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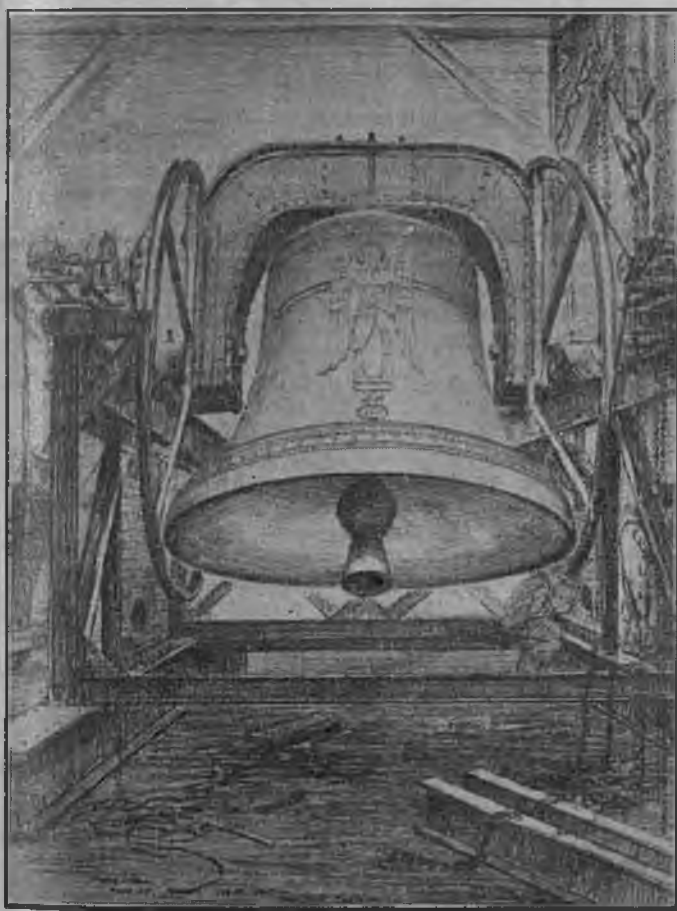
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LONG SERVICE.

Among the many meetings held on Monday not the least interesting was that at St. Albans, where the Hertford County Association met for its annual gathering and to do honour to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who for exactly a quarter of a century has so enthusiastically and efficiently filled the office of honorary secretary. Twenty-five years is a good slice out of a man's life, and a long period to occupy a voluntary position which involves no small amount of labour, as well as tact and patience, and the sacrifice of time. Mr. Cartmel has given his services ungrudgingly in the interests of the art of ringing, as well as of the Church, of which he is so devoted a son. Every year the association elects a new president, but the secretary and the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), like Tennyson's brook, 'go on for ever.' Both have seen, during their long term of office, a new generation of ringers come upon the scene, but it is fortunate for the organisation which they serve that it should have, as a secure anchorage, the interest and experience of two such men.

There are few associations which can boast of having two important officers who have carried on their duties together for so long; and it says much for the enthusiasm of both, as well as being an indication of the confidence of the members, that they should have borne the burden of office for so many years. Officials, as a rule, come in for little of thanks so long as things go well, although there is no hesitation to bestow the 'kicks' when things are ill. That, however, is one of the fruits of office, and secretaries and others are not greatly distressed by the absence of the one, or disturbed by the application of the other. What does dishearten them, however, is the apathy which is so often to be found among the members. So much is often taken for granted or left to someone else to do that the whole burden of the organisation is cast upon the officials. This, to say the least, is not fair. The associations are run in the interests of the members, to bring them into contact one with another; to provide them with opportunities for practising and advancing in their art and to encourage them in their service ringing. Yet many fail to respond to all that is done for them. Their ringing often takes a very secondary place among the pursuits of their leisure hours, and they overlook the fact that in return for the work that is done for them they owe a loyalty to their officers.

Nothing could be a better reward for the long and devoted service of officials, in whatever association they serve, than keen interest and a whole-hearted backing-up of their efforts. It is not only at annual meetings and

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the like that ringers should make a point of being present, but throughout the year they should show by their active interest that they appreciate what is being done for them by those whom they have placed in positions of responsibility. The Hertford County Association has, happily, long been a united family and fortunate in the possession of an admirable band of officers. To this much of the success of the organisation has been due, but an outstanding influence has been that of the honorary secretary, and the recognition on Monday of his long and faithful service was a deserved tribute to his work and to the high personal esteem in which he is held.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD Treble	*FRANK RENTON 7
*JAMES A. TRALE 2	*JOSEPH JESSOP 8
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	*LEONARD DRAKE 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	*FRANCIS BARKER 10
PERCY J. JOHNSON 5	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 11
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 6	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the eighth. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Ash, the eldest daughter of the eleventh ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	RONALD BULLEN 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 2	ALFRED WINCH 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN KENTISH 8
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 5	GEORGE CROSS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by Wm. H. HEWETT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 6
*FREDERICK C. J. TURNER... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
*BERNARD WELLS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
*HERBERT PIPER 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 8
JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.	
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... Treble	NORMAN FISHER ... 5
JOHN W. SYKES ... 2	NORMAN SHORT ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 3	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 7
WALTER BINGHAM ... 4	*MARK FISHER ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHORT.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. First peal by an entirely local company. First peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mr. Arthur S. Robinson, and in appreciation of the work which he has put in for Dore Church as assistant organist, chorister, ringer, and member of the Church Council.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ... Treble	†RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
*FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	*SIDNEY STILWELL ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	*JOHN KENT ... 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. E. Goddard, J. Kent and W. Ellingham.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	ISAAC EMBRY ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A birthday peal for Mr. F. A. Mitchell. The band congratulate Mr. E. J. Beer on ringing his first Surprise peal as he did.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ... Treble	*WILLIAM COCKSHOT ... 5
*WALTER EGERTON ... 2	OGDEN MOORES ... 6
*ERNEST MOORES ... 3	*WALTER HOWARTH ... 7
*SYDNEY GOULDIN ... 4	ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are regular service ringers. First peal on the bells by a local band for 41 years, there being no record of a previous peal since December, 1887.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS ... Treble	THOMAS RILEY ... 5
HAROLD KENT ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
CHARLES MASON ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	CHARLES W. PARKER ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	JOHN GOOCH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST CUISFORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... 5
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
JOHN POTTER ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	JAMES GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Annie Potter, daughter of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble	WILLIAM THORLEY ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 6
*RONALD H. DOVE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
*DAVID S. COLLINS ... 4	†JACK TOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. DOVE.

* First in the method inside. † First peal. First peal and first 'touch' in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	ALFRED J. BOLL ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
CHARLES H. SERRIDGE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT S. THIRKELL ... Treble	BERTRAM LUCK ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Canterbury by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and first attempt. Especially arranged as a compliment to the Archdeacon of Canterbury on attaining his 80th birthday. Also a wedding peal for Frank P. Thirkell, brother of the ringer of the treble, who was married at St. John's, Redhill, the same day.

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On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE WENT Treble	†LIONEL JONES 5
*E. W. LOFF 2	ALBERT HAWKINS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
†DONALD G. CLIFT 4	†GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. 3rd and 7th ringers from Bedwellty. All the others are members of the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	CECIL NICE 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
NORMAN H. HARDING 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
BERNARD WELLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung after meeting short for Surprise.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	GEO. E. CRISP 6
FRED J. COOK 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	A. GEORGE KIVERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late John Leyton Mahoney, who was a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

R. SMITH Treble	J. H. CHEESMAN 5
J. W. SIEDDY 2	J. WHEADEN 6
H. RAYNOR 3	H. PARKES 7
IL. E. AUSDLEY 4	R. JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	THOS. HAMLIN 5
GEORGE WINES 2	FREDERICK LASBURY 6
JAMES CROSS 3	HARRY PAGE 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal.

OLVESTON, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CECIL H. PAWSKY Treble	STANLEY POOLE 5
WILLIAM H. BROWN 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
*VICTOR WILLS 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL 7
HAROLD ROBBINS 4	†ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*TOM SANSON Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
†GEORGE B. COLE 2	†WILLIAM F. ALLEN 6
STANLEY E. ANDREWS 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
†ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4	FREDERICK G. S. COLE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK G. S. COLE

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 5th bells from Staffordshire, and came on chance. Mr. Benger and Mr. Jennings should be associated with this peal. Unfortunately, their train was late, and, after waiting 40 mins., the treble man was asked to stand in. Mr. Bird was elected a member before starting.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 9, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	JAMES WARD 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN KING 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

SIX BELL PEAL.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and four of Morris' arrangement, and 14 ordinary six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR ADAMS Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	FRANK R. BOULSTRIDGE 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON Tenor

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

Rung to mark the eve of Easter.

PUTNEY.—On March 20th, for an evening Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. Ellingham 1, T. Bolton 2, W. W. Bailey 3, W. H. Ball 4, J. Herbert 5, Robt. Bullen 6, W. T. Elson 7, E. Cassel (conductor) 8.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO SOHAM.

The Ely Diocesan Association, in accordance with the resolution passed at the previous meeting, held its annual meeting at Soham, on Easter Monday. The fine day enabled 26 members to assemble in the somewhat isolated Fen town, with its fine church and tower with ten bells. Perhaps, as the N.U.T. were holding their annual meeting in Cambridge, it was well that their deliberations were not disturbed by the ringing of the bells of the University Church. Ringing took place from about noon onwards. Various 'touches' of Grandsire, Stedman and Major methods were rung, and the fine ring of ten were heard after a long silence.

A short service, conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Boughey, who gave an interesting address, was held in the transepts of the church at 4 p.m. Those present then sat down to tea, arranged by mine host, Mr. W. Sharpe, at the Crown Hotel.

In the absence of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who had sent an apology, the Rev. H. B. Woolley presided. The business meeting followed.

The Hon. Secretary read a brief report, noticing the work done in regard to the Ickleton bells, and the successful appeal for the rehang-ing of the heavy ring at St. Wendrida, March. He also referred to the reorganising of the Cambridge Youths under the presidency of the Vicar of St. Mary-the-Great, Dr. P. N. Waggett. He stated that, thanks to the assistance of the auditor, the balance sheet had been drawn up, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand, but he considered that the district secretaries might well try to obtain an in-crease in the number of hon. members. He also, while thanking the members for reappointing him to the joint office of hon. secretary and treasurer, thought he must ask them to relieve him of the latter office.

During the year 1927 25 peals had been rung for the association—22 on tower bells and three on handbells, viz.: Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 5 (handbells 3), Double Norwich Major 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Surprise Minor 9, Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Bob Minor 2, and Doubles 1. It was noteworthy that of the 13 peals of Minor, nine were Surprise peals, viz., Cambridge 2, Wells, Beverley, Durham, Annable's London, Immanuel and London 1 each.

The meeting proceeded to elect the following officers: Hon. secretary, Rev. R. Copeman; treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis; auditor, Mr. A. E. Austin; district secretaries, Archdeaconry of Ely Mr. F. Warrington, Archdeaconry of Hunts Miss C. Fields, Archdeaconry of Wisbech Mr. H. W. Giddings, Marshland District Mr. W. G. Cross; committee, in addition to the above, Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, H. B. Woolley and R. P. R. Routh, Messrs. H. Fields, E. G. Hibbens, A. G. Rivers and J. Taylor.

As members were leaving to catch their train, the meeting closed with a general vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Rev. R. F. R. Routh, to the Vicars and churchwardens, to the Rev. P. F. Boughey for his address, and to the organist for accompanying the hymns.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELL AT CAVERSFIELD.

The dedication of the new treble bell at Caversfield, Oxon, which, as described last week, replaces a thirteenth-century one which has been placed in a frame in the church, took place on Palm Sunday, April 1st, at 3 p.m. The tiny church was packed to its utmost capacity, and a surprised choir was in attendance, drawn from the neighbouring parishes of Bicester and Launton. The service, which commenced with a shortened form of evensong, was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. O'Reilly), and after the second lesson three members of the choir, the churchwardens, and clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, and the churchwardens, Major the Hon. E. H. Wyndham, M.C., and Mr. W. A. Phipps, having presented the rope of the new bell to the Rural Dean (the Rev. H. Last, Rector of Launton), the dedicatory prayers were offered by him, and the bell was rung up.

The ropes of the bells were then handed to the Vicar, with the cus-tomary charge as to their uses and duties, and the three bells were rung for a few rounds, and the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple,' was sung as the choir and clergy returned to the chancel, where the remainder of the dedication service was offered, followed by the hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest.'

In reading on the text, 'Sound a trumpet in Zion, call a solemn as-sembly,' the Rural Dean said he had to congratulate the parishioners of Caversfield on behalf of the Bishop and the whole diocese, and also on behalf of the rural deanery, on their having acquired that third bell to add to the two they already possessed, and they were particu-larly to be congratulated, because they had not sacrificed the old bell, which was a unique feature in the church which possessed so many interesting features, and was, as he understood, the oldest known bell in the country.

The Rural Dean went on to say that they had dedicated the new bell to the service of Almighty God, and enumerated the ways in which a bell could render that service, and would remind them, among other things, not to neglect the assembling of themselves together.

The service ended with the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' and the bells were again rung. The ringers during the dedication service were F. Sharpe (treble), J. Evans (2nd), and H. Foster (tenor).

After the service, the opportunity was taken by a great many to in-spect the old thirteenth-century treble bell, which is now situated in a frame hung exactly as it was up in the tower, complete with all its fittings, in the ringing chamber on the floor at the west end of the church.

A CRACKED BELL AT IPSWICH.

At the annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on April 3rd, it was reported that instruction had been received to discontinue, on the advice of experts, ringing the 7th bell of St. Mary-le-Tower in order to prevent an extension of a crack which has developed.

It was decided that the annual outing be a trip to London, with ringing at various towers, on June 16th.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. W. P. Garrett; Deputy Master and treasurer, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. F. J. Tillet; auditors, Messrs. Brundle and Garrett; secretary, Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier St. Ipswich.

SHORT-CIRCUIT.

Partial short-circuit is not the same in its incidence on all numbers of bells, and depends on the number of leads in the full normal plain course. (a) If this number is prime, no partial short-circuit can possibly occur, and, therefore, with the Plain Bob lead-heads, four, six, eight and twelve bells are entirely free from it. (b) If this number is composite, partial short-circuit, producing plain courses of two or more leads, is at once liable to occur, and therefore five, seven, nine, ten and eleven bells are affected by it. It is, in fact, endemic on the odd numbers.

Double Bob Doubles is short-circuited in two leads, for example. On ten bells the possible short plain courses are all three leads in length, and, as Shipway, at any rate, rejects Double Bob Cinques, with a five-lead plain course, as incomplete it would appear that three-lead plain courses on ten cannot be admitted.

A diagrammatic representation of short-circuit on ten bells is as fol-lows:—

A b c d e f G h k a b c D e f g h k A.

The letters represent the Plain Bob lead-heads, and the capitals those of Double n. Court Bob Royal.

Double n. Court Bob Royal is Double Norwich Court Bob Royal with the 5-6 places added. Similar short-circuit is produced from Double Oxford Bob Royal by removing the 5-6 places. Other instances can be easily obtained.

Double Court Minor, Double Norwich Major, Double n. Royal and Maximus form a very striking sequence, in which, as each set of places is added, a dodge is added, both to them and to the other work, in the most charming way. The hammer blow which strikes one of its members is a matter for much regret.

The presence of a bell in the hunt moves partial short-circuit up to the next higher number of bells.

Total short-circuit is 'grand slam' in one lead, and is capable of occurring on all numbers of bells. Gaps in the ranks of eight-bell methods can be found owing to it. It is really only a particular case of the other form. **BELLITIS.**

LAMBERHURST BOYS RING FOR EASTER SERVICE.

On Easter Sunday, at Lamberhurst, Kent, for 7 a.m. service, 720 Norwich Surprise: J. Bassett 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Marshall 3, A. Smith 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, B. Luck 6.—For 11 a.m. service, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. Henley 1, W. Marshall 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, B. Luck 6.—For 3 p.m. children's service, the back five were rung by L. Pitts (aged 11 years) 1, W. Durham (aged 13) 2, J. J. Bassett (aged 12) 3, F. Lockyer (aged 13) 4, A. Relfe 5.—For 6.30 p.m. service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Relfe 1, A. Marshall 2, W. Marshall 3, A. Henley 4, J. Bassett 5, A. Smith (conductor) 6.—After evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Wood-gets 1, J. Bassett 2, J. Waghorn 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, B. Luck (conductor) 6. The boys also rang rounds with the other ringers before the other services.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY FREDERICK DENCH.

23456 M. W. H.

64352	1	1
28543	2	1 2
25463		1 2
32654	2	1 2
62534		2 1
65324		1 2
23564		2 2
32465	2	2 2
64235		2 2
62345		1 2
63425		1 2
35426	1	2 2
24536		2 2
25346		1 2
23466		1 2

Rung at Great Baddow, March 24th, 1928.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Tuesday, March 20th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. White 1, J. Woffendon 2, G. Hunt 3, Geo. F. Pickles 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER THOLLOPE.

In my previous articles I have tried to explain and illustrate two main points. First that change ringing is essentially the movement of bells among each other; and, secondly, that this movement is, and must be, cyclical in form. A method is really a particular form of movement, and this movement is made up of a number of cycles. All these cycles are either similar to hunting courses or dodging movements, in which a number of bells first make a number of steps forward and then the same number of steps backward. In every case the cycle is complete.

Hunting is the simplest form of movement, and the extension of hunting from one number of bells to a greater number is the one thing in extension of methods about which everybody is quite clear and certain. Plain hunting on three bells will give you six changes, on four bells eight changes, on five bells ten changes, and so on. There is one way, and one way only, in which this extension can be had. This applies equally when you are dealing with the hunting courses which go to make up a method; they have one way in which they will expand, and one way only. When we realise this, we are in sight of the solution of the problem of extension of methods, so far as it has a real solution. But, as the cyclical movements which make up a method are combined in a great variety of ways, we shall find that though it is quite easy (having understood what I have just written) to set down all the possible extensions of any given method, yet it would take a very long time to describe all the varieties and combinations which are possible. Instead of attempting to give any general rules (which I have done elsewhere), I will take one or two examples, explain them, and leave it to the reader who is so minded to apply the examples to other methods.

First of all, the simplest of all methods, Plain Bob. Here you have (1) a hunting course on all the bells which expands in one way, and one way only:—

123	1234	12345	123456
213	2143	21435	214356
231	2413	24153	241635
321	4231	42513	426153
312	4321	45231	462513
132	3412	54321	645231
123	3142	53412	654321
	etc.	etc.	etc.

Then (2), when the treble is leading, you have another hunting course on the Extreme or Working bells, in which the bells move backwards. This expands in one way, and one way only:—

1234	12345	123456
1324	13254	132546
1312	13524	135264
1432	15342	153624
1423	15432	156342
1243	14523	165432
1234	14253	164523
	12435	146253
	12345	142635
		124365
		123456

The members of these secondary hunting courses are separated from each other, but the whole cyclical movements are complete, and the rows which they produce come in the same order as if you rang them straight off. The reason why we all recognise that Bob Major is the same method as Bob Minor, but extended to a larger number of bells, is simply because it agrees with the simple rule that extension of movement is only moving in the same direction, but for an increased length.

There is, however, an alternative extension. You can increase the first cycle as before, adding to the number of bells, but keep the second cycle on the same number throughout:—

12 345	123 456	1234 567
21 354	132 546	2143 576
12 534	123 564	1234 756
21 543	132 654	2143 765
12 453	123 645	1234 675
21 435	132 465	2143 657
12 345	123 456	1234 567

The bells to the left of the vertical line are simply plain hunting throughout the course; the bells to the right are making the secondary cycle. The first of the examples is Grandsire, the second is a hobbled course of Bob Minor, the third is Grandsire Triples, with three bells in the hunt.

This illustrates the first of several points which I want to make. It is that there is no method in which it is not possible to have more than one valid extension.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: G. Battle 1, A. Leatham 2, J. Bruce 3, J. C. E. Simpson 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age, and this was his first 720. It was rung as a birthday compliment to him.

A FUNERAL PEAL OF 200 YEARS AGO.

Apocryphal the inquiry recently made in these columns as to the correct occasions for muffled ringing, the following 'Method of Ringing Funeral Peals in London in 1734,' from a MS. in the Guildhall Library, London, by William Laughton, of Leather Lane, London, dated March 10th, 1734, will be interest to our readers:—

'After the bells of the bells are clothed with pieces of leather, called muffers, which are the properest things for that purpose, ring ten or a dozen rounds to hear whether they strike equal or no; if they do not they must be altered by putting some tow under the cloathing of such as strike too hard, and putting on thinner muffers to such as strike too soft, till they are made to sound equal. Then, about half an hour before the corpse is brought to be buried, proceed in the following manner: Ring one pull round and stand, all but the tenor, but let her be rung out a pull by herself; then ring two pulls round, and the tenor two pulls by herself; then three pulls and the tenor three; then four and the tenor four; then five and the tenor five; then six pulls round, and the tenor to be rung as many strokes by herself as the person is years old that is to be buried. When that is ended, ring the numbers backwards as you began with all, that is—six, five, four, three, two and one; but the tenor must be rung the same number of pulls by herself between each number of rounds. After the last round is ended, ring the tenor again by herself as many strokes as the deceased is years old (this is performing the exercise backwards and forwards), then ring a Grandsire with the tenor behind, or a course of Plain Bob, or anything else that you please, though not to exceed six-score changes in length; after that, till the corpse is brought into the church or to the grave, ring only one pull round and the tenor one pull by herself; if the corpse is brought into the church first, then ring it out again in the same manner. Whilst it is burying, cut off the muffers, and ring the company out of the churchyard with one pull round, and the tenor one pull by herself; continue that thirty or forty times and stand; then finish with a 720 of any peal that you can cleverly manage, and cease the bells without standing.

'In that manner the dead peal was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on Friday, the 7th June, 1724, when Mr. Wm. Ibbotson was buried in that Churchyard; he was a wheelwright and thirty-six years of age.

'N.B.—Let the number of bells be what they will, from 3 to 6, the exercise is to be performed after this manner; but if a dead peal is rung on 8, 10 or 12 bells, then ring as many pulls as there is number of bells.'

THE OCCASIONS OF MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Routledge's letter on the above subject is interesting and instructive, but he does not mention what to do on Good Friday, and I would have liked to have had his opinion on that. Some churches do not ring at all on that day, and some ring muffled. If we ring muffled on Armistice Day in memory of those who gave their lives for our country, why not ring muffled for Him who gave His life for the world? If all churches rang muffled, it would help the people to remember that it is a holy day, the greatest of the year.

JAMES E. SCOTT,

Secretary, Tynemouth Parish Church Guild
(Christ Church), North Shields.

ONE OF NORFOLK'S BEST LIGHT PEALS

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a parish meeting at New Buckenham, on Monday, April 2nd, it was decided to overhaul and hang in new bearings the peal of six bells, which are classed as one of the best light peals in Norfolk. A subscription list has been headed by the Vicar. If any reader should be interested, a donation would be very thankfully received by, yours truly,

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS

(Captain of local band).

Chapel Hill,
New Buckenham, Norwich.

A BELL FRAME PUZZLE.

In the evening of Tuesday, March 13th, the village of Aston Tirrold, Berks, had the pleasure of once more hearing its bells after a silence of some months. They are a melodious ring of five, well worthy of a sixth bell, which it is hoped will be added at no distant date. The old frame was condemned some time ago. Its presence in the tower was somewhat of a puzzle, being in most ways too big for the tower. It gave one the impression that it was constructed in the churchyard, and then was found to be outside measurements, whereupon bits were taken off it and off the walls of the tower until it was possible to get it inside.

A very fine frame of English oak to contain six bells has taken its place, and the existing five have been rehung on ball bearings with a certain amount of other new fittings. The work was entrusted to Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berks, and with most excellent results, as was acknowledged by the band of members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who first rang the bells on the above date. A remarkable feature of the work is the ease with which the ropes can be handled, new as they are, in spite of the fact that owing to shortness of draught the sallies go round the wheels.

TWO MORE BELLS FOR ANSTON.

At Anston, Yorks, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Anston Surprise in 26 mins.: W. Platts 1, H. Haigh 2, H. Stenton (conductor) 3, H. Turner 4, P. Stenton 5, C. F. Fowler 6. This is the last 720 to be rung on these bells before restoration. They have done good service for 60 years, and are now to be taken down and sent to the bell foundry with a view to recasting the tenor, overhauling the others, re-hanging, etc., and there is a hope of getting two more bells to complete the octave.

The ringers have rung all the Minor methods contained in the Central Council's collection and other books, and they are looking forward to raising sufficient money to add two more bells.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

123456
214365
124635
216453
261435
624153
621435

Double Oxford
Minor 6 in the
hunt.

264153
624513
265431
256413
524631

Double Court
Minor 5 in the
hunt.

Reverse Bob
Minor Treble in
the hunt.

256431
524613
542831
456213
516123
451632
456123

Double Court
Minor 2 in the
hunt.

541632
514623
158432
516342
153624
158342

Double Oxford
Minor 4 in the
hunt.

Bob Minor Treble
in the hunt.

This diagram gives the actual structure of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and you have only to turn back to what I have written on the extension of Double Court to see how Cambridge Major comes from the Minor in the same way that Double Norwich comes from Double Court Minor.

Lincolnshire Surprise is, of course, another extension and a better one than the extension which we ring, but it cannot be called Cambridge, simply because it has appeared too late in the day.

This shows that the method is derived from the Plain Hunting Course and not, as some people seem to think, from an imaginary Treble Bob Hunting Course.

H. LAW JAMES.

A VETERAN OF THE EXERCISE.

RANG FOR THE DEATH OF THE PRINCE CONSORT.

There is no more respected figure in the Exercise than Mr. Joseph Waghorn, of East Ham, who, although he has passed his 85th birthday, still takes the keenest interest in ringing, and is to be found at most of the important gatherings of the year, although his advanced age now prevents him doing much actual ringing.

In the course of such a long life, Mr. Waghorn has shared in the ringing of bells for many notable events, and he was one of those who rang at Westminster Abbey for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He began ringing at the age of 16, and rang for the death of the Prince Consort in 1860. He took part in a peal at Tottenham on Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1888, and other events of interest in which he shared in the ringing were the coming-of-age of Edward VII., when he was Prince of Wales, the entry of Princess Alexandra into London and her subsequent marriage, the coronation and death of King Edward, the coronation of the present King and Queen, and the wedding of Princess Mary.

There is one other distinction which, we believe, Mr. Waghorn can claim. He has attended a service at every cathedral in England. Mr. Waghorn, although not now a member, is usually to be found listening to the debates at the Central Council meetings, wherever they may be held, and last February he was an honoured guest at the Johnston Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham.

THE CURFEW.

A LEGEND OF CHERTSEY.

Among the few places which have seen a revival of the curfew is the ancient town of Chertsey, Surrey, where one of the most treasured possessions of the church is the fifth bell in the present ring of eight—a pre-Reformation casting which local tradition states to have come from Chertsey Abbey at its dissolution. It is said that this bell tolled for the funeral of Henry VI., murdered in the tower of London, and hurried to Chertsey for burial, 'without priest, clerk, torch or taper, singing or saying.'

Chertsey's ancient bell is also associated with another ancient legend—first put into story form and dramatised by Albert Smith—which relates how Blanche Heriot, to save the life of her lover, Neville, condemned to die at sundown, climbed to the bell tower and held the clapper of the bell, determined that 'curfew shall not ring to-night.'

A tragedy occurred at Berwick-on-Tweed on Monday, March 26th, when, just after he had rung the curfew at the Town Hall, George Payne, described as the master bellringer of the town, was found hanged. The bell rope was round his neck.

NORTHAW.—On March 27th, at St. Thomas', 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Roberts, jun., 1, J. North 2, E. A. McKie 3, J. Parker 4, J. Roberts, sen., 5, R. Stiles (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method by all. All are local Sunday service ringers at this church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are all familiar with the ringing activities of the Pye family. 'E.M.' wants to know if the following is one of their ancestors: '1507. Paid to Henry Yerle Pye, bellringer, for his quarter of Michaelmas, 20d.'—from St. Mary-de-Castro Church accounts, Leicester.

Mr. Challis Winney writes that the recent handbell peal (Holt's Original), which he called, was on the 44th anniversary of his first peal as conductor, not of his first peal.

An example of what may be done by keenness and perseverance is to be found in the peal at Usk, the report of which we publish in this issue. This is a country tower, but the band, who have taken up change ringing during the last twelve months, have worked on without outside help, practising twice weekly and ringing for an hour before morning and evening services on Sundays. They first mastered Grandsire Doubles, and now have a good Triples band. Six of them were in the peal on Saturday, and it was their first attempt. It shows what can be done with determination, and they are to be congratulated upon their success.

The Kent Treble Bob Royal record was made at Ashton-under-Lyne fourteen years ago to-day, when Mr. Sam Wood conducted a round 14,000, which was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins. The previous Treble-Pen record, rung at Shoreditch in the Oxford variation, had stood for a hundred and thirty years.

At the same church three years earlier, namely, on April 17th, 1911, the record length of Treble Bob Maximus was rung. This was 12,240 of Kent, which occupied 8 hrs. 39 mins.

Ninety years ago next Monday, at Birstall, Yorks, the first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung.

Tuesday is the first anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on April 17th, 1769. 'The harmony and regularity of its changes,' write an old chronicler, 'filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment.'

'This incomparable peal,' he goes on, 'was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. William Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now, so that it may be affirmed that this is the first complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.'

A peal of 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major (then the longest length that had been composed) was rung at Irthlingborough on April 17th, 1900.

The anniversary of the 13,440 Double Norwich Major by the Royal Cumberland Youths, at Romford, to which we referred last week, was rung on April 18th, 1894. In this connection Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., tells us that he is not the only survivor of the band, but that Albert Pittam and Charles Wilkins are still in the land of the living.

Twelve months ago next Wednesday, members of the Lancashire Association scored the 17,824 Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall. They will have a bigger task still when they get down to the Double Norwich at the same church to-morrow.

CLAIM TO CANTERBURY PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The band who finished a peal at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday last, with clapper out of the 8th in the last course, wish to give up any claim to this being recognised as a peal. Thanking you to find room for this notice, yours truly,

J. H. CHEESMAN.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the Norbury (Cheshire) ringers I beg to tender heartiest congratulations to the Leytonstone band for the splendid peal of Surprise Minor. This is, indeed, a wonderful performance, splicing 22 Surprise Minor methods in seven true extents. We sincerely hope this success will be an incentive to many other companies to follow.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES FERNLEY.

THE PEAL AT EPSOM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Beams' inquiry, nothing whatever happened to the bells in any course of this peal. However, something went radically wrong with the mental faculties of your humble servant in the last course. I called the bells into the plain course with a bob wrong, and sailed along with the erroneous mental deduction that the homing position would come after I had done full work. Of course, it comes before this work, and the consequence was the rounds change of the peal flashed up when I was not even thinking or looking for it. I was for the moment nonplussed, and the absence of 'This is all' caused confusion amongst some of the ringers, who wondered whether to ring rounds or changes. It took me a few moments to recognise that my mental error had allowed me to overrun the rounds change, which had come up perfectly correctly. Had a bob at home been required, I should have had to apologise to my fellow-ringers for letting them down at the last course-end of the peal.—Yours truly,

THE CONDUCTOR.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

At the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on Monday, a presentation was made to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who for twenty-five years has discharged the duties of hon. secretary.

The gift, which was handed to Mr. Cartmel by the president (Mr. F. A. Smith) on behalf of the members, took the form of a silver tea service, and was accompanied by an illuminated scroll signed by the president and district secretaries. To Mrs. Cartmel was presented a pair of silver vases.

Mr. E. P. Debenham (the hon. treasurer) said that Mr. Cartmel began ringing in 1885, and rang his first peal in St. Albans Abbey in 1885. He (Mr. Debenham) took over the secretaryship in 1887, and Mr. Cartmel acted as assistant secretary until he succeeded him as secretary in 1903, and they thanked him very sincerely for the admirable manner in which he had piloted the association for so many years.

Mr. Cartmel, in reply, said he had had a happy time during the past 25 years, and had made many lasting friendships. He looked upon bell-ringing and bellringers as a wonderful fellowship with great possibilities of doing good.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £21 ls. 10d., compared with £13 15s. 7d. at the beginning of the year.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary said he thought it was generally agreed that the life of a busy person seemed short, but when recounted by years the journey appeared somewhat lengthened. This thought came to his mind when he remembered that this was his 25th annual report, made possible by the kindness of the members in electing him these many years as their secretary. He was still 'not out,' and if it was their pleasure not to 'declare,' he was prepared to take the next over. If length of service was a worthy asset, then that association had been fortunate from its foundation in 1884 in its choice of officers. Their treasurer had been wandering through the wilderness for over 40 years, and although he had worn out many pairs of boots in the pursuit of his hobby, yet he preserved the same youthful serenity and enthusiasm that had always marked his bellringing career. His chariot wheels had not been clogged with deficits, for in whatever condition the exchequer stood they could depend upon him telling them that little nest egg standing in the association's name at the P.O. Savings Bank. Long might it be so. Lengthy service was also the lot of Messrs. Lawrence and Nash, and others who had retired. A perusal of the minute book recalled friendships that had been priceless, and, although many had passed beyond, the joy of fellowship still remained.

As regarded the state of the association, a perusal of the peal list was a fair indication of enthusiasm and progress, and the tradition of the past had been well upheld. Thirty-three peals had been rung in 29 different towers, divided between 18 conductors, and two peals upon handbells, making the splendid total of 35 peals, all the higher methods having been rung, from Bristol downwards. Many had rung their first peal, but a far greater number had rung their first in advanced methods—a healthy sign of progression. The six-bell towers throughout the county were 'going strong,' and they congratulated the Little Munden Society upon having rung 98 full extents in fifteen methods during the year 1927.

AN EMERGENCY SICK FUND.

The question of an Emergency Sick Fund, the report proceeded, was discussed at the annual committee meeting, the principle being generally approved. The recent misfortune to Mr. A. T. Baker had given prominence to the need of some such organisation. The prompt, commendable action of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who brought the sad circumstances to the notice of the Exercise, resulted in timely help being given. The committee, however, feeling keenly that something on a more permanent basis should be attempted, instructed one of the association's delegates to give notice of a motion to the Central Council of Church Bellringers (which meets at Whitsuntide), so that the question could be discussed, and, if thought advisable, a committee appointed to consider the problem as to the advisability of creating an emergency sick fund. How the money was to be raised and administered need not enter into discussion now, but he suggested that the subject was worthy of further consideration, whatever might be the outcome.

The report recalled the deaths of members, viz., Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, Mr. S. F. Barnes, formerly of St. Albans Cathedral Society, Mr. H. Shaw, of Luton, Mr. Samuel Page, of Benington, and Mr. W. E. Garrard, of London. Thanks were accorded to Mr. W. Mercer, the auditor, Mr. T. J. Hull, the librarian, and the district secretaries, Messrs. W. Ayre, G. T. Croft, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash and C. H. Horton. By their services the district secretaries had given not only an impetus to ringing, but to the prestige of the association. In appreciation of that service the members had warmly supported their efforts. They thanked the district secretaries for all they had done, and wished them success in the future.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary hoped they would carry with them the inspiration of that annual meeting. To many, old friendships had been renewed, and new friends had entered upon their horizon. Some had probably seized the occasion for ringing a new method, or had

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

TO-MORROW'S GREAT ENDEAVOUR.

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association will to-morrow (Saturday), at the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, Heptonstall, Yorkshire, attempt a record length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 22,096 changes, starting at 6 a.m. Umpire: Mr. H. Chapman.

BETWEEN? NO, NOT BETWEEN!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No one was more astonished than I was to hear read again the illogical views of a gentleman whom we all know has educational attainments, rather above the average, who with persistence keeps writing and telling us that the change takes place in between the rows.

Our friend fails to grasp this significant fact, that in the 'Art of Ringing' there is only a short rhythmic interval between the rows, and that ringing is but one long drawn-out row of figures, no matter whether it be a touch or a peal of 5,040!

Every round or change is a succession of rows, one behind the other, and not on top of one another, as we write them out for convenience sake. Every round is divided into a rhythmic series of blows and intervals; no differentiation of those intervals takes place except at the handstroke lead of the treble, which, as we know, is accented simply to mark out 'hand' from 'back' stroke.

If Mr. Trollope will write out for himself four rows of Plain Bob as they are rung, it should be quite sufficient to convince him that he is in error. For example, bells ring at given intervals, thus:—

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

and there is no 'between' anywhere, except the interval, which comes between one bell speaking and the next one to it. The interval between the rows is only equivalent to the intervals which come between the bells, except the handstroke.

Surely, everyone will agree that the change takes place in the row as it is built up. But Mr. Trollope would have us seriously believe that 2 and 1, 4 and 3, 6 and 5, and 8 and 7 actually changed between the rows, where the tenor finished the first row and where the second picked up the lead in the next row. Of course, I know that I am only endowed with a very dull mental equipment, but these are the views of yours truly,

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ring upon a higher ring, and were feeling 'bucked up.' This was as it should be. The annual meeting, and also the district meetings, should give an impetus to every band to persevere, not only in the advancement of change ringing, but in the determination to keep the bells going every Sunday for morning and evening service, as a reminder to the careless and indifferent (and others) that 'this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' He hoped they would all go back to their bellfries with this inspiration, not forgetting that they were part of a great army of men and women (roughly, some 40,000) engaged in work for God's Church below for 52 Sundays in each year, whose spirit of unity, friendliness, and brotherliness was a feature worthy of emulation, not only by other churchworkers, but by all who pursue the daily round and common task.

MR. CARTMEL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected president for the ensuing year. The other officers and representatives were re-elected.

It was agreed that the representatives to the Central Council should support the proposal for establishing peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.

Mr. W. Ayre (district secretary, Western District) called attention to the fact that there were 16 towers without members belonging to the association, and asked if anything could be done to bring them into the association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Wigginton) said he thought many more Vicars could be obtained as hon. members of the association if an alteration were made in the rules on the lines of the Yorkshire Association, whereby any Vicar of a tower where there was a peal of bells could become an hon. member of the association for so long as he was in charge of the peal, for a single subscription. He pointed out that a great many Vicars were unable to afford an annual subscription.

It was decided to send a message of congratulation to the Archbishop of Canterbury upon his completion of 25 years as Primate and upon attaining his 80th birthday.

Prior to the meeting, the members attended a service in St. Albans Abbey, at which the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson) read the lessons, and an address was given by the Vicar of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans (the Rev. H. Gathorne Crabtree). The Dean was present at tea and meeting which followed.

BELL TONES AND RINGERS' OPINIONS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I fancy that a good many old-fashioned members of the Exercise felt something of a shock when they read the other day that the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are to be recast; and I opened the next issue of 'The Ringing World,' fully expecting to find a deluge of protest. But no; whether it was stupefaction or only apathy, not a voice was raised in opposition, and it looks as if the famous old peal is to go to its doom without tears and without much comment. And yet, St. Martin's really are a peal to which you can apply that much-abused word 'famous.'

In the whole history of change ringing perhaps there are only two others of equal interest—Mancroft and St. Saviour's, Southwark. The glories of the Mancroft band were finished half a century and more ago. St. Saviour's never was more than one of several towers where the London ringers practised; but St. Martin's has had a first-class band and first-class ringing almost without interruption from its earliest days till now. For the bare record of peals, Ipswich has, perhaps, the finest list, but the history of Ipswich ringing belongs to modern time only, and Ipswich never had a list of great names connected with it like Birmingham. Lates and Thurstans, Cooper, Day and Johnson—these men are among the giants of the Exercise.

One would have thought that sentiment would have been strong enough to save the bells from anything more drastic than tuning. Indeed, we always have been told that they are a very fine ring, not a Painswick or a Mancroft, but well above the average, and worthy representatives of their founders, who were men who did turn out some really good bells. As to that, I can say nothing. I have never heard them—I am almost ashamed to admit it. And I certainly should not presume to judge from hearing them once as a visitor. The men on the spot must settle that. Anyhow, they will probably be replaced by a better ring. Our modern bell founders know their job, and can be trusted to do good work. But they will not be the same bells. Bells are like human beings: they have an identity which is easily destroyed, and once destroyed cannot be revived. To talk about recasting a bell is really all wrong. Once a bell is broken, its life is gone. You can make a new bell out of its material, or you can replace it by a new bell, but it is not the same bell. A building you can alter, you can reconstruct, you can even rebuild, without destroying its identity and continuity, but you cannot do the same thing with a bell.

To us outsiders, perhaps the most interesting thing is the statement that the new bells are to be Simpson tuned. The battle of the tuning has been going on merrily for a long time. We have had plenty of arguments on both sides, but so far as I can see the success of the Simpsonians has been all along the line. There was a time when you could find very few ringers who really liked the new style; now you will find its most active partisans among ringers, and there are plenty who will not allow any merit at all to bells tuned in the old way. Personally, I do not care a little bit one way or the other. I know what I think is a good bell when I hear it, and, so long as it sounds right, how it is tuned does not matter in the least. That is the business of the founders. If they can give us the bells we want, let them tune them how they please. And the bell we want is the one which appears to give one good round musical note. We do not want a bell which appears to give a bundle of notes of practically equal strength, whether these notes are in accord with each other or not. I know quite well that every bell does in fact give several notes, and that if you train your ear you can always hear them. So, for that matter, does a violin string. A good many ringers, by training themselves to hear undertones, have made it impossible for them to like old-style bells, and in the same way you can easily, by listening unduly for the minor third, train yourself to an intense dislike of the modern style.

The opinions of both these classes of men are not really of much value in judging the two styles. For what matters is how the bell appeals to the man with a musical ear who is not consciously listening for anything but the strike note. There are plenty of bells, both old and new, which will satisfy such a man, and I think it quite safe to say that the mere fact that a bell is five-toned tuned does not make it a good bell, nor that it has those objectionable features, which ringers call 'howling.'

One thing, however, is certain. The introduction of Simpson tuning has been accompanied by a very great improvement in the bells which are cast nowadays. The two are evidently very closely connected, but I hardly think it is all cause and effect. I recall quite a number of modern bells tuned on the old style, which, to my mind, are quite as satisfactory as any new-style bells. Southwark Cathedral tenor is an instance.

I am not sure that ringers as a whole are the best judges of the musical qualities of bells. It is so very seldom that they hear them where they should be judged—that is, outside. Inside the tower you can have conditions which will make a very ordinary peal nearly perfect for change ringing, for what you want is primarily a peal which you can hear clearly and distinctly, so that you can appreciate good striking. Bells with a lot of hum, however musical they may be outside, are not the sort to induce the best striking, and for the same reason spring clapper controls and clapper buffers are nuisances, without any compensating advantages. Ringers should discourage all such contrivances.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE POSITION OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 31st, when there were 37 present. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a special service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. Wm. Shepherd, who also delivered an interesting and helpful address, in the absence of the Vicar, who was recovering from a recent operation. The collection taken at this service for the Benevolent Fund amounted to 10s. 7d. The ringers then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea had been prepared by several kind ladies of the parish, and was much appreciated. The business proceedings followed, the Rev. Wm. Shepherd presiding, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Wood, R. Longhurst, C. Finch, Balcombe; J. Lewry, H. Temple, Bolney; N. C. Cragg, E. G. Higgin, I. Edwards, F. Edwards, A. Elliott, A. Killick, F. Killick, G. Leney, A. Miles, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, P. Tarry, Coleman's Hatch; C. Mitchell, Cuckfield; A. L. Ryman, Hartfield; A. H. Brackpool (unaffiliated).

It was reported to the meeting that Coleman's Hatch would require an instructor, and Mr. J. Wren (East Grinstead) kindly volunteered his services, which were gratefully accepted.

The election of Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

All the officers of the division were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. O. Sippetts, who did not desire to continue a member of the committee. Mr. G. Apps, of Cuckfield, was elected to fill the vacancy. The officers are therefore as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; committee, Messrs. J. A. Hart, J. Wren and G. Apps; committee of advice, Messrs. K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler.

Mr. N. E. Hope, of East Grinstead, stated that he would like to take the opportunity of making clear the position of the East Grinstead and District Guild. He said the Guild was formed by himself and one or two others for all towers within a radius of ten miles of East Grinstead, with the sole idea of helping beginners and the lesser advanced ringers to become more proficient in the art of change ringing. To this end practice meetings were held, and had proved very successful. Speaking personally, he could say he had very much benefited from the meetings, and he believed there were many more members who could say likewise. The Guild had enabled ringers in that district to meet together and practise together more often than it was possible for the association to have meetings. He wished to make it quite clear that there was no intention whatever of interfering with the work of the association; in fact, they were trying to help the association forward in that particular area. He hoped, therefore, that if they had committed any technical breaches the association would overlook them.

The Divisional Hon. Secretary, in reply, said there were some who thought he had some feeling against the Guild, but this was not so. He pointed out that the machinery for combined practice was provided for in the rules of the association, but the Guild, as now formed, operated over the borders of Surrey and Kent. The association did not go outside the county borders. He also referred to the office of Master adopted by the Guild. The Master of the Association was Mr. J. T. Rickman, and the Secretary pointed out that there could not be a Master within a Master. But as regards meeting together for combined practice, they were doing a good work, and he wished them every success.

Mr. J. T. Rickman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Wm. Shepherd for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, coupling with this the name of Mr. Hope, who kindly presided at the organ. He requested Mr. Shepherd to convey to the Vicar, Dr. G. Golding-Bird, the very hearty wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery to health, and to thank him for his kindness in allowing the association to hold its meeting there. He also wished Mr. Shepherd to thank the various ladies who had prepared such an excellent tea, and to tell them that their kindness was very greatly appreciated.—These motions were all very enthusiastically passed.

Ringling was again resumed, and continued until nearly 8 p.m. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The following towers were represented: Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Hartfield, East Grinstead, Heene, Hastings (Blacklands), Lindfield and Turner's Hill, together with non-resident members.

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Simpson tuning has come to stay. There is little good in trying to get back to the old style. But I think we should recognise that it is only a means to an end, not an end in itself. There still will remain the distinction between good, bad and indifferent bells, and, perhaps, one may express a hope that all the old style bells, which we once used to think so much of, will not disappear, even though their places may be taken by better ones.

HALSE.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (called in six different ways) in 23 mins.: J. Nelson 1, A. Pole 2, W. Clapp 3, F. Pole 4, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 5, G. Laug 6. J. Nelson, late of Bosbury, Herefordshire.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
THE QUESTION OF PAYING FOR PEALS.**

In the annual report of the Midland Counties Association, presented to the members at their annual meeting on Monday, it was stated that as far as peal ringing went, 1927 was a record year with 183 peals, the previous highest being 149 in 1922. Among these were 66 peals of Minor and Doubles, and, commenting on them, the report says: Most prominent are the number of five and six bell peals, of which the general hon. secretary holds himself partly responsible where Leicestershire is concerned. His activities in this direction have encouraged ringers who were more or less dormant, and a number of both honorary and ordinary members have been made in some places and a stimulus added in others. It would be well if all branches of the M.C.A. activity realised that there are in nearly every county more than three times the number of five and six bell towers to those of higher numbers, and much good might be done, many members interested and secured, and the art considerably increased, if these towers were not isolated so much, but brought into line with their more fortunate confreres of greater numbers.

From the footnotes which had appeared to peals, 39 ringers had rung their first peal, and no fewer than 162 rang their first peal in a new method. There were also 11 first peals on the bells, and 11 first on the bells in a new method. Five ringers had scored their first as conductor, and ten their first as conductor in a new method. Broadly speaking, the year had been most successful, not only in peal ringing, but in other directions. No less than 95 new ringers, 26 honorary and 6 new life members had been made, which certainly showed a healthy state of interest. A certain number of each class had been lost through death and lapse of subscription, and the membership, when the report was printed, was 222 patrons and hon. members, and 887 ringing members.

The balance showed that an income of £130 had been received from all sources. The gross expenditure was in round figures £113, leaving a surplus for honorariums, as might be decided upon, of £17. It was clear that the association could not always create profit sufficient to guarantee a fixed amount. Derby again headed the list with honorary members, due, undoubtedly, to the untiring energy of the president, to whom the thanks of the whole association were due and were accorded. There was again a serious loss on the report. For some years a veritable mine of information for peal ringers and conductors had been published. This has been paid for by the funds of the whole members. While nothing should be said or written derogatory to peal ringing, it should be remembered that it is only one phase and an adjunct to church bellringing, and it might be thought well to consider whether those whose names were printed so voluminously at the general expense, ought not to contribute to the cost. If peal ringers were to pay, say, two shillings per peal—or an average of three-pence for man—the sum of £10 per year would be added to the funds.

The bell repair fund, the report added, had now been depleted by grants to several churches (amounting to £28) to £2 3s. 8d. During the current year there would be due £100 from Government certificates. The members would have to decide whether the whole sum be again invested, and, if so, how? There was at present the War Loan of £150, which brought in £7 10s. per annum. At the bank there was £72. Altogether the association was worth at the moment the sum of £518, amply sufficient to provide for the establishment of the three diocesan Guilds of Derby, Leicester and Southwell, whenever the time came. If the old proverb that 'Coming events cast their shadows before' be true, then this intimation was not out of place, and the members would be wise in being fully conversant in the matter, and on the qui vive for a moment which might be nearer than many might think. Funds should therefore be carefully conserved for any eventuality.

BISHOP DEDICATES A PEAL TABLET.

Recently, at Swindon Parish Church, so beautifully situate on the hill, and forming a prominent landmark visible over a wide stretch of typical English countryside, following a Confirmation service, the Bishop of Malmesbury, accompanied by the Vicar (Canon Mayall), proceeded to the belfry to dedicate a handsome white marble tablet, mounted on a slate bed, which has been erected to record the first peal accomplished on the fine new ring of ten bells installed in 1924.

Mr. E. Bishop, on behalf of the ringers, requested the Bishop to dedicate the tablet, and his Lordship, before doing so, said how pleased he was to come among the ringers and to bear testimony to the valuable work they were doing on behalf of the Church. The ringing of a peal amply demonstrated the proficiency of the hand taking part and the interest they took in their work.

The tablet, which is of beautiful workmanship, was designed and executed by Mr. Bert Bishop, who rang the treble in the peal.

The Bishop was thanked for his kindness in dedicating the tablet, especially as the hour was so late—nine o'clock—and he had to journey to Bristol by motor-car—a distance of over 40 miles. His Lordship mentioned that he was very much struck by the beauty of the bells, and he should make a point of visiting the ringers on any future visits to the church.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR'

We close this week the appeal for Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of Hillsborough, Sheffield, but our columns remain open for the acknowledgment of further contributions. All who have given, or who have in any way helped to further this fund, have our grateful thanks for their assistance. The response has been most generous, as we knew it would be in a case so deserving. A statement with regard to the fund will be made when the final donations have been received, and in the meantime we acknowledge the following further subscriptions:—

	£ s. d.
Amount already acknowledged	193 17 11
Ringers of Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, per E. A. Marsh	5 0
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DESIGNED AS A DUNGEON?

Among the few towers I have had the pleasure of visiting, writes 'Uncle Justacuss,' I think the ringing chamber of the magnificent Parish Church of Cottingham was the most difficult to find. One must ascend the usual spiral stair right up to the bell chamber, where, if one has keen eyesight, one finds a small trapdoor at the corner of the bell frame. You raise the door, and descend a step ladder to the ringing chamber. The architect must have designed it for a dungeon, not for ringers, as he forgot to leave a doorway to it.

I think the finest and most eloquent tribute to the bell founder's craft is contained in the few words inscribed on top of a peal board in Beverley Minster tower recording a peal of Stedman Caters, called by one Guillaume de Barbriere. It says: 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals.' Verb sap.

AN OLD SUFFOLK FOUNDER.

THOMAS GARDINER AND COLNE ENGAINE BELLS.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst looking through some old papers I came across some relating to the bells of Colne Engaine, a village in North Essex. These are the papers of Thomas Gardiner, the Sudbury bell founder, and the following extracts may be of interest:—

'Nov. 6, 1747/8.—Gentlemen, this is to sartify you that I saw the bell weighed, and it weighed teen hundred and sixteen pound and no more (16 cwt. 16 lb.).
'Feb. the 20, 1747/8.—

	cwt. qr. lb.
Colne Engaine new tenor wd.	10 2 13
The old tenor wd.	10 0 16

'Feb. the 20th, 1747/8.—Mr. Mead, Churchwarden of Colne Engaine, and the rest of the gentlemen thare bill for casting the tenor bell and putting the other in good order.

	cwt. qr. lb.
The old bell wd.	10 0 16
The new bell wd.	10 2 13

	£ s. d.
For casting to the agrement	10 10 0
For addition of new mettle	62 13 0

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'Ochr. the 25th, 1760.—Delivered then to Mr. Mead and Mr. Mayhew, of Colne Engaine:

	cwt. qr. lb.
The fifth bell that waighed	10 0 11
The old bell waighed	10 1 00

	£ s. d.
For casting 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. of old mettle	9 17 6
For addition of 24th pounds of new mettle	1 08 0

£11 05 6

'Feb. 19, 1761.—Recd. of Mr. Ed. Mead and Mr. Jere Mayhow. Churchwarders for the parish of Coln Engaine, the contents of this bill and all demands, by me,

THOS. GARDINER.
Witness, GEORGE FULLER.'

The signature is undoubtedly the signature of Thos. Gardiner himself, and I should think is the only writing of his on these bills. The bill concerning the casting of the tenor in 1747/8 and the one concerning the fifth in 1760 are in the same handwriting, the other two are in a different hand.

These dates evidently do away with the theory I have read that Gardiner left Sudbury in 1746. On the tenor I am informed that the following is cast:

'Thomas Gardiner did me cast:
I'll sing his praises to the last.'

Yours truly,

GRANVILLE C. BIXBY.

Long Melford, Suffolk.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. L. Mitchell 1, O. Smart 2, W. Butt 3, B. Marchant 4, A. Cottle 5, G. Greenaway 6, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 7, F. Padwick 8.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, W. E. Cross 2, W. Phipps 3, A. R. Gale 4, T. Smith 5, C. W. Pipe 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, A. Symonds 3, T. Scott 4, H. E. Day 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

WOODFORD.—On Easter Sunday, three 720's of Plain Bob. For morning service: F. Corney 1, J. Crampion (first 720, and only started ringing in November) 2, A. Reeves 3, E. Plummer 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6. Also a 360 for afternoon service, and also a 720 before evensong, conducted by J. A. Waugh, by the same band. After evensong: R. Cousins (first 720, and started ringing in September) 1, J. Crampion 2, E. Plummer 3, C. Petty 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morss (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 8th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples: H. Ellis 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. J. Nelder 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, J. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. H. Hewitt 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, J. E. Davis 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on April 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: H. H. Mance 1, F. Howson (first quarter of Grandsire Caters) 2, W. Dean 3, H. W. Mance 4, A. Newman 5, C. D. Nichols 6, E. Reeve 7, C. F. Mitchell 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: R. Wood 1, A. Coote 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Laker 4, A. C. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. The above was the first quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, also the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by the ringer of the 2nd.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Single: A. Coote 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, E. T. Exeter 4, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 5, A. Steele 6.—For evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: E. T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Mary's, before matins, 720 Carlisle Surprise, 360 Kingston Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—Before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, H. Wright 2, L. Camp 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley 5, E. Sitch 6. Oxford conducted by E. Sitch, Cambridge by G. Camp.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday morning, April 1st, for service, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: *T. Bland 1, A. W. Hearn 2, *C. Chavane 3, L. W. Goodwin 4, Ley Goodwin 5, *R. Harvey 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, *H. W. Yardley 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bland 1, A. W. Hearn 2, C. Chavane 3, L. W. Goodwin 4, Ley Goodwin 5, R. Harvey 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, *G. Miller 8. * First quarter-peal in any method.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on April 1st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Surprise in 27 mins.: H. Rogers 1, E. Lloyd 2, E. Parry 3, A. Howard 4, T. A. Rogers (conductor) 5, T. Rogers 6. First in method by all. The first in Wirral Branch by a local band.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins.: C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. W. Bailey 4, Robt. Bullen 5, W. H. Ball 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

ALDENHAM.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Palm Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: G. Godman 1, S. Jones 2, W. Inwood 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Gilks 6, E. Southey 7, L. Harpen 8.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (being nine and a half 120's Grandsire and 1,120 of St. Dunstan's Doubles, each called differently), in 50 mins.: E. G. Fenner 1, W. B. Hiscock 2, J. B. Bennett (conductor) 3, A. R. Miles 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, J. Bellingham 6, H. Brook 7, J. Haflenden 8. Rung with 7-6-8 covering. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Union Triples: E. Middleton 1, J. Sewell 2, E. Jennings 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, W. Robinson (conductor) 6, T. B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8. First quarter in the method on the bells and in the county, and by all the band.

NOTICE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, to-morrow (Saturday), April 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.

—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District. — A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (p.v.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business at Gill's Restaurant 5 p.m. Kindly send notice of intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling, Totton, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30, also Dibden (8). Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 p.m. — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Method proposed to practice: Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Ringers and friends cordially invited.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Reports for 1927 are now ready.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 18th? C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Will members look up Double Norwich. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, the 18th inst., so that an estimate may be given to caterers.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. G. E. Shaw, 160, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, not later than April 17th?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at the Parish Church, Llangattock. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Bellevue, Brecon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea, meeting, etc., St. Andrew's Hall, Well Street, 5.30 p.m. Old Hackney (8) from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford, E. 18.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Benenden on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea in the Bay Horse Inn at 1s. 9d. per head. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — There will be a ringing meeting at Withyham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 2.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector. Will those intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, April 18th?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Stoke-under-Ham bells available. Will those requiring tea kindly give early notice?—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on April 21st. Bells available from 2.30: King's Somborne (6), Stockbridge (6), Broughton (5), Longstock (5). Service in the church, with an address by Canon Braithwaite. Tea in the Village Hall 4.45. All ringers are welcome and must notify me of their intention being present not later than Wednesday, April 18th.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Permission to ring at Burlescombe (6) and Sampford Peverell (6) has kindly been given. Will any band or ringer let me know at what time they would like to visit either or both of these towers so that I can arrange accordingly? Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, April 17th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Incoming visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, The Vicarage, Bucklebury, near Reading, not later than Wednesday, April 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 and short service at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the School-room adjoining the church at 5.15, to be followed by the general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Borzeat on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 17th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Stanton Drew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (5). Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Andover District will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by April 18th.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Kindly take note of these meetings and practices to be held in the branch towers during the year, at which all ringers are welcome: April 21st, Sonning (8 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; May 19th, Barkham (4 bells), 4 p.m., Arborfield (6 bells), 6 p.m., practice; June 16th, Wargrave (8 bells), quarterly meeting, 3 p.m., with use of Twyford bells; July 21st or 28th, Easthampstead (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; August 25th, Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; September 22nd, Finchampstead (6 bells), quarterly meeting, 3 p.m.; October 20th, Sandhurst (6 bells), practice, 6 p.m.; November 17th, St. Paul's, Wokingham (8 bells), prac-

tice, 6 p.m., branch committee meeting 4 p.m.; December 8th, All Saints', Wokingham, practice, 6 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral on the 19th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me before Tuesday, April 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. Green. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, the 25th inst. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

Saturday, May 26th. Peals for life members and visitors have been arranged at St. Mary, Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), whilst the leaning tower, Temple Church, will also be available.

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Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.

Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

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