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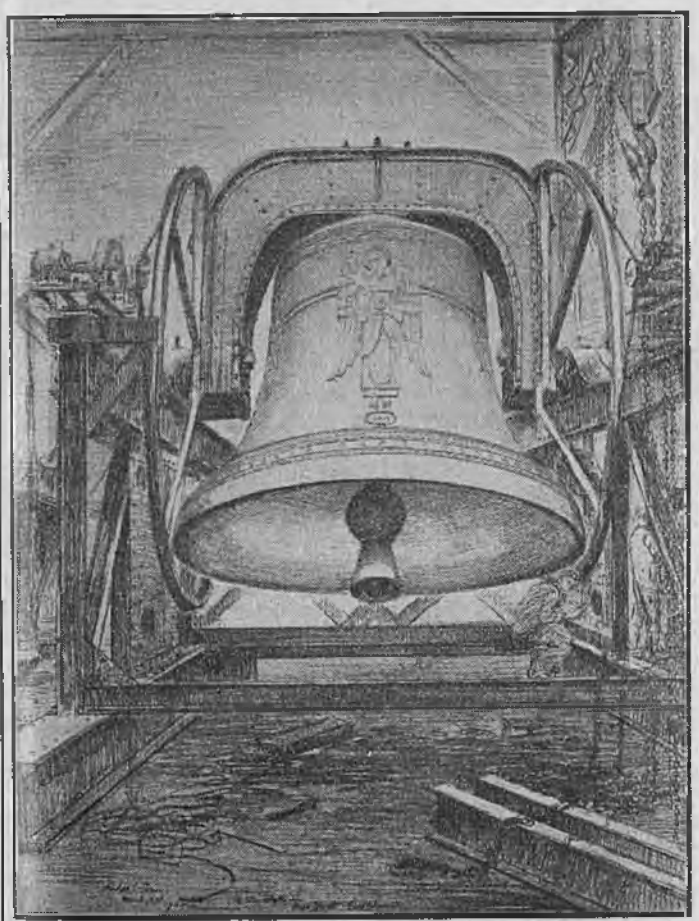

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BELFRY RECORDS.

There are many directions in which the records of the ringing Exercise are sadly lacking, and information as to past happenings is no longer available. In the early days, of course, it was impossible to bring together for purposes of reference particulars of peals and other events, and yet how valuable and interesting would the information have been to-day if it were available. Alas, it can never now be compiled; it has gone for ever. Here and there, there remain to us scraps of history, retained through old peal boards, the books of a few of the ancient ringing societies, paragraphs buried deep in the files of old newspapers, or retained in the 'scrap books' compiled by old ringers. But while among these records there are, happily, accounts of some of the outstanding early performances in the art, much that would have been of untold interest to-day is lost to us. Not only is this not surprising; it was inevitable.

Even modern facts are soon lost sight of, and instances constantly crop up, for example, of claims to 'first performances' on bells, which prove to be untenable. It is hardly to be expected, perhaps, that ringers of this generation should be fully acquainted with all that happened even in the generation that preceded it, although everything of note that has happened in the last half century is on record in the pages of the various ringing journals. The difficulty, of course, is that the precise information required is not, nine times out of ten, to be found, because no one knows where to look for it. There can be no doubt that many claims have from time to time been made, which could not be upheld if tested, but which have never been disputed merely because the earlier records have been lost sight of. The most important of these, obviously, relate to peals, and it might be well, before matters get any worse, if something could be done with a view to bringing to light all available information.

This suggestion might seem to offer a stupendous task, but the collection of these records might be made possible if undertaken by the various associations. In each organisation some one or more ringers interested in research could probably be found to examine the association's reports and the volumes of the ringing press, and extract for each tower the particulars of the first peal rung therein in each method. These details could then be handed to the custody of the respective towers, where they would always remain for reference. Afterwards, if there was a desire for it, the information could be elaborated by the addition of other peals rung in the tower. Every belfry would thus have its own record, at any rate of essential performances, which could be con-

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sulted and which would settle most of the questions of priority of claims. There are in many belfries, of course, records of the peals rung, but by far the larger number have no such records, and it would be a step towards the preservation of local information if something on the lines roughly sketched out could be generally adopted.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 8 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	†FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
†SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES H. KIPPEN	10
GEORGE R. PYE	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	11
ALBERT T. COLES	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. The first peal of Maximus in Hampshire and by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING	*Treble*	*HARRY OVERTON	6
ROBERT SPERRING	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
RICHARD T. HOLDING	3	WILLIAM WHEATHERBY	8
*RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	*WILLIAM EDGE	9
HAROLD EDWARDS	5	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Composed by E. JENKINS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Bob Royal and first peal of Bob Royal on the bells. A birthday compliment to William Edge.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	*JOHN NOBES	6
EDGAR HUMFREY	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
*MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	HAROLD HUMFREY	8
MRS. A. E. LOCK	4	*PERCY DYKE	9
JACK HONEY	5	GORDON CAUDWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM T. PATES	*Treble*	RICHARD G. RICE	6
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELLS	2	*EDWARD JOHN BERRY	7
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE	4	SIDNEY PALMER	9
ERNEST BISHOP	5	WILLIAM A. BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. PATES. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First attempt for Stedman Caters. W. T. Pates hails from Cheltenham, J. Austin from Gloucester, H. J. Balcombe and R. G. Rice from Harwell, Berks.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN W. CUNDALL	6
JAMES COTTERELL	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	9
WILLIAM BARTON	5	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Broadley. Also a birthday peal for Mr. Thos. Maude, and rung on the 38th anniversary of Mr. J. W. Cundall's wedding day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARGATE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ...	*Treble*	PERCY PAGE	5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	2	CHARLES FRANKLIN	6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
FREDERICK G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

W. J. Fairbeard was elected a member of the R.M. and D.G. previous to starting. Quickest peal on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BRADLEY	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. HUGHES	5
THOMAS B. KENDALL	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes; it was also a birthday compliment to L. W. G. Morris.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FRANK A. TURNER	...*Treble*	*LENNARD PRYKE	5
FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ...	2	LAWRENCE POULSON	6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ...	7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	4	ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS

* First peal on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY LACY	...*Treble*	HARRY KIRBY	5
†JOHN W. RAWSON	2	JOSEPH CADLE	6
GEORGE BUTLER	3	WALTER FERN	7
ALFRED UNDERWOOD ...	4	*CHARLES FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

* First peal and proposed members before starting. † First peal on bob bell.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HENRY MULLARD	...*Treble*	THOMAS ADAMS	5
RAYMOND WOOD	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
THOMAS ATTWELL	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	7
JAMES BURDFIELD	4	*GILBERT JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

* First peal and first attempt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. WHEWELL ...	...*Treble*	FRANK SHAW	5
THOMAS HOWARTH	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
ISAAC WHALLEY	3	†WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
*LEONARD SCHOLES	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Ben Fielden, who was chorister at the above church for 48 years.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	5
*GEORGE E. CLODE	2	GEORGE WILSON	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	...*Treble*	FRANK G. RINGE	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	3	*GEORGE HAYDEN	7
ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	GEORGE DAWSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY	...*Treble*	ROBERT WALKER	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	3	JOSEPH W. PARKER	7
THOMAS H. REEVES	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM HILLMAN ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS BURTENSHAW ...	5
FREDERICK CRIPPS	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	KEITH HART	7
WALTER CHARMAN	4	JOHN DEARLOVE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. COLE	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	REGINALD BROWN	6
HARRY BADGER	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	OWEN H. GILES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. In this composition the 2nd is never above 4th's place at a course end.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	*HARRY HOVERD	5
WILLIAM BOND	2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major on an inside bell.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

SIDNEY ROCHESTER	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	GEORGE W. STEBBE	6
ALFRED H. POLLING	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
SIDNEY CARTER	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. This peal was arranged to enable the conductor to fulfil a promise made unconsciously two years ago. Believed to be the first Major on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WALTER ARNOLD	*Treble*	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
JOHN C. NEWMAN	2	FREDERICK FLUDDER	6
*P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT	3	LESLIE J. CLARK	7
GEORGE HAYWARD	4	CHARLES BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
CHARLES W. COOPER	4	*JOSEPH OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward F. Mitchell, also in honour of the twenty-third anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield.

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DORKING, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	JAMES BULLOCK	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
HARRY R. PASMORE	4	ALFRED B. PECK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. HENRY WRIGHT	*Treble*	T. KELHAM DEACON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	FRED COTTON	6
C. HENRY WEBB	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
GEORGE A. NEWTON	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to commemorate the feast of dedication of the church. First peal in this variation (which has no bobs) on the bells and by all except the conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KING	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
GEORGE FREEBREY	2	CHARLES SMITH	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	3	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Geo. Bailey for having everything ready.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

ROBERT PICKERING	*Treble*	JOHN PERRY	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
SYDNEY ELTON	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	*Tenor*

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

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Mitchell, Wolverhampton, and to Miss Annie Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Low-moor, Bradford, on the attainment of her 21st birthday.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY	5
†JACK CHARNOCK	2	ARTHUR HARTLEY	6
HERMON NELSON	3	EDWARD DAWSON	7
EDWARD B. COXHEAD	4	ALFRED BLOGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by E. DAWSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the 19th anniversary of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd, and 7th, who attained their majority on the 6th, 12th and 27th respectively. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. The band were entertained to tea afterwards by the above-mentioned ringers.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT	...Treble	HERBERT FULCHER	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	GEORGE GOWER	6
STANLEY COPLING	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
JAMES ELDRIDGE	4	WALTER BARRETT	...Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK SHEMMING	...Treble	ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	4
RAY GRANT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ARTHUR COOK	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

WEST HAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Alnwick, London, Wells, York, Cambridge and Ipswich.

GEORGE HAYDEN	...Treble	WILLIAM MILNER	4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	2	JOHN MOULE	5
EDWARD D. SMITH	3	ALFRED PRIOR	...Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles and 21 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE	Treble	JOHN BLEBY	4
*THOMAS BETTISON	2	JOHN W. ENGLAND	5
*WILSON ALLIN, SEN.	3	†CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE	...Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung on the 73rd anniversary of the birth of the late Mrs. M. E. Heathcote, mother of the tenor ringer, who expressed a wish previous to her death for a peal to be rung on this day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Bettison, and to the eldest daughter of Mr. C. J. Partridge, who attained her majority on Saturday, October 19th.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

VERNEY COOPER	...Treble	PERCY BONNETT	4
PEARL INSKIP	2	LEONARD TURNER	5
FRANK TYSOE	3	JOHN POTTER	...Tenor

Conducted by J. POTTER.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Newington (late district secretary of the above association), who was married on the previous Saturday. It was also a farewell peal, as Mr. Newington is leaving Bedford to reside at Peterborough.

BRIXHAM.—At the Parish Church, on September 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 7 different callings): W. G. Hayden 1, W. A. Jury 2, S. J. Hazlewood 3, H. D. Newman (Minchinhampton, Glos) 4, A. C. Taylor (conductor) 5, R. J. Young 6.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CATTERMOLE	...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
RAY GRANT	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	3	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL	...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED ADAMS	...Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH	4
CHRISTOPHER HICK	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	5
THOMAS J. ELTON	3	SIDNEY ELTON	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the tenor ringer. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells and by the society.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT LACK	...Treble	HARRY PETTIT	4
GEORGE PARKER	2	HARRY WOODING	5
†ERNEST WOODING	3	THOMAS WISE	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles and eighteen 120's of Grandsire.

WILLIAM STOCK	...Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW	4
JOHN POTTER	2	HENRY STAPLETON	5
PERCY BONNETT	3	*GEORGE MARTIN	...Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV., London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT	...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER	4
*ALFRED B. KING	2	*WILLIAM A. WOODS	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	3	GEORGE W. ABLITT	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

* First peal in seven different methods of Treble Bob.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS	...Treble	HENRY WALLACE	4
*MISS NORA WELCH	2	*JOHN WELCH	5
GEORGE H. CARTER	3	BARNARD PATMORE	...Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal.

RIBCHESTER, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, different callings. Tenor 11¾ cwt in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ...	4
WILLIE AARON	2	FREDERICK HINDLE	5
JOHN CAVANNAGH	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells after rehanging and tuning by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The band take this opportunity to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGHA,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and York and three of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HOLMB... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY CARNWELL	4
CHARLES S. RYLES	2	ARTHUR W. HALL	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON... ...	3	JAMES WALLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

* First peal. Ringers of 4th and 5th, for whom this was arranged, have now rung in peals ranging from 1 to 7 methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*W. JOHN YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	JAMES F. HATCHLEY... ...	4
FRANK J. HAZZARD	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
†HARRY ANDREWS	3	*RICHARD STUCKEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, October 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON	7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALFRED BARNES...	1-2	FREDERICK PAGE	7-8
*HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	*WILLIAM JACKSON	9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6	PETER LAFLIN	...11-12

Composed by C. H HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: TOM WILDE (Hyde).

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in the county and by the association. First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First of Cinques as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. LANHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

GEORGE WHITING	1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3-4	ERNEST E. LANHAM	7-8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

First peal on handbells by all.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT REVISITED AFTER 15 YEARS.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Gosport on Saturday last, it being 15 years since the Guild last met there, and over 30 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Shedfield, Titchfield and Wickham, visitors from Beaconsfield, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

The bells were available during the afternoon, and at 4.30 the Guild's service was held in the church, the Vicar kindly officiating and giving the address. An excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, Col. A. de W. Kitcat being voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. Woods (Bramshott) and Capt. A. R. W. Woods, R.N. (Alverstoke), who were both indisposed.

The Vicar of Gosport was, subject to his consent, elected an hon. member, and G. Jurd (Gosport) a ringing member.

It was decided, after a vote, to hold the annual district meeting at Alverstoke on January 27th, 1930. It was also resolved that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to Canon G. Landon (Alverstoke) in his recent loss by the death of his daughter.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for kindly officiating at the organ. In reply, the Chairman, on behalf of the Vicar, welcomed the members to Gosport that day, and hoped that it would not be another 15 years before they came again.

The Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) thanked the chairman for his kind remarks, and also those who had been mentioned in the votes of thanks.

At the conclusion of the meeting another visit was paid to the tower, and, although the bells are somewhat difficult for strangers to handle, some very good touches were brought round in methods ranging to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Melbourn on Saturday, ringers being present from Barley, Bourn, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newton, Royston, Sawston, Stapleford and Trumpington, as well as members of the local band. Tea was provided at the Rose Inn, where about 20 ringers and friends sat down. At the conclusion of the tea a short business meeting was held, Mr. A. E. Austin being elected as chairman. Owing to the absence of the district secretary, Mr. F. Warrington, the minutes of the previous meeting could not be read.

There were two propositions for the place of the next meeting, namely, Trumpington and Fulbourn, and on being put to the vote Trumpington was selected, the meeting to be held on November 23rd.

A suggestion was made that it would be better to arrange a programme of meetings and dates for a complete year, instead of the present method of arranging at one meeting the place and date of the next meeting. After some discussion, it was resolved that the committee for the archdeaconry should be asked to arrange such a programme for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. W. Ward for arranging for the tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Ipswich Surprise, some of the Surprise methods being spliced.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAMFORD.

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Stamford on Saturday last, about 25 ringers and friends being present. The bells of All Saints', a musical peal of six, were set going about 3 p.m. to a variety of methods, including London Surprise. The good-going peal of six at St. Martin's was also available during the afternoon and evening, and at this church the bells were rung half-muffled before service, owing to a funeral having taken place the same afternoon of a well-known churchman of this parish.

A short service was held at All Saints' Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Peacock) officiated, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and also a very interesting address on bells from early times. Tea was served at Ye Olde Barn Cafe, 19 sitting down to the excellent tea provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) took the chair, and three new members from Stamford were elected.

The next meeting being the annual meeting of the branch, it was decided to hold a meeting at Grantham.—A vote of thanks to the Vicars of All Saints' and St. Martin's for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. C. A. Peacock and his organist for making the necessary arrangements for the service, was passed.

Ringing was continued at both churches until about 9 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The last quarterly meeting of this association for the year was held at Llantrisant, Glam, on Saturday. The bells, a light, good-going ring of eight, were off early in the afternoon, and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when service was held in the church, the Vicar (Rev. D. H. Simon) officiating, assisted by Canon David, of Llantwit Major, who gave a most interesting address.

Following the service, about 60 sat down to a bountiful tea, which had been laid in the church rooms, and graciously provided by the two churchwardens.

Before tea was finished, the Canon had to leave, and was thanked by the Vicar for his address. This was endorsed by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and the Canon, in reply, said that it was a great pleasure to him to do all he could for ringers, and hoped the members would once more visit Llantwit Major before the year was out. He mentioned that the first bells he ever heard were those of Llantrisant, his home being in the adjoining parish of Pendoylan.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which mention was made that Pentre bells had now been placed on ball bearings and were going well, and an invitation was also given to anyone to pay a visit to the tower, where there would be a welcome.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was left over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at St. Woolos', Newport, on December 26th.

Mention was made that the first peal of Stedman Caters had been rung on Llandaff Cathedral bells by members of this association, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks. The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Whitchurch on Saturday, October 26th, and was attended by about 25 ringers from Wellington, Wem, Moreton Corbet, Prees, Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Alberbury, Crewe, Marbury, and the local company. The bells, a ring of eight, with tenor 20 cwt., cast by Rudhall in 1715, were raised shortly after three o'clock, and were kept going till 5.30.

A short meeting was then held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. F. A. Barnett. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury in January.

There was no other business before the meeting, and the members adjourned to a nearby cafe for tea, after which they kept the bells going until eight o'clock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STREATHAM.

A successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, October 19th, at Streatham. Proceedings were to commence at 3, and at 2.55 there was a good Stedman band in attendance at St. Leonard's Church, but no ringing could be done for a short time owing to a christening ceremony which was taking place. Cambridge was rung as an opening touch. Other humbler methods followed, including Grandsire for beginners. Members and friends continued to arrive, and by service time some 30 odd people were in or out of the not by any means large ringing chamber. Choral evensong at five o'clock, at which the Rural Dean gave an inspiriting address, was followed by tea at Streatham Hall, 28 sitting down to a nicely prepared meal, the arrangements for which were kindly made by Mr. J. Chapman, of St. Leonard's.

The business meeting followed, and the usual routine items were soon disposed of. An appeal was made for Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, a very old member of the district, which resulted in the sum of £1 being subscribed, to be handed to Mr. Hollier (Middlesex) for his fund.

The ringers then turned their attention again to ringing. The Master (Mr. Mance) took the major portion of the company to Immanuel Church for London Surprise, etc., whilst the secretary took charge of a novices' party, who first revisited St. Leonard's and rang three good touches, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Major, and afterwards went on to join the main body. Ringing in various methods was kept up till nine o'clock, by which time some of the out-residents (having to go twenty miles or so) had left. During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents for the use of the two 'eights' available, to the Rural Dean, the organist and choir, and to Mr. J. Chapman and his merry men who arranged things so admirably.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A small but energetic company met at Warfield on Saturday last for an East Berks and South Bucks Branch practice meeting, and after a few touches enjoyed a most interesting address by the Vicar, which included some history of the older bells of this church.

Then an excellent tea followed, at the Vicar's invitation, in the Brownlow Hall, a very up-to-date structure with clubroom, billiard room and library attached.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, chiefly for spade work, until all had been satisfied.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We desire to thank the many ringers who have responded to our request, in the notice at the head of this column. We hope that those who have not yet been able to send the picture of their church and information about the bells will kindly do so.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are restoring the ring of five bells in the ancient tower of Rugby Parish Church. It is of interest to note that Rugby Parish Church is unique in possessing two peals of bells, there being a ringing peal of eight, with tenor 25 cwt., in the other tower of the same church.

In connection with the Students' Mission Campaign, two Cambridge undergraduates visited Kington Magna early in September. During two days spent in the village they became interested in ringing, and have since both joined the Cambridge University Guild.

Several veterans took part on Saturday at Bradford in a peal of Treble Ten, which was rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley, one of Yorkshire's 'grand old men,' on his 70th birthday, as a birthday peal for Mr. Tom Maude, whose interest in ringing and ringers has been maintained through many years, and also as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Cundall on the 38th anniversary of his wedding. 'Many happy returns of the day' was the wish extended to the trio.

We are happy to record that after seven weeks' illness, Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, Northants, is on the road to recovery, and hopes to be at work again in a fortnight's time.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, which took place in 1878.

The first 'name' peal on record was rung by a band all with the Christian name of William. There were eleven of them (two to the tenor), all members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on November 3rd, 1796, the conductor being William Shipway.

The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, which were heard over the ether on Sunday evening, have been associated with change ringing almost from the earliest days, and as long ago as November 5th, 1725, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there.

What is believed to be the first peal of Superlative Surprise on record was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 5th, 1821.

Because of the nearness of a church, which interfered with his Sunday tennis, the High Sheriff of Somerset has had his rating assessment reduced on appeal. He stated that it was impossible to play tennis on Sunday evenings, as the people in church could look through the church windows across his lawn and watch the play: also that the church bells were rather trying.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Treble Ten at Beddington on October 16th, was connected with Trafalgar and not the Norman Conquest. It should have been Nelson Elliott.

The asterisk in the report of the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bromsgrove should have been against the name of the ringer of the 7th instead of the 8th.

MR. TOM BEADLE FUND.

Previously acknowledged £10 14s. 6d., collected at the Streatham meeting of the London County Association (per Mr. J. Herbert) £1, Mr. F. Corke 2s. 6d., Mr. F. T. Hoad 2s. 6d., Mr. G. Thompson (Tunbridge Wells) 2s., Mr. J. Idle (Dewsbury) 2s.; total £12 3s. 6d. Further donations will be gratefully received on behalf of this fund by Mr. Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

HEDON CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.



Hedon, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, possesses a very fine church, and a noble tower, in which, as recorded in our last issue, a ring of eight bells has just been installed and dedicated.

Originally there were five bells there, cast in 1686 and 1687, and, from their inscriptions, they appear to have been presented, not to the church, but to the Corporation of Hedon. The tenor was cast in 1687 by Samuel Smith, a bell founder of York, the bell being the gift of Sir Charles Duncomb, one of the two members of Parliament for the borough. The fourth bell was cast in the same year, presumably at the same foundry, and bore the unusual inscription, 'Wind Them and Bringe Them and I will Ring for Them.'

The other three bells of the five were cast by William and Philip Wightman, of London, and were also the gift of Sir Charles Duncomb. A treble was added to make a ring of six in 1776, and the whole of the bells have now been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and two trebles added, the gift of Col. and Mrs. Lambert White, making a fine ring of eight, with a tenor of 17½ cwt. The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced on the new, and each bears in addition the words, 'Recast, 1929.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS' JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Sunderland on Saturday last. The ringers began to meet at Bishopswearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m., and the bells were soon going merrily to touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. By four o'clock the belfry was full of ringers, so a party 'took off' for Holy Trinity Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At 5 p.m. all ringers wended their way to St. Ignatius' Institute for tea, but owing to some mistake the victuals had been sent to the wrong place. After a good deal of hurrying and scurrying, however, the ringers sat down at 6 p.m. to a most substantial meal.

Afterwards, a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. Burnett (vice-president of the Eastern District), supported by the Rev. G. H. J. Baily, Vicar of St. Ignatius' Church. Votes of thanks were given to the clergy of the respective churches for the use of the bells, Mr. Baily replying for the incumbents, and saying what a great pleasure it was for him to be at the meeting. He was always ready to grant the use of the bells at any time, and wished all success to all belfries.

Mr. Pattison, of Houghton-le-Spring, moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for helping at tea, and this, naturally, was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at West Hartlepool in conjunction with the Southern District on Saturday, December 7th.

After the meeting, St. Ignatius' Church was visited, where touches of Kent, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung, and it was pleasing to know that one or two learners had their first touches at this meeting. Ringing finished at 8, and all agreed that it had been a very successful and happy gathering.

CONGREGATION STAY TO HEAR BELLS RUNG.

RECTOR'S NOVEL STEP TO INTEREST PARISHIONERS.

On Sunday, October 20th, members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from Highclere and Woolton Hill were invited by the Rector of Burghclere (the Rev. Canon Medlicott) to ring the bells after evening service, the object being to enlighten the people of Burghclere in the art of change ringing.

The Rector preached a sermon on bells and change ringing, and asked the congregation to stay and listen to the ringing.

Burghclere church bells (a light ring of six) were for some time in a very bad state, and very little ringing was, or could be, done with them. However, funds were raised, and the bells now have been rehung with new fittings, including ball bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is that the bells go perfectly.

Twelve members from the two towers mentioned took this opportunity of ringing at Burghclere, and some good touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round. Several of the local ringers were also present, and it is hoped they will make good use of the bells. Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the opportunity provided to ring the bells.

DEATH OF BRISTOL RINGER.

A LOSS TO SS. PHILIP AND JACOB'S GUILD.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death, at the age of 58 years, of Mr. Isaac Long, of Stapleton, Bristol, who passed away on Sunday, October 20th, after an illness lasting less than a week. Up to a few days before his death, deceased took part regularly in the Sunday and practice ringing at St. Nicholas' Church and at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church. Of the Guild at the latter church he was a valued member.

Mr. Long began ringing at Stapleton Church 40 years ago, and continued there until the St. Nicholas' Guild was formed some ten years later by Mr. Fred May, with whom he rang many peals, including the first peal of Erin Caters in the country. After the St. Nicholas' Guild was disbanded, deceased joined the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, and has been one of its keenest members for the past 11 years, ringing about 16 peals. He rang about a hundred peals altogether, from Triples to Royal, the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Forward, Erin, and Double Norwich, and most of them were rung at the heavy end.

The funeral took place amidst many tokens of sympathy and respect, on Wednesday, October 23rd, at Ridgeway Cemetery, the service having previously been held at Stapleton Church. Most of deceased's fellow-ringers and many ringers from other churches were present, and his employers (Messrs. R. Wilkins and Sons, builders), for whom deceased was foreman, were also present. The handbells were rung at the graveside by four members of SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild: Miss A. Brown 1-2, F. E. Tyler 3-4, E. J. Brown 5-6, F. W. Wade 7-8, and an attempt was made for a muffled peal of Stedman Triples at St. Philip's, but unfortunately this failed after nearly two hours' ringing. However, on Sunday evening, October 27th, prior to the service, a muffled quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by: Miss A. Brown 1, P. C. Williams 2, F. W. Wade 3, W. C. Hunter 4, F. Skidmore 5, G. S. Wiltshire 6, H. T. Howell 7, E. J. Brown (conductor) 8. This was followed by the whole pull and stand 58 times.

Mr. Long's presence at St. Philip's will be greatly missed, not only for his ability, which was considerable, but for his excellent company.

LADY RINGER WEDDED.

The wedding took place at Chiddingfold Church on Saturday, October 26th, of one of the lady ringers of the band, Miss Dorothy Attwell (daughter of Mr. T. Attwell, himself an old ringer at this picturesque Surrey village). The bridegroom was Mr. Frank Harris, until lately also a ringer. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her ringing sister, Miss Mabel Attwell, as bridesmaid. The service was choral, Mr. E. Howard being at the organ. Owing to serious illness near the church, the tower bells could not be rung, but touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. J. P. Pelloe, A. J. Bartlett, M. Smither and G. Luff, who with other ringers formed an archway with handbells, under which the bride and bridegroom passed as they left the church. The ringers' present to Miss Attwell was a biscuit barrel suitably inscribed.

THE FIRST PEAL OF MAXIMUS IN HANTS.

SOME PERSONAL NOTES.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Winchester on Saturday was in the nature of a gathering of the clans. Hampshire, Surrey, Kent, London, Essex, Somerset and Worcestershire were represented in the band, and it is not unworthy of note that in this first peal of Maximus ever rung in the county of Hampshire were two association Masters (Winchester and Portsmouth, and Middlesex), four association general secretaries (Middlesex, Guildford, Bath and Wells and Surrey), and a Winchester and Portsmouth District secretary.

Mr. William Pye, who celebrated with this performance the 40th anniversary of his first peal—and his fortieth year of peal ringing has been marked by achievements greater than any in his wonderful career—added yet another to the still expanding list of twelve-bell towers in which he has rung a peal, while, among the 'novices' in the peal was Mr. George Williams, who, it may be recalled, first rang at Winchester Cathedral as long ago as the year 1873! He and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells—the first in Hampshire and by the Winchester Guild—just thirty years ago, and, master and pupil, they also rang together in the first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major in the county and by the Guild, both well over thirty years ago. They also shared in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the county and by the Guild, and their participation in last Saturday's peal was thus a happy culmination of a long association.

Mr. Sidney T. Holt, of Worcester, stepped into the band at the last moment to fill a breach caused by illness, and this brilliant young ringer proved his worth. He had never before struck a blow in Cambridge Maximus, and he rang almost without a trip from start to finish.

To these personal notes must be added the thanks of the band to the Dean for granting the use of the bells, and especially to the genial Dean's verger (Mr. J. W. Elkins), who made all the local arrangements, was there to welcome the ringers, and, at the close, was the first to enter the belfry to congratulate the band upon having rung a fine peal. Mr. Wilfred Andrews, the leader of the Cathedral ringers, was away on holiday and unable to be present to greet the visitors, but he sent his good wishes, which were much appreciated.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

A most successful meeting was held at Biddulph. There was a very good attendance, over 40 members being present from Bucknall, Norton, Burslem, Brown Edge, Uttoxeter, Swynerton, Cheadle and Kingsley. The chief event of the afternoon was the unveiling of a beautiful marble peal tablet recording the first Surprise peal in seven methods on the bells. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Myers Bridge), who, after congratulating the ringers on their performance, said how much he appreciated the services which the ringers rendered. He then charged the wardens with the care of the tablet.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, the conductor of the peal, replying, said that the placing of such a tablet in the belfry was not only a distinct ornament but it would stand for a long time recording to the generations of ringers to follow the performance of the present-day ringers, and so encourage them to keep ringing up to a high standard.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and was presided over by the Vicar, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Biddulph ringers for so kindly providing the tea and giving the association such a hearty welcome.

A very unique event took place immediately after tea, when the Vicar announced that he had great pleasure in handing over to Mr. Wheeldon the sum of £5 12s. towards the Norton bell restoration scheme. This sum was the result of a retiring collection at both morning and evening services at Biddulph Church on the previous Sunday.

The gift was much appreciated by all present.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and some good practice was put in, some of the ringers trying their hand at Double Surprise Minor, and others at Kent, Oxford, and other Treble Bob methods. Opportunity is again taken of thanking the Vicar and Biddulph ringers for entertaining the visitors so well.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

At Beenham, Berks, on October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 40 mins., as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Bidmedd, foreman at this church for 15 years, and a ringer over 40 years: F. Wigmore 1, W. Churchil 2, E. Richardson 3, F. Churchil (first quarter) 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, B. Churchil 6.

At Rickmansworth, on Saturday, October 24th, to mark the birthday of Mr. Freeborn, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) by: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, S. H. Hoare 3, G. M. Kilby 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, M. Hibbert 6, F. Smith 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Hoare and Smith and on the bells.

LANCASHIRE'S BELLS.

DISAPPEARANCE OF RUDHALL'S CASTINGS.

'The Church Bells of Lancashire: Epilogue,' was the subject of a lecture, by Mr. F. H. Cheetham, at the opening meeting of the winter session of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. It was in substance, says the 'Manchester City News,' a summary of his papers on the church bells of Lancashire read before the society a few years ago, in which he dealt separately and in some detail with the bells in the six Hundreds constituting the county. Dealing now with Lancashire as a whole, Mr. Cheetham said that there were only twenty-two bells which could with certainty be assigned to a date earlier than 1550. Of these only four were dated, and two of the four belonged to the sixteenth century.

The oldest was the bell at Claughton dated 1296, and the next one at St. Michael-on-Wyre dated 1458. But there were five or six bells which could be assigned to the fourteenth century, and a like number to the fifteenth century. There were only six dated bells belonging to the period 1550-1600, but when we come to the seventeenth century the number is much larger, some thirty-four dated bells of that period still remaining.

Of these, seven came from the Wigan Foundry, held successively by John, Geoffrey, and William Scott. Mr. Cheetham spoke at some length of the Wigan bell founders, both of the Scotts in the seventeenth, and the Ashtons of the eighteenth century. One of William Scott's bells, dated 1666, still hangs in Chetham's Hospital, Manchester.

Only three of Ralph Ashton's bells now survive in Lancashire, but there are over a score by his successor, Luke Ashton, ranging in date from 1723 to 1758. In all there were about 265 bells of eighteenth-century date in the county at the close of the war, of which 189 were cast in the Rudhall Foundry at Gloucester, but during the last ten years a number of these had been recast.

LOSS OF RUDHALL'S BELLS DEPLORED.

The disappearance of the older Rudhall bells, said the lecturer, was greatly to be deplored, and even more so the melting down of a bell dated 1685 in north Lancashire.

Mr. Cheetham drew attention to the recommendations of the Central Council for the Care of Churches as respects church bells, and said that in spite of these recommendations Diocesan Advisory Committees in different parts of the country still allowed old bells to be recast without insisting on the retention of the original inscriptions. The Central Council had endorsed the memorandum drawn up in 1923 by a conference between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in which it was agreed as a general principle that 'in case of recasting, the cartichment and inscription should be reproduced on the bell in facsimile,' and the new bell should be dated and the fact of its recasting added.

It was also agreed that bells cast by famous founders, such as Abraham Rudhall, should receive special care, probably the same as bells of pre-Reformation date. The Manchester Advisory Committee had, however, allowed the cathedral bells, which included six by Abraham Rudhall dated 1706, to be recast without regard to these recommendations, and the same thing had occurred at Eccles Parish Church, at Leyland, and at Sacred Trinity, Salford, where Rudhall bells, dated respectively 1709, 1722, and 1748, had been melted down.

DEATH OF A LINCOLN RINGER.

MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL COMPANY FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS.

By the death of Mr. Isaac Vickers, there has been lost to the Cathedral company one of the oldest ringers in the city of Lincoln. It is only as recently as last September that, after a period of over 54 years with a local engineering firm as a toolsmith, Mr. Vickers retired and looked forward to a quiet enjoyment of leisure in his declining years, but it was destined not to be so. After a very short illness he passed away at the age of 76 years on October 23rd, and was carried to his last resting place on Saturday, followed by several of his fellow-ringers and workmen. A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,323 changes) was rung on the Cathedral bells in one hour and four minutes in the evening by the following: George Flintham 1, Harold Marcon 2, Charles McGuiness 3, George Chester 4, Lewis Snell 5, Leslie Pack 6, Tom Pyle 7, Fredk. W. Stokes 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9, Stanford J. Wolfe 10, John Walden 11, Rupert Richardson 12.

Mr. Vickers was one of the old school of ringers, who in his early days considered it an achievement if a band could be got together able to ring the plain methods. He was always ready to give a helping hand, and when the old North Lincolnshire Association was formed in 1884 his name was found amongst the first list of members and as one of its instructors. He rang several peals, conducting a few, and looked with pleasure upon ringing his first peal of Stedman at an advanced age. He was enrolled a member of the Cathedral company in 1882, and acted as treasurer and conductor for many years, finally succeeding to the office of Master in 1918, a position he held at the time of his death. He was a man with a strong disposition, with a straightforward character in all his doings, and a staunch churchman.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE APPROACHING JUBILEE.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday last. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and service was held in the church, the association form being used. The Rev. Father Winton officiated, and gave an interesting address.

Service over, the company adjourned to the Church Hall, there to partake of tea, provided by the Rector (Rev. E. A. Morgan), who, at the conclusion of the meal, welcomed the association to Beckenham, and deplored the lack of recruits to the Exercise.

Mr. F. W. Thornton moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his generous hospitality in entertaining the members to tea; to Father Winton for conducting the service and giving his address; to Mr. W. Smith for making the arrangements for the meeting; and to the ladies for helping at table.—This was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. A report of the year's work, read by the district secretary, was adopted.

One ringer was elected as practising member of the association, and the election of four members previous to peals was confirmed.

The retiring secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) was re-elected, and the retiring representatives (Messrs. I. Emery and E. Barnett, jun.) were nominated for a further term of office, but on receipt of an intimation that Mr. Emery did not seek re-election, the nomination was altered to E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith, and this was carried.

Chislehurst was chosen as the place for the January meeting without dissentient vote.

Then followed 'any other business,' which, as usual, was the most productive of speech of any item on the agenda.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries mentioned the 'Helmore Testimonial Fund,' and hoped that the Lewisham District would exert itself to obtain a much better result. This idea was developed by other speakers, notably Mr. F. W. Richardson, and it was finally agreed to make a collection among those present to swell the fund. The result was the gratifying sum of £2 2s. 6d.

The next business to engage attention was the arrangements to be made for the next annual general meeting, which would mark the association's jubilee. It was suggested that the meeting be held, if possible, in the same place as, and on the exact anniversary of the inaugural meeting. The district representatives undertook to convey the members' wishes to the general committee on the occasion of its next meeting. The Chairman suggested that it would be a happy thought to endeavour to secure the presence of the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. H. R. L. Sheppard) on this occasion—an expression of opinion endorsed by all those present.

Mr. A. E. H. Hodges, churchwarden of St. George's, was elected an hon. member of the association, at his own request. (Oh! that others would profit by this example!)

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. I. Emery, regretfully accepting his withdrawal from office, and expressing a wish for his speedy and complete recovery from his present indisposition.

This concluded a successful meeting, the members regaling themselves with handbells, notification of a serious illness near the church preventing further use of the tower bells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARY DEANERY CHAIRMAN LEAVING.

A quarterly meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch was held at North Cadbury on Saturday, October 19th. The towers represented were Swindon, Bristol, Babcary, Bruton, Ditcheat, Templecombe, Buckhorn Weston, West Pennard, Evercreech, Castle Cary, North Cheriton, Mere, Zeals, Barton St. David, North Cadbury and Kington Magna. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. R. Molene) officiated. Tea was partaken of in the Catash Inn, and thoroughly enjoyed by the large company, after which the business meeting followed, Preb. D. M. Ross being voted to take the chair. The agenda was a small one.

The chairman informed the members that the next meeting would be at Evercreech in January.

Preb. Ross then announced to the meeting that he would be leaving the Cary Deanery in a short time to take the living of Claverton, near Bath, and therefore he would be resigning from the office of president. He had always thoroughly enjoyed the meetings whilst at Cary, and would be sorry to go.

Mr. R. Whitehead thanked Preb. Ross for his kind help at all their meetings in the past, and said how sorry they all were to hear he was leaving them.

The Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Master of the association, also thanked Preb. Ross for his past services, but hoped he would not be lost to the association, as he was sure the towers around Bath would give him a hearty welcome.

Preb. D. M. Ross proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in welcoming the ringers, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and the ladies who waited at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. R. Look and carried. The party then returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Bob Minor and Stedman concluded a splendid meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by the large company present.

THE FIRST PEAL AT GAMLINGAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal at Gamlingay, Cambridgeshire, on September 28th last, is not the first on the bells, as believed by the band to be.

The first peal at Gamlingay was rung on December 11th, 1897, and was a peal of Minor in seven methods, viz., 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were Edgar Tingey, Isaac Hills, William J. Barker, Charles Chasty, Charles W. Clarke and Frank Hull. It was conducted by C. W. Clarke, and the tenor was then believed to be about 23 cwt. With the exception of Mr. Clarke, none of the above band figure in the peal records of today. Mr. Clarke at that period was one of the most prolific peal scorers, especially on six bells, and it is quite possible he holds the record on that number of bells.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

HOW TWO PEALS WERE LEFT BEHIND.

The following is the story of two peals and how they were not rung. Four ringers from Crawley and a friend arranged to spend a ringing week-end in Wiltshire, with Devizes as headquarters. A peal of Double Norwich was to have been attempted at Melksham on the Saturday afternoon, October 19th, and a peal of Superlative at Devizes (St. John's) on the following afternoon. Most of the party journeyed by car, and the rest by train. All met safely at Devizes, where a substantial and much-needed dinner was demolished in a ringer-like manner, after which a start was made for Melksham. Here the visitors were met by the doughty Mr. Joseph T. Dyke and two other gentlemen. An amusing interlude was provided before the peal by two cats fighting in a tree. This proved a bad omen, as, after 20 minutes of Double Norwich on these glorious bells, the 2nd rope ungratefully broke. Circumstances not permitting of a second start, Mr. Dyke kindly offered to get the use of Keevil bells, which he did. At this church, with its peal of six bells (tenor about 22 cwt.) and long draught, 720 Cambridge Surprise was successfully brought round by: Robert Swift 1, Kenneth Snelling 2, Bernard H. Wells 3, Nelson Elliott 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Oliver Sippetts (conductor) 6. It is believed to be the first time these bells have been rung to a Surprise method. After tea, farewell was said to Mr. Dyke, and the party returned to Devizes for the night. On Sunday morning an hour's ringing was enjoyed on these fine bells for morning service, the methods rung being Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Here it was learned that these bells were not available for the peal, but Mr. Hillier had procured Bishop Cannings bells instead. The party were unable to admire the scenery owing to the torrential rain, but they could, and did, admire these magnificent bells. With the assistance of Messrs. Hillier, Andrews and West, an attempt was again made on Double Norwich, but after an hour and ten minutes' good ringing the bells neatly ran round. (The culprits shall remain anonymous.) So, reluctantly, the company returned to Devizes, where, after tea, ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's. Then farewells were said, and homeward they wended their ways, eventually arriving in the small hours of Monday morning. The party would like to thank the various gentlemen who met them and arranged for the towers, especially he who drove them there in his car, and, last but not least, the hostess, Mrs. Swift, all of whom it is hoped to meet again at some future date to retrieve the peals left behind.

H. B. W.

A FAREWELL.

At the Parish Church, Arksey, Yorks, for evensong, on Sunday, October 20th, 1,092 Grandsire Triples in 33 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, E. Cooper (conductor) 3, C. F. Otter 4, Joseph McCluskey 5, James McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. Rung as farewell to C. F. Otter, who is leaving to join the Royal Air Force.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, on October 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): E. R. Mackrill 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. E. Welham 6, A. Weddington 7, A. Cutmore 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd bobs): Dr. E. L. Taylor, Sevenoaks (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, G. Malyan 2, W. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, E. Harris 7, H. Belcher (conductor) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. W. H. Strickland 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, H. A. Barnett 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

PENDLETON RINGERS ON TOUR.

The Pendleton, Lancs, ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, October 5th, and, with one exception, assembled at 2 o'clock to board a 14-seater bound for Blackburn and Whalley. Two other ringers—one from West Didsbury and the other from Middleton—made up a full load. The exception mentioned above was officiating as best man at a wedding, and was, therefore, excused. Passing through Bolton, where Bolton Wanderers were entertaining Aston Villa to a leather-chasing contest, the charabanc swung out on the road to Blackburn, with rugged looking moorland stretching away on either side. A halt was made to 'replenish radiators,' and shortly afterwards the party passed through Darwen and into Blackburn, where Mr. A. Tomlinson met them outside Blackburn Cathedral, to conduct them to the tower. Here Mr. W. E. Wilson had everything in readiness for a start. The period allowed here was from 3.30 to 4.15, Mr. Tomlinson having arranged to time the movements to suit both the ringers' convenience and a service which was to be held at Whalley later on. Two or three young Pendleton visitors had the pleasure of ringing their first course of Bob Royal at Blackburn, at the second attempt, the first being their first try at ten-bell ringing. Everyone having had a pull, Mr. Wilson pointed out one or two interesting peal tablets, and gave a short description of tower and bells. After thanking him for his trouble and courtesy, the company made a hasty exit to the bus. Mr. Tomlinson, with his inexorable watch, which someone said was double-geared when it went at all, soon had the party on the Whalley road, and pointed out that, had they come on a clear summer's day, they could have seen from that road some of the loveliest scenery of the famous Ribblesdale. Even on a misty day, tending to rain, they saw enough to convince them that he was not exaggerating. Arrived at Whalley Church, near the Abbey ruins, the reason for Mr. Tomlinson's strict time table was discovered. A diocesan Sunday School festival was in progress, the Bishop of Blackburn being present, and there was just the clear half-hour for ringing before the festival service. Stedman, Bob Major and Kent were rung in that time, and opinions were unanimous as to the lovely tone of these bells. The tenor, especially, has a mellow stroke that seems to pour out. Even the hardened anti-Simpsonite, who had to hear them both outside as well as in, seemed to be converted, at least temporarily. 'Owd' Sam 'niver did hear 'owt like 'em afore.' Tea had been arranged at a neighbouring cafe, to follow immediately upon the ringing, but Mr. Tomlinson 'wangled' a quarter-hour for a visit to the remains of the old Abbey while daylight lasted. A visit well repays the few coppers charged for admission. Several acres in extent, even in ruins the place is a fine example of the skill and workmanship of the old monks who designed and built them. One can only imagine what they must have looked like when standing complete, and contemplate the ultimate end of all the works of man, no matter how well ordered.

A meat tea, which was a most excellent one, put everyone in a good humour, W. H. S. remarking that these were about the only courses ends you could really bring round with 'inward' satisfaction. A cabinet gramophone discoursed 'Ever so goosey' in a style that banished those moss-grown feelings acquired in the Abbey ruins. 'Old Sam' moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tomlinson for his time table arrangements, which had secured a ring at Whalley when the chances were against it, owing to the Sunday School festival, and added a rider thanking the Pendleton secretary, Mr. H. Greenhalgh, for his part in the arrangements. This having been carried, Mr. Tomlinson increased the debt to him by suggesting that, as one could not view the lovely scenery at Whalley in pitch darkness, they should divert the homeward route and make a call at Oswaldtwistle (newcomers are allowed two shots at this word), where a meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancs Association was in progress. This was agreed to, and soon the 'old bus' was on its way through Accrington to Oswaldtwistle, where a somewhat poor meeting gave the party a hearty welcome, via Mr. Isaac Whalley, who put the visitors in possession of the ropes immediately. In a few minutes a touch of Stedman Triples had come smartly home, followed by a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and another of Bob Major, in which a local lady and a local lad took part.

By this time it was raining violently outside, and it was decided to make tracks for Manchester shortly, but before leaving the Vicar of Oswaldtwistle invited them to come again, and even went so far as to offer the bells for a record peal attempt. This sudden offer was not accepted on the spot, as no one seemed willing to start just at the moment. On the way home someone suggested a call at the Mason's Arms, to see if the mason was still working, one supposes. The younger element, who had been regaling the party with all sorts of songs on the road, including drinking songs, now had a lemon apiece, whilst the rest had some bird 'seed.' 'Old Sam,' it is hoped, will see this joke. Manchester was reached at 10.30, and all agreed they had had a good time. They wish to thank all those who contributed to a very happy outing. P. L.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, for harvest festival service, 1,456 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 52 mins.: W. Sturgess 1, J. C. Dean 2, H. Hoare 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. B. Howes 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. Atterbury 7, W. J. Deve (conductor) 8.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evensong at St. Peter's Church, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Osborne 1, R. Dear 2, C. Lovell 3, E. Waters 4, C. Forfitt 5, S. Andrews 6, A. Davis (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Chandler 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, W. Stead 2, A. Reeve 3, W. Little, sen., 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8. First quarter by ringer of treble, and first of Grandsire 'inside' by ringer of 4th.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 6th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. J. Woolley (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Walker (first quarter-peal on a bob bell) 2, S. Hughes 3, T. Tudor 4, A. M. Hickman 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, J. Hall 8.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, October 6th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Lacey 1, H. Kirby 2, W. Johnson 3, G. Butler 4, W. Fern (conductor) 5, V. Saddington 6, T. Hill, sen., 7, J. Salmon 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Wulfram's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 53 mins.: W. G. Thorpe 1, J. Royce 2, E. Nidd 3, H. Thorpe 4, F. Proctor 5, P. Turner 6, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8. T. H. Hall 9, R. Pick 10.

FEERING, ESSEX.—For harvest festival on Sunday, October 6th, for early celebration, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, C. J. Rogers 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, L. Clark 5, F. Fludder 6. For Matins, 1,056 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. J. Rogers 3, G. Hayward 4, J. Elliott 5, F. Fludder 6, L. Clark 7, C. Button 8. For evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Elliott 7, the rest as before.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, September 29th, for the harvest festival, 719 Grandsire Caters: F. B. Yates 1, C. Webb 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5, H. Stanley 6, J. Eaton 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10. Also 575 Grandsire Caters: F. B. Yates 1, H. Fearn 2, C. Webb 3, H. Williams 4, W. H. Moore 5, A. Downs 6, H. Stanley 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: E. Eldridge 1, J. Eldridge 2, W. Taylor 3, G. Martin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, G. Gilbert 6, A. Walker 7, H. Baldwin 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Little, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Steed 2, A. Reeve 3, W. Little, sen. (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on October 6th (for harvest festival) in 44 mins.: A. Stevens 1, W. E. Butler 2, H. Worsfold 3, E. J. Goater 4, J. Phillips 5, W. C. Parker 6, G. Beeby (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, R. Martin 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by ringer of the treble.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 of Plain Bob): Mrs. Laxton 1, W. Wilkinson 2, F. Harwood 3, F. Dewey 4, H. Harper 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. Harper 1, H. Harper 2, F. Harwood 3, W. Wilkinson 4, W. Houghton 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: J. T. Godwin 1, G. T. White 2, Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath) 3, W. J. Simons 4, R. Hayward 5, F. C. Benger (conductor) 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 55 mins.: W. Smith 1, John Saddington 2, C. Bollard 3, Ernest Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, J. Towell 6, J. Sear (Bletchley) 7, Colin Harrison 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, A. Harrod 10.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, September 29th, for harvest thanksgiving service evensong, 720 changes of Oxford Bob Minor: P. Humphrey 1, W. Wilson 2, B. Lowman 3, H. Gibbard 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6. Also 360 Single Court after service.

LIVERPOOL.—At All Saints' Church, Childwall, for harvest festival, Sunday morning, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lyddieth 1, E. Gittins 2, F. C. Thomas 3, J. Bonstead 4, W. Davies 5, C. I. Davies (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chocet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on November 2nd. For tea, please advise Mr. R. Reece, Old Hall, Barlborough, as early as possible. A kind welcome extended to all ringers and friends.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Seend, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington, on Saturday, November 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea (1/9 each) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Good bus service from Sleaford.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 7th and 21st, the Coffee Pot on the 12th at 8 p.m. (election of officers), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th at 8 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wallasey on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—The East Norfolk Branch meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Nov. 9th; the West Norfolk Branch meeting at King's Lynn on Saturday, Nov. 16th; the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Diss on Saturday, Nov. 23rd; the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 30th, for the election of

officers and committees to the above respective branches. Particulars later on.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the East Norfolk Branch will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members please support this first branch meeting by attending.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Braintree, Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vestry Hall at 5. Tea will be provided free to all who give notice to C. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree, not later than Friday, November 8th. All ringers will be welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—W. Arnold, Holt St., Earls Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A business meeting to follow. Good attendance requested. Further particulars in next week's issue. Good bus service from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch —A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 9. Service 5. Tea (6d.) 5.30. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 6th. Please make an effort.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Bulwell, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. till 8.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 2.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Weedon on Saturday, Nov. 9th, is unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting, Daventry, Dec. 14th. Further particulars of W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford, before Nov. 6th. A presentation will be made to the late secretary. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Broughton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottage, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 6th? — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Nov. 9th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Lancashire Café at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Thursday, Nov. 7th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester. (Please note change of address.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. —William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Come and try this grand ring of eight. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

BIRKENHEAD.—St. Mary's Church.—After a silence of many years, this peal of six bells, rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in a new metal frame with modern fittings, will be re-opened on Mayor's Sunday, Nov. 10th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Vicar) in the Vicarage, and business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 12th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Shalford on Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers for 1930 must be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 11th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.— Next meeting at Caythorpe (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 p.m. Good train and bus service between Grantham and Lincoln. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, fol-

lowed by tea and meeting in the School. Notice for tea to be sent in not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Mr. A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Scott (conductor) 1, E. Chapman 3, W. Cross 3, H. Norman 4, C. Tarr 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout 7, J. Sweetland 8. Rung as a compliment to R. Scott for his 70th birthday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 27th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Hewett 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 3, W. Williams 4, F. Digby 5, E. F. Pike 6, W. Bottrill 7, R. F. Deal 8.

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