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY HOLDEN Treble	*JAMES MARSHALL 5
CHAS. E. PERKINS 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN KENDALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES TOVEY Treble	JAMES J. CAUSON 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
WALTER YEEND 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and the first for this branch of the association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Coates Carter, churchwarden at the above church, who died at the Manor House the day before.

MONEDWEN, SUFFOLK.—On handbells, at St. Mary's Parish Room, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Miller 1-2, J. Tarrant 3-4, D. Wightman 5-6.—720 by : J. Arbon (first 720) 1-2, J. Tarrant 3-4, H. Wightman (conductor) 5-6.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 81.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAFER 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MADRICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROY WILKINSON Treble	†ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

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

PETERSTONE, WENT-LOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ERNEST COOMBS 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. S. Dawe, two stalwarts of the association.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB, No. 2.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
ERNEST JONES 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
THOMAS C. LARKEY 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN LEE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN HOYLE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR BAKER Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
†HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
WILLIAM COOPER 4	‡ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY

* First peal of Major. † 350th peal. ‡ 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.

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

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*WILLIAM C. RHODES 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FRED PRICE 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. This is the 900th peal by the Guild.

CHURCHKIRK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY BROWN Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 3
JOSEPH WOODS 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 6
FRED READ 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th. The composition is now rung for the first time. Ringers of 3rd, 6th and 7th from Rishton, remainder from Churchkirk.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFIN Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE STEERE 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the wife of Mr. Richard Constance, conductor of the local band.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

FRED HODGSON Treble	ARNOLD BLACKBURN 5
HARRY LOFHOUSE 2	GERALD MOORHOUSE 6
JAMES INGHAM 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
*ARTHUR CLOUGH 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Broadley, G. Moorhouse, J. Ingham and 'Uncle' Joe Sykes, and in honour of the marriage of Mr. R. A. Fardon and Miss R. G. Hawkesworth, of St. Mary's, Acton, Middlesex.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. GARISIDE Treble	JOHN T. BIMSON 5
JAMES MILLER 2	JOHN T. MILLER 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (295). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN HUTCHINSON Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY 5
*WM. NORMAN 2	*FRED TICKLE 6
†JOHN CASSON 3	GEO. W. TENBY 7
WM. H. COOK 4	WM. T. HOLMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. T. HOLMES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Spliced Pitman's and Morris'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BALL Treble	ROÑALD H. DOVE 4
†CECIL VERBY 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 5
†BEN MATTLEY 3	*HARRY KRIGHTLEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung in commemoration of the patronal festival of St. Denys.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PERCY J. SUTTON Treble	*HAROLD COOK 4
*MISS DORIS M. SUTTON 2	FELIX J. SUTTON 5
JOHN W. BOOTH 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Second peal on these bells, made six in 1874. The conductor wishes to thank Rev. Canon Devereux for permission, and Mr. E. J. Sutton for kindly arranging this peal.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	*FREDERICK HAWKES 5
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch, also a 21st birthday compliment to F. Lawrence.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
FRANK HAYES 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND RADEGUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

SIDNEY MOODY Treble	ALBERT CALLOWAY 4
WILLIAM CHAMBERS 2	HARRY BARTON 5
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung after the marriage of Mr. H. Hobbs (one of the local ringers) to Miss A. L. Hansford, of Swanage.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court; two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.

G. E. PADGETT Treble	†E. CLULOW 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	J. F. MILNER 5
*G. FOSTER 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

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

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE Treble	A. GAZEY 4
G. WASLEY 2	W. B. ETHERIDGE 5
W. WASLEY 3	JOHN WHITING Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE.

After the peal, the ringers congratulated the conductor, who is in his 81st year, and presumably the oldest member of the Gloucester Branch.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

AT MAGDALENE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK S. HAYNES 1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	CHRISTOPHER H. B. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

CLAPHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6	WALTER AYRE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Hewett heard the first 19 courses. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

THE LATE MR. REUBEN HALL.

MUFFLED BELLS INSTEAD OF BIRTHDAY PEAL.

The sudden death of Mr. Reuben Hall, which was recorded in these columns last week, came as a great shock to all his friends, especially to those who were so closely associated with him and rang with him so often in many Midland towers. On Sunday, October 9th, Mr. Hall was present as usual in the tower of Christ Church, West Bromwich, ringing for morning service. He was deeply interested in the 'go' of the bells and the condition of the ropes, which formed a subject of conversation with one of his brother ringers, Mr. Joseph Walker. Shortly afterwards, he returned to his home in Alfred Street and expired in his bedroom. His death was particularly tragic, inasmuch as he would have celebrated his 75th anniversary on the Tuesday following, and in honour of what would have been a happy event, Mr. Hall had already selected a band from the members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, in which he himself was to take part, despite his advanced age. After the peal he was to be the guest of honour at a social gathering. All these arrangements were quickly cancelled, and a half-muffled peal arranged to be attempted on Saturday, October 15th.

Born at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, in the year 1852, and at which place he recently enjoyed a short holiday, Mr. Hall went to live in the Midlands when quite young, and he had been



REUBEN HALL.

employed at Messrs. Lees' saw mills, Swan Village, for fifty-three years. Although a ringing member of the Christ Church band, the late Mr. Hall was for thirty years a ringer at Oldbury Parish Church, during which period also he was towerkeeper and clock winder.

His visits to any neighbouring tower were always welcomed, and his interest in the younger members of any company was always prominent, especially in those he met at any association gathering with which he was connected.

The late Mr. Hall was a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Dudley and Districts Guild, and was for many years a member of the Worcestershire Association. At the annual meeting of the Stafford Society held at Lichfield in June last, a free honorary membership was conferred upon him, he being one of the oldest members of the society, which he joined in the year 1883, when the society was inaugurated. During his career he has taught many young ringers to manage a bell, some of whom are now prominent in the Exercise.

Not only was the deceased gentleman interested in tower bells, but he took a very great interest in handbells, and his tune playing, with his devoted friend, Mr. John Jaggard, was always masterly. Recently, at Burton-on-Trent, when the old ringers had a re-union, the many selections by Mr. Hall and Mr. Jaggard were greatly enjoyed. The late Mr. Hall was ever willing to assist in any charitable cause with the handbells, and for many years he and John Jaggard visited the institutions at West Bromwich on Christmas morning and delighted the inmates and patients with appropriate selections.

Mr. Hall rang nearly 220 peals on tower bells in various methods, two being worthy of mention, namely, 11,563 Grandsire Caters, and another peal in the same method, rung half-muffled, consisting of over 9,000 changes. Both these peals were rung at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Many messages of sympathy have been received by his relatives, bearing testimony to the esteem in which he was held, not only as a ringer, but as one of the best type of British workman, a gentleman by nature, and beloved by all who knew him. Among these many kind messages were letters from Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. W. W. Worthington, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, and Mr. H. Sheppard, secretary of Dudley Guild.

The funeral took place on Thursday, October 13th, amid many manifestations of sorrow and regret. The first part of the service, at which the Rev. E. N. Thomas officiated, was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, where many old friends assembled. Among those present were the churchwardens (Messrs. Eales and Griffiths), Mr. W. Mason, ex-warden, Mr. John Lee, deceased's employer, Messrs. Jones and Githbert, of the firm of Lees and Sons, Mr. H. Sheppard Dudley, and the employes of Lees and Sons. The interment took place at All Saints' Churchyard, and was of an impressive character. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, jun., Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Jack, Cyril and Ernie (grandsons), Miss Kate Hall (granddaughter), Mr. John Jaggard (Oldbury), Mr. Jos. Walker (West Bromwich), Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield and Mr. A. Prestidge (Netherton). Representatives of ringing associations at the graveside were Rev. C. W. Barker (Archdeaconry of Stafford Society) and Mr. H. Sheppard (Dudley and Districts Guild), also Mr. A. Prestidge (St. Andrew's company, Netherton). The bearers were six of deceased's fellow workmen.

Among the many floral tributes, in addition to those from his son and daughter and other relatives, was one from his employer, Mr. John Lee, 'in memory of a faithful servant for fifty-three years,' and others from Ald. J. S. Pritchett; Mr. John Jaggard; the wardens at Christ Church; Christ Church bellringers; Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change Ringers; and Netherton Parish Church bellringers, the last-named bearing the following inscription:—

'Year by year the bells so softly
O'er the graves their music pour,
Where the dust of saints is garnered,
Till the Master comes once more.
'Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest.'

On Saturday, October 15th, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at Christ Church, West Bromwich, but, unfortunately, after 2 hours 32 minutes, a 'change course' brought the ringing to an end. The ringers were J. Jaggard 1, A. Pickering 2, W. A. Cooper 3, S. J. Hughes 4, J. Walker 5, B. Gough 6, A. Greenfield 7, J. Screen 8, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 9, J. Reed 10.

On Sunday, October 16th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: F. Pickering 1, A. Pickering 2, S. J. Hughes 3, F. Barraclough 4, A. E. Reeves 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, A. Greenfield 7, J. N. Reed 8.

LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT WORKSOP.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at the Abbey Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksop, on Saturday, October 22nd. This beautiful old church dates back to the 12th century, and was a source of great interest to many of the visitors.

Despite a thoroughly wet day and many counter-attractions in the way of ringing meetings, quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were present from Anston, Dore, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, Rotherham, etc., and the light bells were used to good purpose in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

Miss Taylor is to be congratulated on the very excellent arrangements that were made for tea, which was provided in the old Gatehouse, and at which Mrs. D'Arcy, the Vicar's wife, presided, and the members were also privileged to have her as chairman at the business meeting which followed.

It was decided that the secretary should approach Mrs. James Gotterell with a view to asking her to become the vice-president of the Northern District.

One new member, Miss Ethel Winrow, of Worksop, was elected. It was also arranged that, with the consent of the local authorities, the next meeting should be held at Deane Church, Bolton, on Saturday, January 14th.

The meeting closed with expressions of thanks to Canon and Mrs. D'Arcy for their cordial welcome to the Guild on this its first visit to Worksop.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE.

On Sunday, at St. Giles' Church, Sandiacre, for evening service, 720 of Mr. George Baker's variation of Double London Surprise Minor was rung, the first extent, we believe, in the method: W. Halford 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

The dedication of 'Great Peter,' the great 10½ ton bell which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have cast for York Minster, took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by the Dean, while the Archbishop of York was also present.

There was a large number of ringers among the congregation, and afterwards, at a gathering in the Ebor Hall, Canon Nolloth, whose enthusiasm largely inspired the work which has now been completed in connection with the bells of the Minster, was presented by York ringers with a beautifully illuminated address.

A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

PRESENTATION AT NUNEATON.

WEDDING GIFTS TO LADY RINGER.

On Thursday evening, October 13th, a pleasing little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of the Parish Church at Nuneaton, in connection with the marriage of Mr. H. Billington with Miss Pattie Clarke, which has already been reported in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. T. W. Chapman said they had met to show their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Billington in the belfry. She had been with them over 10 years, and had rung several peals with the Nuneaton company, as well as having been very helpful in ringing for the services of the church—the first and most important duty of the ringer. Many thanks are due to her for the trouble she has taken in keeping the ringing chamber clean and comfortable. Mrs. Billington would now have other duties to attend to, so they could not expect to see her so often in the future as in the past, but she could always expect a hearty welcome in the belfry. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Billington the best of luck, health and happiness.

The Vicar sent an apology for his unavoidable absence, with best wishes to the newly-wedded couple.

Mr. H. Argyle, as the senior member of the company, then presented Mrs. Billington with a very nice clock, a gift from the Vicar and ringers. Mr. Argyle said they would be sorry to lose Mrs. Billington from the belfry, and he expressed the best wishes of the company for her future happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Billington thanked the Vicar and ringers for their kind wishes and the beautiful present.

Mrs. Billington was also the recipient of a very nice bridecake, made and presented by a well-known member of the Nuneaton Society, Mr. A. Wilkerson.

After the presentation, the bells were raised, and touches of London, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, in which Mrs. Billington took part.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CAERLEON RINGER.

The death of Mr. George Watts, of Caerleon, Mon, has removed an ardent and respected South Wales ringer. He was not an advanced change ringer, but what knowledge he did possess he was ever willing to impart to beginners. He had taught many to handle the rope, and as a consequence he was privileged at his last visit to the tower on Sunday evening, October 16th, to see fourteen present, ten of them being his pupils. His last words to the band were, 'Let us burn up on Friday and have a good practice.' But, unfortunately, by that time he had passed away. His motto was 'Loyalty,' and he placed the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of September 30th in the tower to remain and to be read by all, visitors included. He practised what he preached, namely, regularity and punctuality, particularly at Sunday service ringing.

He had not rung many peals, but was always willing to take treble or tenor for anyone when meeting short, etc.

He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters to mourn the loss of an ideal father. He was known as 'father' even to the Caerleon band.

Mr. Watts retired to rest in the best of health on Tuesday, October 18th, but on Wednesday morning at 5.40 his wife became alarmed. He had a seizure, and by 6.10 a.m. had passed away.

The funeral took place at Caerleon on Saturday, October 22nd, and was attended by many ringers, including the Master of the Blandaff and Monmouth Association (Mr. Tom Ford). The bells were rung muffled, and the service was fully choral. In church, the hymn, 'God moves in a mysterious way,' was sung, and at the graveside, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul.' The muffled bells rang out again afterwards, several touches being conducted by his old and intimate friend, Mr. Samuel Jones, who is a regular ringer at Caerleon. George Watts will long be remembered by all.—R.I.P.

DEATH OF AN IPSWICH RINGER.

On October 12th, there passed away at Ipswich a noted ringer of a generation ago, in the person of Mr. Samuel Tillett. 'Old Sam,' as he was generally known of late years, did not pile up huge numbers of peals, but preferred good striking; that is to say, quality before quantity. To hear him strike St. Mary-le-Tower tenor in the eighties was something to remember. His rang his first peal in 1881, and altogether rang 19 peals on tower bells and nine on handbells.

He was laid to rest in Ipswich Cemetery on Saturday, October 15th, and a muffled peal was rung to his memory the following Saturday, in which his son, grandson and nephew took part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The condition of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling continues satisfactory, and last week-end he was removed by ambulance from the County Hospital at Hertford to his home at Guildford. He is, of course, still confined to bed, and complete rest and quiet are essential. His friends throughout the country will, however, be glad to learn that he is making progress.

It has often been said that there seems to be no 'age limit' in ringing, and another instance, demonstrating that advancing years is no bar to participation in the art, is provided at Malsemore, Gloucestershire, where Mr. Benjamin Etheridge, who is in his 81st year, has conducted a peal of Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles!

We hear that the Ladies' Guild is shortly to attempt a peal of Major, and that the method is to be Cambridge. They have now a number of excellent Surprise ringers in their ranks, and we hope their efforts will be crowned with success at the first attempt.

The Georges have scored a peal of London Surprise Major at a church dedicated to their own patron saint. The first 'name' peal of London Surprise was rung by a band of Johns at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 2nd, 1904.

The peal of Little Bob Maximus which Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., conducted at Canterbury Cathedral, as recorded in our last issue, was the 26th 'first in the method for the association' which he has called. This, surely, must be a record.

In the peal of Doubles at South Weald, rung on the 15th inst., and the report of which was published last week, the number of changes of Grandsire should have been given as 3,120.

Exactly one hundred years ago to-day Henry Hubbard rang his first peal. He was then nineteen years of age, and he lived to make his mark in the Exercise. This first peal of his was a 6,680 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Alburgh, and was conducted by Samuel Thurston.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob (9,120 changes), 'the longest length over rung with the tenors together,' was achieved at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, on October 28th, 1876. The composition, however, would hardly be accepted in these days. It runs true to 9,119 changes with 4th's-place bobs, and is brought round with a single.

Ninety years ago to-day Henry Dais was born at Tibenham, Norfolk.

Another century this week is that of a peal of 6,011 Grandsire Caters, rung at Bromsgrove, on October 29th, 1827.

On October 31st, 1791, a peal of 7,002 Grandsire 'Quaters' was rung at the Church of Great St. Mary, Cambridge. This use of the word 'Quaters,' the only instance we know of in peal records, shows the derivation of the word 'Caters.' It comes from the French 'quatre,' meaning four.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened forty-nine years ago next Tuesday.

The first 'name' peal was rung on November 3rd, 1796, when eleven Williams, including William Shipway, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Reflex's' letter as to ringers attending service, would it not be conducive to their attending more regularly if the clergy visited the belfry at more frequent intervals. How many members of the congregation would put in an appearance if they never saw the clergy from one month's end to another?—Yours faithfully,

TOWERKEEPER.

THE RINGERS' 'LITTLE BIT.'

Dear Sir,—Re 'Reflex's' letter of last week, I think that a ringer should attend one service on a Sunday, but 'Reflex' apparently forgets that in most cases the ringers start ringing about three-quarters of an hour before the service, and that in attending a service they are kept 2 hours or 2½ hours at the church at one stretch. I wonder how many consider this? Anyway, a ringer, whether he attends the service or not, has done his 'little bit.'—Your faithfully,

NEW RINGER.

CLERGY SHOULD VISIT THE BELFRY.

Dear Sir,—The local clergyman to whom 'Reflex' refers is not using quite the right spirit when he says, 'He would take more interest if their present ringers attended the services more frequently.'

At the short services that we hold at our meetings, we occasionally get 'rubs' for not stopping for the service after ringing is over. Ringers do not like that; it only makes them want to keep away from such men. If the Rector were to visit the belfry and encourage the ringers, much good would be done in many ways.

Where ringers go to ring just for amusement or recreation I think it the duty of the clergy to visit them, and so help them to higher things. There are some clergy who do not care whether their bells are rung properly, or just one or two chimed, but I hope these are few and far between.—Yours faithfully,

LAYMAN.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.
BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the twelfth 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.

The first lead of Superlative Surprise Major is here given, divided into sections, with the rows numbered and marked 'Even' and 'Odd' (+ and -). Also a few comparisons of 'similar' rows, showing the false heads that they give. The duplicate false heads from rows 2/29, 12/23, etc., are eliminated, and the completed result will be column No. 1, headed by the first lead-head of the plain course (12345678). The treble is omitted from the rows, being always at the lead.

The lead-heads of the plain course are given, in the order in which they appear. Note the positions held by the 'tenors' in each. Columns 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 will be headed by each of these in turn.

Row No.	First lead	Similar	Giving false
No.	Superlative.	Even Rows.	lead-heads.
1.	12345678 +	1. 12345678	15783246
2.	21435687 +	30. 15783246	16572834
3.	12463578 -		
4.	21645387 -		
5.	26143578 +	2. 21435687	15783246
6.	62415387 +	29. 51872364	16572834
7.	26145837 -		
8.	62418573 -		
9.	26481537 +		
10.	62845173 +		
11.	68241537 -		
12.	86425173 -		
13.	68245713 +		
14.	86427531 +		
15.	68472513 -		
16.	86745231 -		
17.	68472531 +		
18.	86745213 +		
19.	68754231 -		
20.	86572413 -		

PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEADS.

No.	Lead-head
1.	12345678
2.	15738264
3.	18674523
4.	14263857
5.	13527486
6.	17856342
7.	16482735

FALSE HEADS. COLUMN No. 1.
(First lead 12345678.)

No.	False Head
1.	5783246
2.	6572834
3.	5238746
4.	3472865
5.	5276834
6.	3782546
7.	5473862
8.	8532746
9.	8352647
10.	5374682
11.	7362548
12.	5376428
13.	7345826
14.	2354876

The false lead-heads in columns 2, 3, 4, etc., below, are arrived at by transposition. For column No. 2, transpose the second lead-head (15738264) by each false lead-head (in column No. 1) in turn. For column No. 3 transpose the THIRD lead-head (18674523) by each false-head (still from column No. 1) in turn; and so on, with the other four columns, using the false lead-heads in column No. 1 each time, because they are those which are relative TO ROUNDS.

	Column 2. (15738264)	Column 3. (18674523)	Column 4. (14263857)	Columns 5, 6, 7.
No. 1.	8647532	4238875	3572468	Similarly
No. 2.	2865473	5428367	8354726	etc.
No. 3.	8574632	4863275	3427568	
No. 4.	7365428	6728354	2654783	
	etc.	etc.	etc.	

(The false COURSE-HEADS are placed under each column.)
When the seven columns are completed, ignore those false lead-heads which have not got '7-8' in their 'plain course positions,' pick-

ing out those heads in which '7-8' occupy the same places as shown in one of the PLAIN-COURSE lead-heads. There is none in column No. 1, and all can be ignored there. In column No. 2, the third one will be picked out—(8)5(7)4632—where '7-8' are in the same positions as in the third lead-head of the plain course—1(8)6(7)4523. In column No. 3, the fourth one will be picked out—6(7)2(8)354—where '7-8' correspond to the second plain course lead-head—15(7)3(8)264.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANOTHER ENCOURAGING PRELIMINARY MEETING.

Farnham, probably more than any other town in the new diocese of Guildford, loses old associations by its severance from Winchester, for it is here, in its historic castle, that for seven hundred years the Bishops of Winchester have made their home. Now, with the division of the diocese, the castle will no more house the prelates of Winchester, among the earliest of whom to inhabit the ancient pile was the great Henry of Blois. But Farnham has loyally accepted the cutting up of the diocese in the interest of modern needs, and, following the example of the other churchmen, the ringers in the district are preparing to give their wholehearted allegiance to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, the last of the series of district meetings, arranged by the Organising Committee, was held in the old Surrey town, and out of the eleven towers which will comprise the district seven were represented, viz., Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Pirbright, Seale and Yorktown. The meeting, which was held in the Church House, was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), and there were ringers also present from Guildford, Cranleigh, Crawley and Woking, the number attending being over 40.

The Rector, in opening the proceedings, spoke of the more intensive work which would be possible under the new regime, and, paraphrasing a now well-known song, said, 'The more we ring together the happier we shall be.'

The Organising Committee's report was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) and accepted, and a resolution was unanimously passed approving of the formation of the new Guild, and pledging those present to do their utmost to support its objects and further its interests.

The rules were considered in detail, and, with the various amendments which the Organising Committee propose to put forward as the result of the district meetings, were approved.

Mr. R. Whittington pointed out the importance of securing the best possible men for the various offices in the Guild and districts, and asked the future members to think seriously about these appointments before the time came for making them.

After the rules had been disposed of, the Rector had to leave for another engagement, and Mr. W. R. Melville was voted to the chair. Before his departure, however, the Rector was cordially thanked for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells.

A resolution was carried in favour of the proposed reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, to admit resident members in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on payment of one shilling, but the meeting was unable to agree to the suggestion that the life members should be admitted free.

The question of the date of the annual meeting was discussed, and, as at the other district meetings, the suggestion which found most favour was a business meeting early in the year and a Guild festival in the summer.

A general discussion on a variety of matters of interest took place before the business, in which keen interest was shown, was concluded.

Afterwards, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing, which had taken place in the afternoon, was resumed. Several ringers were helped through methods a stage higher than they are in the habit of practising, and altogether a very useful time was spent in the belfry. The church, dedicated to St. Andrew, is hidden away behind the houses and shops in the main street of the town, and, unless one knows the way, is not at all easy to find. You can reach a corner of the churchyard by a side street, but Farnham goes to church chiefly by alleys and footpaths. The bells are a mixed lot, of no particular interest, the earliest dating from 1725.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, October 22nd. Owing to the clashing of dates between the various societies in the division and the wretched weather conditions, the attendance was small, but a very enjoyable time was spent, and opportunity was taken to give some beginners a good drilling in the art.

A service conducted by the Rector of Rawmarsh (the Rev. Canon Scovell) was very much appreciated, and his remarks were keenly followed. After tea, the business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair. Messrs. Milner (Southwell) and Bates (Norton) were elected out-county life members, and C. Otter (Arksey) a resident member.

The next meeting, to be held in December, was left in the secretary's hands to arrange, and after votes of thanks to all concerned the meeting closed.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

SOME OF THE PIONEERS. By C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

To-morrow, at Durham, the city of its birth, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will celebrate its jubilee, and some notes on its early history will be read with interest.

The initial meeting of the Durham Diocesan Association (the diocese of Newcastle had not then been founded) was held in the Choristers' Room of Durham Cathedral, on August 17th, 1877, and was convened by the first secretary, Mr. G. J. Clarkson. Dean Lake occupied the chair, and there were present some 22 ringers from Darlington, Hurworth, Newcastle, North Shields, Sunderland, Staindrop, Brancepeth, Stockton, South Shields, Morpeth, and Durham. Mr. Clarkson, who had come from the diocese of Norwich to the town of Stockton-on-Tees, as its engineer, was fired with enthusiasm and the spirit of emulation, in that the Norwich Association had then entered on its early years of activity. We may, therefore, assume that we are an offspring of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previous to this the Devonshire Guild and the Yorkshire and Lancashire Associations had come into existence, so that of the territorial ringing institutions we are fifth on the list.



GEORGE J. CLARKSON.
The first secretary.

also an exceedingly good organist, and did duty at the Parish Church, North Shields, until his death some ten years ago. He once told the writer that he had three times more difficulty in teaching a ringer than he had in instructing a learner to play the organ, inferring, of course, that 'rope-sight' was more difficult to grasp than the manuals of the church organ.

The vice-presidents elected were Mr. Johnson F. Hern and Mr. Francis Lees. The former was then at Hurworth-on-Tees, and, shortly after, moved to Reading to become 'mine host' of a famous hostelry, and in this town he was for many years a tower of strength to the ringing fraternity. His brother, Mr. Joel Hern, whom everyone of us loved and respected, came to North Shields from Norfolk shortly after, and was the backbone of North Shields' belfry until his death some seven years ago. The late Mr. Robert Story, who followed Mr. Reed in the presidency in 1883, used to hold Mr. Hern up to the young ringers as the finest stylist in rope handling that he knew, and bade them copy his style. His rope went up as smoothly as it came down, in perfect rhythm and time in all methods.

The other vice-president, Mr. F. Lees, was a product of Derbyshire's best, coming from Glossop, where good striking was not secondary to the ringing of numerous methods, though he could do both. He came to the North as the servant of the 'Newcastle Chronicle' under Sir (then Mr.) Joseph Cowen, 'the silver-tongued M.P.,' as head dispatcher for that newspaper. For fully twenty years he carried the St. John's Guild on his back, so to speak, and grounded the best methods and the best spirit of camaraderie into his pupils. In fact, St. John's was for many years the 'nursery' for ringers in the district, and more men have rung their first peals in that tower than in any in the North.

Mr. Clarkson himself was a tremendous enthusiast for the art. He was, too, an ardent Freemason, and held high honours in the province. In Stockton-on-Tees he did good work, and it was due to his efforts and to those of his devoted band of helpers, that the bells of St. Thomas', which were originally a peal of six, 11 cwt. tenor, were eventually in the Diamond Jubilee Year, 1897, augmented to a fine ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt. They were erected under his own expert engineering eye, and were at that time 'the' thing in up-to-date hanging. He was a hard taskmaster, but he got the best out of all he came in contact with. One of his best hands and staunchest supporters was Mr. Wm. Newton, the only original ringing member of the association now living, and still in harness at Stockton belfry. All the original members of the committee have passed away, and of the honorary members, only Dr. Barrow, of Rothbury, and Canon W. B. East, of St. Ann's, Newcastle, now remain.

Following up the work of the pioneers, we come to the man who did much for the association—Robert Spencer Story. He joined the association in 1879, and was elected second president in 1883, holding that office for 22 years, showing the utmost tact, capability and enthusiasm in the administration of its affairs. Under his rule, tremendous progress was made, not only in improving change ringing and striking, but in the status of the ringer as a recognised church worker. He was one of the founders of the Central Council, and upheld its decisions and ideals in his own association with the utmost loyalty. Many of his colleagues in St. John's belfry gave him their best support, and, later, held responsible offices in the association, namely, his brother, Mr. Wm. Story, a president of later years, Mr. Walter Routledge and his brother, the writer of these notes, who was secretary and then president for a number of years, and was also elected to fill the chair over the jubilee celebrations.

The first annual report, printed in 'Church Bells,' September 23rd, 1878, shows the state of affairs in the counties at that time: 'The only society in the diocese which has any pretensions to a history is the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead. These two towns have



ROBERT SPENCER STORY.

a heavy eight at St. Nicholas', medium eights at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Gateshead, and a six each at St. Andrew's and St. John's, all out of repair. A 5,040 would be impracticable at St. Nicholas' or St. Mary's, while All Saints' would have to be patched up to have any chance of success.'

This, unfortunately, was typical of most rings in the two counties at that date, and we mention with pleasure and pride that now in Newcastle alone, including Gosforth, there is one peal of 12 (13 with the half-tone bell), one of 10, five of 8, ranging from 30 to 11 cwt. tenors, and two of 6, only one of which is still unringable. Gateshead still has only one peal, but they are now in first-class condition, and are rung for all services on Sundays, practices and an occasional peal attempt. In 1893, the St. John's Guild tackled a peal there, after much screwing up, oiling and a supply of new ropes—Grandsire Triples—and as the tenor could not be raised she was 'clocked in' to cover, and 'Holt's Original' was brought round in 3 hours 8 minutes: Similar increases in numbers of bells and in the proficiency of ringing have gone steadily on in nearly all the towns and villages of the two dioceses. (Continued in next column.)

TARRINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

Sunday, October 23rd, was a red-letter day in the annals of Tarrington, a Herefordshire village, when the reopening and dedication of the bells took place. The 2nd and tenor have been recast, the whole peal of six returned, and the framework overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Bishop of Hereford performed the dedication ceremony, and afterwards gave a very appropriate address on bells and ringing, paying a great tribute to the Hereford Guild. There was a crowded congregation, the whole of the inhabitants of the parish apparently being present, and they have now achieved their desire to have a musical peal in place of what has been described as 'a wretched old lot.'

A great number of visiting ringers were present, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Rounds and methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

WELL-KNOWN RINGERS MARRIED.**MR. HAROLD POOLE AND MISS PHYLLIS HARE.**

Two well-known ringers were wedded on Monday, when the marriage took place at St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, near Peterborough. Mr. Harold Poole, youngest son of Mr. S. Poole and the late Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, and Miss Phyllis Hare, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hare, of Church View, Woodston.

Mr. Harold Poole, who is a member of the Leicester Police Force, is one of the most brilliant of the younger generation of ringers, and has displayed remarkable abilities as a conductor. Miss Phyllis Hare is also an extremely able exponent of the art, and on Saturday, at Deeping St. James, completed her first one hundred peals, which include all the commonly practised Surprise methods and Cambridge from Minor to Royal.

The good wishes of a large circle of ringing friends will go with the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness.

MISS HARE'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles 1, Bob Minor 2, Minor in two methods 2, in 3 methods 5, in four methods 2, in five methods 4, in six methods 1, in seven methods 12, in eight methods 3, in nine methods 1, St. Clement's Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 7, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Double Norwich Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 8, Superlative Surprise Major 8, Bristol Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 6, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Royal 8, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 1; total 100. Rung in 14 counties for 12 associations, and with 202 ringers in 50 towers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 57th quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. About 20 members attended, and various methods were rung before tea, which was partaken of in the school-room. The general meeting was held afterwards, presided over by Mr. H. Argyle.

It was suggested that monthly meetings be held in the winter months at the six-bell towers, and Bulkington and Exhall were proposed for November and December respectively.

Leamington was selected for the quarterly meeting in January.

Four new life ringing members were enrolled.

In proposing a vote of thanks for the use of the bells to the Rector, Mr. T. W. Chapman, the Ringing Master, said he would very much have liked to see some of the local ringers at the meeting, as the main object of these meetings was missed if no local ringers showed up.

Ringing during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise, and a course of Duffield Major.

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Other officers who did splendid work in the early life of the association were Messrs. Thos. Clark, of Ripon, J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, George Overton, R. Moneaster, Geo. Park and W. Porter, of Darlington, John Simm, of Newcastle, D. Shipp, Staindrop, Tom Stephenson, of Stockton, Tom Gofton, of Whitley Bay, Lance Newton, Durham, and the Rev. C. Buston, Embleton. The last and greatest of all was Mr. Thos. Hudson, of Sunderland, who gave of his best, and helped to bring the association to a high standard of perfection during his four years of secretaryship. He was a man with a high sense of duty, and of strong moral and religious integrity, and every one of the members felt that influence long after his regime had passed.

It would take too long to give even some sort of history of the years that have passed between then and now, but to bring home the vast progress made in the 50 years we may state that the 1877 list of members was 126, and the towers in union 12. Now the total membership is, roughly, 700, and towers in union 43. The number of peals rung is now well over 900, ranging from Minor to Maximus, from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise.

There is still much good work to do, both in the tower and outside, but the association is on a sound footing, and is likely to continue to prosper and fulfil its objects and its destiny.

FIREMAN AND BELLRINGER.**DEATH OF A CREWE VETERAN.**

The death has occurred at Crewe of Mr. George Harding, late captain of the Crewe Corporation Fire Brigade, and formerly a ringer at Christ Church, Crewe. Mr. Harding had been in failing health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. He joined the Crewe Fire Brigade in 1886, and on his retirement in 1926 was presented with a gold watch and an illuminated address by members of Crewe Town Council in recognition of his long and faithful service.

He had been a bellringer from his youth, and was one of the band that rang in the first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Crewe by a local band. This was in the year 1891, and since then he had rung about 30 peals, principally of Grandsire Triples and Caters, with a few of Bob Major. He had not been able to do much ringing in late years, but gave occasional help in the belfry.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Haworth). The coffin, covered with beautiful wreaths, was borne on the new motor fire engine, and members of the brigade attended in uniform, firemen also acting as bearers.

In the evening the bells of Christ Church were rung muffled, a touch of 503 Grandsire Caters being rung by: O. Beckett 1, J. W. Edge 2, H. Edwards 3, H. F. Holding 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. T. Holding 6, E. T. Holloway 7, R. D. Langford 8, H. Barton 9, J. H. Riding 10.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.**

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday at Broxbourne, when, in spite of the bad weather, a fair number attended and spent a pleasant time. The Vicar (Rev. A. Jenkins) extended a very hearty welcome to all, and gave the address at the service. He also presided at the business meeting after tea, and made everyone feel that in him they had a real ringers' Vicar. In the course of the meeting he suggested that raising and lowering of the bells in peal should be more practised, as it sounded so much better to listeners outside than the clanging of three or four bells before the actual ringing, and, so to say, spoiling the effect of good ringing before or after. He thought that it ought not to be a thing impossible to do by practical ringers.

Several of those present agreed with his remarks.

The death of Mr. G. H. Barker was alluded to by the district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence), and Mr. G. Radley spoke feelingly of the great loss all had sustained by his passing. All stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his interest and welcome concluded the meeting.

LADY RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

On Friday, October 21st, several members of the Bedfordshire Association met at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, and rang 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. A. Steel, father of the Misses Evelyn and Dorothy Steel, and who for many years was an hon. member of the Beds. Association.

Those taking part in the Plain Bob were: Miss Rose Beard 1, Miss Edith Knight 2, H. J. Harlow 3, W. Stapleton 4, H. Beard 5, H. L. Harlow 6. In the Oxford Treble Bob: H. L. Harlow 1, P. Webb 2, H. Harlow 3, W. Church 4, H. Beard 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

'CLAVIS' DRAW AT BROMLEY, KENT.

Mr. P. J. Spice and Mr. I. Emery beg to announce that the draw for the copy of 'The Clavis,' which they organised for the benefit of the widow of the late Mr. G. Durling, took place on Friday last, in the presence of two prominent members of the Kent County Association. The winner proved to be a well-known London ringer, Mr. H. S. Ellis, of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Messrs. Spice and Emery take this opportunity of thanking all who participated, and especially those who sold the tickets, for their assistance in the matter. They will be able to hand the widow the sum of £6.

BISHOP'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

In connection with the recent peal rung at Dore, to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment as first Bishop of Dr. E. Courtenay Pearce, the conductor (Mr. Cockey) has received a letter from the new Bishop, stating that he is much interested in and gratified at the performance, and asking him to convey his thanks to the band, which he is glad to note comprises both sexes. Dr. Pearce adds that, though he cannot pretend to be a ringer, he loves to hear good changes rung. The record of the peal is also to be published in the 'Diocesan Gazette' for the dioceses of Southwell and Derby.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Saturday, October 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Beaumont 1, W. Spice 2, C. Winsor 3, E. Beer 4, W. Senger 5, W. G. Walker 6, G. Gilberto (conductor) 7, A. Haylor 8.

STISTED BELLS REOPENED.**RESTORATION OF AN ESSEX RING.**

The reopening of the bells at the Parish Church, Stisted, Essex, on Saturday week, was a very enjoyable event, and was attended by a large number of ringers from various parts of the county. The six bells have been rehung on ball bearings, in an entirely new frame, and pits provided for two trebles, which will be added when funds are available. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, with excellent results, the highest commendation being passed by all who had the opportunity of trying the bells. The old oak frame, which has just been taken out, was probably constructed in 1799, but it got into such a dilapidated condition that ringing had to cease last November. Thanks, however, to the interest taken by Mr. Frederick May and his son, Mr. Douglas May, efficient restoration has been possible. Nearly half the cost, which has been about £270, was provided out of a sum generously given last year by Miss Mary May, of Richmond, Surrey, for the erection of a chancel screen, in memory of her two sisters, and which did not absorb all the funds available. The balance is being raised by subscriptions, and about £90 is still required.

The reopening of the bells was marked with a special service, at which an address was given by the Bishop of Chelmsford. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Jenkins), and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association).

BELLS TEACH BROTHERHOOD.

The Bishop, who preached from 2 Chronicles xxix. 28, said he was very glad that it was possible for him to visit Stisted that afternoon to share with the parishioners in thankfulness for the restoration of their bells. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of visiting Stisted. His Lordship went on to say that he claimed bellringers as fellow servants in the cause of the Kingdom of God. Church bellringing was either service to the Lord Jesus Christ or it was worthless; indeed, he would go further and say that if it was not service to our Lord it was mischievous. Their whole lives were lives of service, if they understood their religion aright. Religion was not for Sunday only, but was a life's service. No matter whether they were ringers, choristers or worshippers, all had their part to do to the Glory of God. In church worship the use of bells was a comparatively modern invention; the people used to be called together by means of trumpets. A wonderful lesson could, however, be drawn from a peal of bells. Each bell was different from the others and had a separate tone; they had to be rung in order and tune to produce harmony. The bells preached a sermon; they had to be kept in tune; they must ring in the right order; and they must ring at the right time. They taught brotherhood in the service of the Lord, and it was this that the world needed so badly to-day. This spirit of brotherhood helped forward the Kingdom of God. It might be asked how could a little parish like Stisted help in the brotherhood of a great diocese like Chelmsford, with its 500 parishes, and to that he would reply that the bells supplied the answer. The influence of each life spread, just as the sound of the bells spread from the belfry and was heard a long way off. Each one was ringing a little peal in his or her own heart—sometimes, perhaps, a little cracked—but helped by the Holy Ghost each life could be the means of helping to bring home the Kingdom of God to the home, to the parish, and to the land.

During the singing of the hymn 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' a collection was taken for the bell fund and amounted to £1 9s. The Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop.

WISE STEPS.

After ringing on the restored bells, visiting ringers were entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the Rector.

The Master of the association thanked the Rector for his kind hospitality, and congratulated the Rector, churchwardens, Parochial Church Council, and also Mr. Johnston, on the business-like manner in which the work had been carried out. Stisted had placed the work in the hands of a firm of the highest repute, and the bells had now been remarkably well hung on the latest improved principle. They ought not to cost very much in the future, for at least 100 years, except for an occasional coat of paint for the frame. He considered that they had been very wise in having the bells hung on ball bearings, and in the future bad striking at Stisted would be unpardonable. In his early days he had taken part in much ringing at Stisted; it was there that he had learned a good deal of the art of ringing, and much of his success in that art was due to the tuition of friends at Stisted. There was no reason now why Stisted should not again become a change-ringing centre as it used to be; he felt sure Mr. Cooper would teach any young men who would like to become ringers. He also thought they were wise at Stisted in making provision for eight bells, and he hoped that the necessary money would soon be raised so that the cost would be completely wiped out. He expressed the hope that those towers who had not yet contributed would do so, as it was only right that they should help each other (applause).

In reply, the Rector said he was very grateful to those ringers who had come such a long distance to join in celebrating the reopening of the bells. He did not expect so many present in church, and when they at Stisted got their other two bells he hoped all the friends present that day would again visit Stisted. Much of the success in raising money for the fund was due to Mr. Douglas May, who had worked hard on its behalf.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, said that Mr. Howard had remarked that the bells should cost but little for at least 100 years; unfortunately for the bell founders, he (Mr. Johnston) thought it would be nearer 200 years (laughter). In Essex they were fortunate in having such a skilled ringer as Mr. Howard, to whom they might go for advice. He thanked the Rector and Mr. Howard for their kind remarks regarding the work, and added that when they at Stisted were in the position to fill the two gaps in the bell frame, they would know where to get the work done.

Mr. Douglas May thanked the Rector for what he had said, and also Mr. Howard for his valuable advice. The firm, too, had come 'up to scratch.' When the work was started, the belfry was in a very bad state, and they had previously had to stop ringing, as to do so would have endangered the tower. He had hoped that sufficient money would remain over from the cost of the chancel screen to meet the cost of the bells, but when the estimate was sent in he found that only sufficient to pay about half remained. However, they decided to go on with the work. Mr. May acknowledged the help he had received from Mr. Cooper, and also the Parochial Church Council, and said he hoped the church would not be in debt for very long. Mr. May said he considered they had done well in providing a frame for eight bells. Concluding, he said he wished his father had been able to be present on that occasion, but he was now 84 years of age and could not manage to get there.

On the suggestion of the Rector, the company sent Mr. May their warm congratulations, the Rector observing that Mr. May was a great influence and power behind the scenes, and he hoped he would be spared much longer to serve his church.

Mr. Cooper related the known history of the bells at Stisted from the year 1742, when there was a peal of five. In 1799 they were taken away, and after they were brought back it seemed that an extra bell was put in, for there were six after that date. The records gave no further particulars of the bells till 1895, when the tenor was rehung. Owing to the condition of the belfry and fittings of the bells they stopped ringing last November, but the ringers, however, 'stole a march' in order to ring the old year out and the new year in.

The company then dispersed, several returning to the church, where further ringing was done.

DEATH OF A HERTFORDSHIRE RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of a well-known Hertfordshire ringer, Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, which took place on the 14th inst., after a short illness. He had only taken to his bed three weeks before, although for several months he had not felt quite well. A steadfast friend to all, and liked by everyone with whom he came in contact, he was a man whose word was his bond. He was a faithful servant of the Church, having filled the office of sidesman and been a member of the Church Council at the Parish Church.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday of last week in Ware Cemetery, a large number of the residents of Ware attending, including members of the Town Council and employes, of which he was one. The many floral tributes which covered the grave testified to the respect in which he was held.

The Hertford College Youths were represented by Messrs. G. R. Gray and J. Ladley; Mr. W. H. Lawrence represented the Herts Association, and Mr. W. Greenaway the Ware band. The bells of Ware and also of Hertford were rung muffled in the evening.

Deceased was a member of the Herts, Essex, Middlesex, Sussex, Peterborough and District, Lincolnshire, and London County Associations, and the Royal Cumberland Youths, and had rung 119 peals in all the standard methods, including many in Minor methods with his friends at Little Munden, and his familiar face there will be greatly missed. He leaves a sorrowing wife, but no family, and the world is the poorer by his death.

On Wednesday, October 19th, at All Saints' Church, Hertford, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins. with the bells fully muffled, after the funeral and to the memory of Mr. G. H. Barker, who was Deputy Master of the Hertford College Youths: S. Rochester 1, R. Dore 2, D. Dye 3, W. Greenaway 4, G. Gray 5, H. J. Gray 6, A. Wright (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Church, on October 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins., with 7-8 covering: H. D. White 1, W. Mills 2, N. E. Hope 3, F. G. Willey 4, G. Lambert 5, J. Wren (conductor) 6, J. Ladd 7, S. Chisson 8. This is the first 720 by all the band except the conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evensong at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Lindridge 3, A. Wiffen 4, E. W. Pettitt (first in the method) 5, H. C. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, in honour of dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original: Miss E. E. E. Collard 1, R. Hayes 2, F. Bowden (conductor) 3, B. Elliott 4, F. White 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, R. Overy 7, W. Eldridge 8.

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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, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. Groombridge, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Ringing for Hallowing Day and during the following week as at present arranged: Friday, Oct. 28th, ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby (all rights reserved); Saturday, Oct. 29th, open to any ringers, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and after the service to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 30th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., by Duffield, Derby and visiting ringers; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., open welcome to any ringers; 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., Duffield, Derby and visiting ringers; Monday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 4th, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; open welcome to any ringers; Saturday, Nov. 5th, no ringing. 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. Further particulars from Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. The above Cathedral ten bells have now been retuned and rehung entirely on a new steel frame and ball bearings, and on this occasion will be rung for the first time.

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.

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Oct. 29th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral after tea. Arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

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). Business meeting will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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. Address by Bishop J. C. Welldon, Dean of Durham. 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.—Tonbridge District.—A special meeting for combined practice of Grand-sire 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday, October 29th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available. Business meeting in the Parish Hall.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Hagbourne, Berks.—The new bell frame will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 29th, by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, at 3.30 p.m. There will be a public tea afterwards.—J. Butler, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

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 in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Royal George Church, Friesland, on Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., and the meeting at 7 o'clock.—S. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing commences at St. Petrox 2.30 p.m. Service at the Old Castle Church 3.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Victoria Cafe, 5.30 p.m. St. Saviour's bells (8) also available.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) newly rehung; available afternoon and evening. Short service 5.15. Tea 5.30 at The Grange. All ringers welcome and please come early.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 82, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) will be available after 3 p.m. Tea (at 5.30) will be provided for all those who notify me by Nov. 2nd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Chipping Norton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 5th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., 4, Crawborough Villas, Charlbury, Oxon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Offenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. A social evening will be held.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Nov. 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Bocking on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg, M.A. Tea in the Hut, Church Street, at 5 p.m., to be followed by meeting. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Nov. 2nd.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at Beighton. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st? — Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells from 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 1st?—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 7th and the 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 28th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available

6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET, OXFORD STREET, W.—This tower will be open for ringing every alternate Sunday for evening service from 5 p.m. until 6.30 p.m., commencing Nov. 6th. All ringers welcome.—H. Dyas, 53, Drayton Gardens, S.W.10.

MARRIAGE.

POOLE—HARE. — On Monday, Oct. 24th, at St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, Harold, youngest son of Mr. S. Poole and the late Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, to Phyllis, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hare, of Church View, Woodston, Peterborough.

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The bells at the celebrated 'marble church,' Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, have just been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A special service, with Benediction of the bells, was held on Thursday week, conducted by the Vicar and the Ven. Archdeacon Lloyd.

A peal is to be attempted shortly, to try the bells, and the local ringers intend to join the North Wales Association and take up change ringing.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), with 6-8 covering, for harvest festival evensong: W. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Smith 2, H. Smith 3, G. Roberts (first quarter with a working bell) 4, F. V. Beasley 5, B. Chance 6, A. C. Boxley (conductor) 7, J. S. Pearson 8. All are members of the local band.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Yerrold (first quarter-peal) 1, H. E. Booth 2, F. R. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, T. Perry 5, A. G. Hunt 6, John Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8. Ring on the occasion of the harvest festival.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival service on Thursday, October 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, F. Gardner 3, G. Wolfe 4, R. E. Croft 5, R. T. Newman 6. Conducted by Geo. T. Croft. First 720 in the method by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

PONTEFRACHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, A. Walker, jun. (conductor) 2, A. Fox 3, W. Senior 4, A. Walker, sen., 5, T. Holder 6, V. Applegate 7, H. C. Walters 8. In the evening, touches of Stedman and Oxford Major were rung. On the Tuesday preceding, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made at All Saints' Church, but 'stand' had to be called through an unfortunate 'mix-up' after 2½ hours' good ringing.

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