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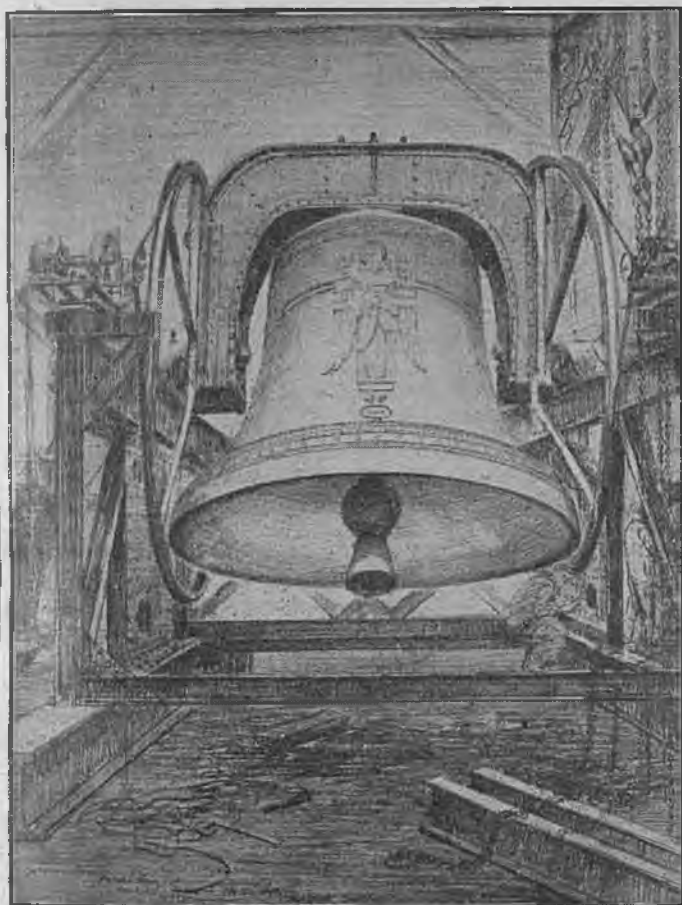
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In these days when everyone is concerned with the present and those who have vision also turn their attention to the future, it is sometimes well to pause for a moment or two and think of the past. In ringing, as in most things, the present owes a great deal to the past, and to those who, in days gone by, laid the foundations which have made modern progress possible. There is little doubt even if our forefathers had not discovered some of the fundamental things about our science which they have handed down to us, that others who came after would have done so, but do not let us overlook what the men of the past — giants in the Exercise in their day and generation—have done for us. We could begin with Stedman and come down through a long list of names famous in the annals of ringing, of men who brought great mental capacity and enterprise to bear on the intricate problems which confront those who study the theoretical side of ringing, in order to give us new methods and new peals; and of men whose application to the other phase of the art has advanced the practice of change ringing by their skill in the belfry and the spirit of emulation which they have kindled in others.

To-day is the anniversary of the birth of one of these men—Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured in a great gathering of ringers at Birmingham to-morrow. Apart from the value which such events as these have in bringing ringers, from widely scattered places, together in social intercourse, they do definitely serve to remind the present generation of something of their indebtedness to the worthies of the past. Even though a ringer may never have attended one of these functions, the mere fact that there is such a commemoration every year, reminds him that such a man as Henry Johnson lived and that in his day he was a force which had its influence in the Exercise; an explorer who opened up new paths, and who left his mark upon the art. Without this commemoration it is probable that by this time, except in the gradually narrowing circle of those who came into personal contact with him, the name of Henry Johnson would be no more to the ringers of to-day than many a score of others, whose names have deserved a place in the temple of ringing fame. Happily, however, the notable place which Henry Johnson occupied is kept before us in a manner that serves a double purpose. Johnson himself, could he tell us, would no doubt approve of the spirit of the Birmingham gathering, which, apart from preserving his memory, helps to spread, in no uncertain manner, the real feeling of brotherhood which does so much to expand the art of ringing wherever it penetrates and makes the efforts of all so much more worth while.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

* LESLIE J. CLARK Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
† MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5081 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mrs. R. Richardson was elected a member before starting. It was her first peal of Stedman Caterers. The peal was rung with half-muffled clappers, as a last token of respect to Mr. R. W. Hoather, an old and respected member of the St. Nicholas' Society.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
* FREDERICK N. SMEATON 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	NELSON ELLIOTT 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
* FRANK E. HAINES 3	ALBERT WALKER 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
ARTHUR BRAINES 5	JOHN GOLDBAM Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Coventry, 3 and 8 from Birmingham, 4 and 7 from Leicester, 5 and 6 from Derby, 9 and 10 belong to Loughborough.

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CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES HUNT Treble	* WILLIAM H. COLES 6
SYDNEY WYATT 2	* S. GEORGE COLES 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	* WILLIAM G. GIGG 8
* ARTHUR H. REED 4	PERCY MERSON 9
JOHN THOMAS 5	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lloyd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 23½ cwt.

* ALBERT V. REES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
ARTHUR CHALEINOR 2	WILLIAM GAGES 6
FRANK L. RONAN 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JACK TIPPER 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal. Twenty-first birthday peal to W. Stevenson; 20th birthday peal to J. Waumsley. All are service ringers. First peal on the eight bells, which date back to 1777.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* F. J. HURRELL Treble	W. J. JEFFRIES 5
F. FRASER 2	F. BENNETT 6
C. A. BINES 3	* J. HURRELL 7
W. A. MARTIN 4	R. BRETT-SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to F. Fraser, on his 80th birthday. He has been a ringer and steeple-keeper at the church for the long period of 62 years.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
* HERBERT D. WHITE 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
RICHARD B. DIVALL 4	SIDNEY W. CHESSEON Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wren, wife of the ringer of the 7th, who is the respected captain of the East Grinstead ringers.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
* LESLIE W. BACON 3	* GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 7
HERBERT HAIGH 4	A. PENCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford and first peal of Oxford on the bells. This peal was composed on February 15th, 1882, and is now rung for the first time.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	ALEXANDER EVANS 5
* ARTHUR REED 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* GEORGE LINES Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JAMES WARD 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	JOHN J. MAWBY 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
FREDERICK WHITE 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 5
* FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE DAWSON 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2	H. J. CORRY 6
JOHN HOSGOOD 3	ARTHUR H. GOAD 7
WILLIAM HOWE 4	WILLIAM WILLS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

First peal for William Wills, who rang well throughout the peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR RICKETTS Treble	HERBERT BAHER 5
LEONARD PULLIN 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOHN E. MEYCALEE 3	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, February 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN 1	ALFRED J. BULL 5
BERNARD H. WELLS 2	P.C. WALTER CLAYDON ... 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	*WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. T. Lewis, Vicar of Horley.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HENRY COLLEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
WILLIAM HILLMAN 4	EDMUND LINDUP Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE CONDICK 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2	HERBERT BECKETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to G. L. Brunsdon, a very much respected member of the Gloucester Branch.

TWYFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST AUSTIN Treble	*FREDERICK WIGMORE ... 5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
FREDERICK DENTRY 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*MRS. E. FOSTER 4	WALTER BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
* First peal.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY BRAY Treble	FRANK LORD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 6
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	GEORGE O. DIXON 7
WILLIAM GARTRY 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK LORD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
*WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
* 100th Surprise peal. L. G. Brett's first attempt for a peal as conductor. He had not previously called a bob in the method. It was also on this bell that the conductor rang his first peal on January 5th, 1923.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	HENRY PRING 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.
First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM O'HARA Treble	FRED WATKINSON 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	*WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
JOHN THORPE 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
* 50th peal. Rung on the anniversary of the composer's wedding day.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT RIBBANS Treble	*WILLIAM PIPER 5
ERNEST TOWNSEND 2	*H. WALTER SMITH 6
*FRANK HARRINGTON ... 3	ERNEST W. RICHARDSON ... 7
ARTHUR T. SMITH 4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by J. C. JENNINGS.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the erection of a new lych gate at the above church.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL, COMPTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN ... Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 6
ROBERT J. BALDREY 3	JOSEPH WOOLEY 7
PHILIP J. HITCHENS 4	SYDNEY SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RUNDLE.
* First peal on eight. Ringers of treble and 6th from Truro, 4th from Penzance, 5th from St. Andrew's, Plymouth; the remainder are members of the local band. Ringers of treble, 4th and 6th were elected members of the Devon Guild previous to starting. After the peal, an excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Woodley, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
THOMAS EAST 2	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

LESTER L. GREY Treble	HARRY SMALE 5
ERNEST JONES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
*EDWIN JENNINGS 4	HARRY GRACE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman, and hails from Kendal.

BARTON LE CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*REGINALD J. SCOTT Treble	†ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 5
GEORGE W. HARRIS 2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
ADGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
GEORGE W. HELEY 4	*HAROLD ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COMPTON MARTIN.

On Monday, January 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. HOUSE Treble	G. GILLING 4
C. FIELD 2	W. F. WEBB 5
J. TOSSELL 3	E. TOSSELL Tenor

Conducted by W. F. WEBB.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his 16th birthday.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JIM HURRELL Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 4
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 2	OSCAR GILBEY 5
CHARLES A. BINES 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Canon E. Basil Spurgin, Vicar of St. John's.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD HARPER Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
ALBERT H. BENNETT 2	FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Oxford, two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE CRAWFORD Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 2	HAROLD HARPER 5
FRANK P. HARWOOD 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Crawford and Miss P. Dewey, daughter of F. Dewey.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*FRANK TWIGG 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Worth.

WALTHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Canterbury Reverse, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. TAYLOR Treble	FRANK LORD 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY 5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, also in the Grimsby district. Mr. C. W. Taylor's 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. Fry, Dean of Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ALASTAIR CAMERON Treble	HARRY CARTER 4
*SIDNEY GRACE 2	HENRY JORDAN 5
*HAROLD DANIELS 3	ERNEST G. WILLETT Tenor

Conducted by H. DANIELS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Willett. The above are all members of the local band.

HOFTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

13 cwt. in F sharp.

RAYMOND GRANT Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells for the Guild and since 1913. Arranged and rung as a compliment to C. F. Goodman, of Benham, who wished to ring a peal upon these, the bells of his birthplace. The company appreciated the tea provided by the Vicar after the peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodline, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK SEABRIGHT ... Treble	JOHN BURLS 4
CYRIL M. MITCHELL 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3	HARRY ARGENT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Specially arranged as a 'coming of age' peal for F. Seabright. H. Argent has now rung every bell in this tower in a peal of seven methods.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

HARRY TYSON Treble	HERBERT SHARP 4
EDGAR H. TINGEY 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	THOMAS HARPIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

First peal of Stedman Doubles rung in the county, and by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK A. TURNER 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4	MADRICE T. SYMONDS 7-8

Composed by J. E. BORTON. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Turner.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE OVER SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WHYBROW, CHAIN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MANSFIELD GINN 1	RUPERT THODAY 4
*GEORGE WHYBROW 2	A. WILLIAM T. GINN 5
DENNIS ADAMS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 6

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal: also first on handbells by 4th and 5th. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to beginners' class.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 528, PORTLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Umpires: J. M. CRIPPS and F. N. SMEATON.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT 23, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2	*GEORGE R. PYE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*WILLIAM PYE 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Umpires: A. W. COLES and C. T. COLES.

* First peal in the method on handbells. Great credit is due to the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 for the way in which they rang their bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH SOCIAL WITH POLICE.

On Saturday last, the Bolton Branch held what is beginning to be looked upon as an annual affair. The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club had again given an invitation to the ringers to visit their club for a billiards match and social. The arrangements were made in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch, and the bells of All Souls' were at liberty from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Over 30 ringers visited the tower and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Then an adjournment was made to the Police Club, and here was a real 'gathering of the clans.' Over 100 ringers, wives and friends met and enjoyed a 'free and easy' concert. Mr. John Booth and his daughter were encored again and again for their handbells, and Miss Booth's rendering of 'Londonderry Air' with piano accompaniment was splendid. Miss Annie Potter and Mr. C. Gudgeon gave vocal solos, Mr. A. Sewart was the accompanist, P.C. Hayhurst provided the humour, and Mr. J. P. Fidler was a good story teller. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells.

In the billiards match, the police were easy winners.

The appreciation of these events is shown by the way they are patronised by ringers, who come from long distances. The invitation extends beyond members of the Bolton Branch: it is to all ringers, and they are taking advantage of it. The president, Rev. Canon Elsee, and the two general secretaries were present.

At the conclusion, P.C. Hayhurst moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, and, on behalf of the club, gave another cordial invitation to the ringers to come to the bowling green sometime during the summer. He said they looked forward to the ringers coming, as they knew they would have an enjoyable time. He said he would like to couple the name of Sergt. Crook with the success of this evening. He knew that he had gone to a lot of trouble to make the social a success, and he was to be congratulated.—Sergt. Tebbutt seconded this, and supported the invitation.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. J. P. Fidler thanked the police for their invitation with appropriate remarks.

Sergt. Crook said he was in a peculiar position: he applauded for both sides; but as a ringer his chief object in organising these events was to give the womenfolk an opportunity to meet and enjoy themselves. The menfolk enjoyed ringing, and to some women this was a bore, so he thought it was only fair to consider them.

SPADE WORK BEARING FRUIT.

Another successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Brownedge, on Saturday week, when about forty ringers were present during the day, amongst them being visitors from Lancaster, Blackpool, Standish and Bolton.

The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until after eight o'clock, except for a brief interval for tea and the business meeting. It was gratifying to note that the spade work of some of the members was bearing fruit, also that some fresh faces were to be seen.

An unknown non-ringer, who had found his way to the belfry, said, in a conversation with the secretary, that for what it was worth he would like to say how much he had appreciated the beautiful tone and pealing of the bells as he had been cycling towards the church, and he also said how very much he was impressed by the class of men at the meeting, and that, from the attitude and interest of those ringing, it was an 'ideal exercise for team work.'

During a short interval between the tea and meeting a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. R. Martin, B. A. Knights, C. Sharples and J. Booth.

The meeting was then held, Mr. Wm. Sharples presiding. The Chairman said how pleased he was to welcome the visitors from the other branches.

The usual routine business having been transacted, one or two suggestions were made as to trying peals in other methods than those usually rung in the branch.

The Secretary said he wished to remind those present that, in ringing the peal of Cambridge Major at Higher Walton recently, Mr. B. A. Knights had completed one hundred peals for the association, and was the first Preston Branch ringer to do so. On behalf of the branch he would like to congratulate Mr. Knights on his performance.—The Chairman also added a few appropriate remarks.

The usual vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness for the meeting, concluded the business.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, February 17th, at the Church of St. Peter, Goldhanger, Essex, a date touch (1,930 changes) in 1 hr. 3 mins., consisting of 130 Plain Bob, 360 College Exercise and 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung as a mark of appreciation to the conductor on completing 30 years as towerkeeper and conductor at the above church.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**PEAK DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Hathersage on Saturday, February 15th, when about 40 ringers and friends attended from Bakewell, Baslow, Castleton, Dore, Eyam, Hathersage and other places. The beautiful and historic church of St. Michael, situated in a commanding position amidst the glorious scenery of the Peak, with its many objects of interest, including the grave of 'Little John,' mate of Robin Hood, was a great attraction, apart from the ringing. The bells, a heavy and old ring of six, three of them pre-Reformation, and with a tenor reputed to be 17½ cwt., were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods till 8 p.m. A pleasing feature was that the local ringers, who have little knowledge of change ringing, turned up in force, showed themselves keenly interested, and were given all possible encouragement and help.

A splendid tea was provided gratis in the Schools through the kindness of Mr. H. Newbury, of Hathersage, and was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, Vicar and Rural Dean, who welcomed those present in a racy and kindly speech.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) presided over an informal business meeting, and expressed great appreciation of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Newbury, and of the cordial welcome received that day, and voiced the earnest good wishes of all present for the progress and success of the Hathersage ringers.

Mr. Newbury, who was received with great applause, welcomed the M.C.A. to Hathersage, and, although not a ringer himself, expressed his great affection for and interest in their historic bells, and his intention to do all in his power to help and encourage the local ringers.

The next meeting was fixed for March 15th at Matlock, and, after some discussion, it was decided on a vote to limit the length of touches at all meetings to not more than 20 minutes. The methods for special attention remain as before, i.e., Double Norwich on eight and Cambridge Minor on six.

KEYNSHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday, February 12th, the Keynsham ringers were entertained to dinner by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, a party of 18 sitting down to a splendid spread. The Vicar (Rev. E. Walters) and curate (Rev. S. Hale) were present, and after dinner a few members of the church choir, assisted by the organist (Mr. F. Laurence) rendered songs, etc. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

INTERESTING PEALS RECORDED.

Before morning service, at West Clandon, Surrey, on Sunday, February 16th, the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector), in the presence of members of the Parochial Church Council and the ringers, unveiled a peal board. The board, which is, of course, hung in the belfry, commemorates two peals of Surprise Minor in seven methods, one being the last peal rung on the bells before the fire of 1913, and the other the first peal rung on the bells after their restoration. The former was accomplished in 1911 and the latter in November, 1928. The war helped to some extent to fill up the intervening space of 17 years, but it depleted the ranks of the ringers at West Clandon to such an extent that this long period elapsed before a band could be got together sufficiently advanced to attempt a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods. It is interesting to note that Messrs. F. Bennett, F. Day and J. Goacher took part in both peals. The peal of 1928 was not rung by an entirely local band, as the services of Mr. W. J. Robinson, from the Cathedral Church, Guildford, had to be enlisted. There are great hopes, however, that in the near future a similar peal will be rung by a local band.

After the service the ringers again went to the belfry and rang a short touch, and most of the congregation who were invited to watch the ringing took advantage of the opportunity. Those who did so appeared to be keenly interested, and the ringers were kept busy endeavouring to answer in non-technical terms the many questions which were asked about the bells and change ringing.

The ringers are indebted to the Misses Warren for the painting of the peal board.

After Sunday's experience, the writer of these lines is convinced that, if more opportunities could be found for ringing in front of an audience actually in view of the ropes, the work of ringers and the fact that change ringing in a fascinating and intricate art would be more deeply appreciated by the general public than it is at present. Although many of those who entered the belfry hear the bells Sunday after Sunday, very few had the slightest idea that there was anything in ringing beyond a display of brute force and ignorance to appeal to its devotees.

A UNITED PRACTICE.

At Dunmow Church, on February 15th, for a united practice with members from Great Bardfield and Dunmow, 1,680 Bob Major: A. Ribbens 1, B. Richardson (longest length on an inside bell) 2, A. Smith 3, E. Perry 4, W. Smith 5, E. Townsend 6, E. Richardson 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8.

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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 post-cards, 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 have received from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, for publication, the official minutes of the last meeting. We regret that the pressure on our space will prevent us, for a week or two, from publishing the minutes, but we will do so at the earliest possible moment. We feel this announcement is due to the hon. secretary.

A well-known official of the Surrey Association was nearly hanged the other day—not in an attempt to commit suicide, but in a successful endeavour to save a ringing pupil from an unhappy fate. He still bears the scars upon his neck, but he is Kippin very cheerful over it all.

Two promising ringers rang their first peal of Bob Major on handbells on Sunday, and from the footnote to the report sent by an independent observer, they acquitted themselves well in the performance. By the way, both these ringers took part in the first peals of London, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise on handbells.

A peal of 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick on March 1st, 1734, and on the same day a year later a peal of 10,080 was rung on the same bells.

Another long peal of Grandsire Caters, beating the Painswick length, was rung at Nottingham on March 3rd, 1778. The 'Cambridge Chronicle' of March 7th, 1778, recorded the performance in the following paragraph:—

'On Shrove Tuesday, a complete peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters was rung upon the deep-toned peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church in Nottingham, being the first and only attempt ever made for the same. The above performance continued 7 hrs. and 20 mins., and was performed by eleven of the Nottingham Society. The tenor, as customary with bells this weight, was rung by two men, and the other nine singlehanded. St. Mary's bells are the heaviest peal of ten bells within one hundred miles of the place, York Minster excepted.'

On March 6th, 1832, a peal of 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Oldham. In 1871, James Mills and Abraham Jackson, two survivors of the band, rang in a commemorative touch.

The peal rung at Shipham, Somerset, was Oxford Bob, not Oxford Treble Bob, as published.

'House Full' is the notice posted for the Leicester dinner to-morrow, which is going to be a great feast day, with the Johnson dinner at Birmingham (a national affair) and other dinners at Gloucester and Appleton.

The meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association at Bispham has been postponed to March 8th.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £10 6s. 6d.: W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough, 5s.; R. Newton, 28, State Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., 10s.; Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., St. George's Vicarage, Bolton, 10s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM. WHERE W. D. CROFTS PRACTISED.

The dates of the present ten bells stretch from 1595 to 1856, through the reign of fourteen sovereigns. At least half of the present peal replace earlier bells, since, as early as the end of the 14th century, William Brayser de Nottingham was a prominent bell founder, and there is a record that the clerk was sued for selling a clapper in 1394. The present bells may be grouped into three periods. The 9th, 8th and 6th bells belong roughly to the beginning of the 17th century, and bear the mark of Henry Oldfield, jun. This great firm carried on business in Nottingham for two hundred years; and the 7th and 5th bells, added after the Restoration, have borders and lettering which suggest Oldfield workmanship.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast in 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar; W. Dearden, J. Coope, Churchwardens.

(The original inscription would be the same as that on the second bell; and both seem to have been given at the time of the coronation of King George III.)

2nd.—Richd. Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. Raised by subscription, 1761. Scrope Beardmore, Vicar, D.D. The Hon. Wm. Howe and John Plumtre, Esq., Members for the town. Lester & Pack, London, fecit.

(Inscription is in small Roman capitals, curiously arranged.)

3rd.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar. G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Churchwardens, 1765. By subscription. Sodales Musici Nottinghamienses Restauraverunt. Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. Translation: 'Nottingham friends of music restored me' (supposed to be the Sherwood Youths).

4th.—As the 3rd, except for Latin pentameter: 'Untouched, I silent am; strike, and I sweetly sing.'



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

5th.—Inscription translated from Latin: 'When my voice is lifted up, do Thou, O Jesu, direct pious souls. O come, let us sing.' I. Edwardes, I. Sweetapple, Churchwardens.

6th.—Ralph Shawe and Henry Alvie, Wardens, 1613; Robert Aldredg, Vicar.

(This bell bears two founder's marks of Henry Oldfield, jun., the Calvary cross, crescent and star, and H.O., and a fleur-de-lis between the two letters H.O.)

7th.—Translated: 'May this bell be consecrated by the Blessed Trinity.' W. Sturup, T. Graze, Wardens, 1690.

8th.—Translated: 'In the name of Jesus Christ let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth and of things just.' R.A.V., M.G., 1605, W.L.

9th.—Translated: 'Thus, O Bell, with thy sound, do thou summon the hosts of the Lord.'

(There are four impressions of the Royal Arms alternating with four founder's marks. This is a magnificent bell: it has three rows of decoration, and lettering finely stamped. The circular mark found on this bell was reserved for Henry Oldfield's more important works, among which was Great Tom, of Lincoln, cast 1610. Names of Mayor, Wardens and Alderman appear on this bell, which is dated 1595.)

Tenor.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar; G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Wardens, 1765.

'I will sound and resound unto thy people, O Lord,
With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word
I tole the tune that doleful is to such as live amiss,
But sweet my sound unto them who hope for joyful bliss.'
Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. (Weight 34½ cwt., dia. 57½ in.)
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A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a previous issue, I suggested a definition of a 'peal of Minor and Doubles.' It is now necessary to justify the definition.

Many ringers seem to think that it is necessary to ring seven 720's from rounds to rounds to ensure the truth of the peal; but rounds is only one row chosen arbitrarily out of the 720, and if it is necessary to insist that rounds must always come up 720 changes from the previous rounds, it is also necessary that every other row must also come up at the same interval, and this means that we must ring all seven 720's in the same method and call them all exactly alike; for if we ring different methods or call the seven 720's differently, some rows will come up at intervals of less than 720, and some at intervals of more than 720.

The definition says that the peal must consist of 5,000 changes at least equivalent to six or more 720's, etc., in order to get rid of that absurdity.

The truth is that the peal is really one round block and not seven.

A.	continued.	B.	continued.
23456	25463.1	23456	52364.1
23564.1		23564.1	43526.4
23645.1	42563.5	23645.1	54326.5
34562.2	35426.4	34562.4	54263.1
	35264.1	34625.1 E	32546.4
25346.4	23564.5	42563.2	53246.5
25463.1	23645.1	35426.4	53462.1
42563.5	34562.2	35264.1	36245.2
26354.2	46253.2	23564.5	45236.3
54326.3	53246.3	23645.1	45362.1
54263.1	53462.1	34562.2	62345.3
63254.3	36245.2	46253.2	24536.2
35426.2		53246.3	52436.5
35264.1	45236.3	53462.1	52364.1
23564.5	45362.1	36245.2	64352.3 E
45236.4	62345.3	36452.1 E	45236.2
45362.1	62453.1	52436.3	45362.1
34562.5	25346.2		62345.3
25346.4	25463.1		62453.1
	42563.5		25346.2
	42635.1		25463.1
	23456.1P		42563.5
			42635.1
			23456.1

Compare the two round blocks A and B. A consists of three 720's beginning and ending with rounds, B is the same round block with three extra bobs marked E put in at the points having a line drawn across in A. This splits A up into three pieces, and joins those pieces up in a different order, in exactly the same way as Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part alters it.

Now everyone admits that A is true, and it follows that B, which is the same thing in a different order, must also be true.

Lastly, the definition admits of the use of compositions which cannot be used as separate 720's, e.g.:—

X.	Y.	Z.
23456	45623	26435
23564 +	52436	26354 —
36245	52364 +	26543 —
64352		64235
64523 —	Four times repeated	43652
Four times repeated.		35426
X and Z are two round blocks		35264 +
equivalent to a 720. Z is a 720.		56342
		64523
		42635
		23456

Twice repeated.

Omit the bobs marked + and the whole becomes a round block equivalent to two 720's.

H. LAW JAMES.

(Continued from previous column.)

This bells seems to be, at least, the fifth of its line. There was, presumably, its predecessor in pre-Reformation times; then, in 1590, the 'greate bell' was set up, which was perhaps the one 'brought from Mr. Quernbe's.' This must have been recast about 50 years later, for Blackner gives the date of the tenor bell as 1637, and states that it was broken in 1757 and recast by Hedderley. Finally, the present tenor bell was cast in 1765.

There is also a priest's bell. It has no inscription, date or decoration.

The great interest of St. Mary's, Nottingham, to ringers is the fact that this was the church where William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a pioneer of change ringing in the Sherwood Forest district, did most of his ringing. The annual gathering to commemorate him was held at Nottingham on Saturday week.

CROYDON BELLS FOR YORKSHIRE.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with supplying three new new octaves of bells for Yorkshire, as follows:—

Giggleswick-in-Graven, near Settle (St. Alkelda's Church).—Peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., to be recast and augmented to peal of eight, tenor 11 cwt., and a rider frame to carry the two extra bells added.

Burley, Leeds (St. Matthias' Church).—Peal of six, tenor 7½ cwt. to be recast and increased to peal of eight, tenor 8½ cwt., and hung with new fittings in a new frame.

Holbeck, Leeds.—Recasting present ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., into lighter peal, with 12½ cwt. tenor, and equipping with new fittings and installing a new metal frame.

Other current work being carried out at the Croydon Foundry includes: **Wootton Bassett, Wilts**, peal of eight being rehung; **Church Oakley, Hants**, peal of six being rehung; **Whittlesay, Cambs**, peal of six to be rehung with new fittings in new eight-bell frame.

A NEW DEPARTURE AT DORE.**EXPERIMENT THAT MAY BECOME HISTORIC.**

At a recent lecture at the Mappin Hall at Sheffield University to the Sheffield Trades Technical Societies, by Mr. R. W. Allott, M.A., on 'The nitration process of case hardening,' the lecturer, in commenting upon the many and varied uses to which this wonderful new process of case hardening steel was being applied in this and other countries, remarked that a word of congratulation was due to the authorities of Dore Church on their enterprise in being the possessors of the first church bell in the world to be given 'nitralloy' fittings.

It may be added, in explanation, that all the clappers of the peal of eight at Dore were recently rebushed and fitted with rubber buffers through the kindness of Mr. A. J. Grant, managing director of the great steel firm of John Brown and Company, Ltd., who is a generous supporter of the church, and on his suggestion, and under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, A.M.I.Mech.E., the tenor was fitted experimentally with a 'nitralloy' clapper, pin and bush, which is so far very successful. It may perhaps be of interest to add further that 'nitrated steel' is a form of super-case hardening being developed by Messrs. John Brown and Co., by means of which a surface hardness approximating to double that previously obtainable, is reached, and a mirror-like surface can be obtained. The steel can be made to scratch glass, is practically rustless, and almost 'unwearable,' and has undoubtedly a great future, so that Dore tenor bell may in time become notable for the experiment.

GREAT BRICKHILL BELFRY IMPROVEMENTS.

It will be of interest, perhaps, to members of the North Bucks Branch (Oxford Diocesan Guild) and other ringers in the district to inform them that considerable improvement has been made to the above following some suggestions that were made at a quarterly meeting which was held at Great Brickhill some six months ago. The ringing chamber was absolutely dark, with no ventilation, the disadvantages for ringing were brought to the notice of the Vicar, and suggestions as to the practicability of having a window placed in the belfry were spoken of to improve conditions to give both light and ventilation. This work has now been carried out satisfactorily, and other belfry improvements are going to be put in hand which will add additional comfort for ringers. Thanks are due to the Rev. D. R. James, Vicar of Great Brickhill, for so kindly taking up this matter, which has made so great an improvement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ENCOURAGING SHOP-ASSISTANT RINGERS.**

A very successful meeting was held at Harlow on Saturday, February 22nd. Brilliant sunshine prevailed during the afternoon, and no doubt this helped to account for the good attendance. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service was held in the church. Afterwards 35 members and visitors were served with tea in the adjoining Church Hall. A brief business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Dent (Master of the division) in the chair. Miss Nottage, of Matching, and Mr. F. Munfield, of Epping Upland, were accepted as ringing members of the association.

It was decided to visit Radwinter early in May. This tower has not been visited for a number of years, and the district looks forward to an interesting meeting.

Mr. E. J. Butler moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his most appropriate address during the service, to the curate who also officiated at the service, to the organist and blower, also to the ladies who prepared and served tea, to the steeple-keeper and local band who had the bells all in readiness, and especially to Mr. G. Dent, who so courteously and generously provided the excellent tea.—Mr. Dent, in replying, said it gave him real satisfaction to see such a large attendance, and he should continue to do his utmost to further the Exercise by visiting isolated towers and to extend to learners all the help that lay in his power. He stated that his especial attention at the moment was centred on 'shop assistant' ringers who could not attend Saturday afternoon meetings, and it is hoped to hold a 'middle-of-the-week' meeting for their benefit in the near future.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday. The meeting was remarkably well attended, 17 towers being represented by 58 members as follows: Ospringe, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Borden, Dover, Walmer, Wickhambreaux, Littlebourne, Ashford, Wye, Wingham, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sturry, St. Peter's Thanet, Brabourne.

Service was held at St. Alphege's Church, at which the Rev. A. H. Taylor, Vicar of Wingham, officiated, Canon Crum, of Canterbury, giving a very instructive address, based on the composition and rhythm of the 119th Psalm.

The ringers adjourned to the Foresters' Hall for tea, at which the Rev. A. H. Taylor presided, and subsequently paid a warm tribute to the services rendered to the association by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who was unhappily prevented from being present owing to a cold. The chairman also explained the absence of Rev. A. A. Carter, Vicar of St. Alphege's, owing to ill-health, and Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne, and went on to thank Canon Crum for his delightful address at the service. The ringers showed their appreciation, and it was regretted that Canon Crum was unable to be with them for the meeting.

The secretary (Mr. P. W. Smith) presented a report for the district for the year ending November, 1929. The report showed that the district had had a very successful year, with an increased balance of £1 0s. 3d. over 1928, and an increase of 14 practising members over 1928. A total of 15 district meetings had been held during the last two years—eight in 1928 and seven in 1929. The report continued: During the year, and perhaps before, the need has been constantly felt that the district should have a Ringing Master. At a quarterly meeting held at Wingham in October, this was proposed and carried, Mr. F. Brett being elected to that office. Although the new office had had but a short trial, it was generally agreed that the step was a wise one, and would ultimately lead to improved and more varied ringing at the meetings. The report concluded with thanks to all who had materially helped to make the meetings successful; particularly, perhaps, might be mentioned the kindly encouragement given by the clergy. This encouragement was very much appreciated, and it was hoped the district might look forward to the same understanding sympathy during 1930.

The report was warmly received by the company, and the chairman later paid a tribute to the secretary for producing a clear and concise account of the working of the Canterbury District.

The election of officers for 1930 resulted in the district secretary and the two representatives being unanimously re-elected, Mr. F. Brett having the added honour of being re-elected Ringing Master.

The arrangements for quarterly meetings for 1930 were decided upon as follows: Summer meeting to be held at Birchington, autumn meeting at Upper Deal, and the annual meeting at Canterbury.

Eight new practising members were elected from Sturry, Deal, Dover, St. Nicholas-at-Wade and St. Alphege, Canterbury, and Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones as a life member.

Mr. W. Spice, one of the Rochester District representatives, offered the Canterbury District his heartiest congratulations on his great success of all their meetings. He had, he said, been given to understand that some district secretaries had the idea that theirs were the only districts which had successful meetings. In future, he would, he said, remind them that the Canterbury District could always show them what a successful meeting could be. Mr. Spice's remarks were received with much enthusiasm.

The suggestion of a combined meeting with Ashford District, made by the secretary, who intimated that the Ashford District secretary (Mr. A. Kay) was desirous of such a meeting, was discussed, but no definite arrangements were made.

Mr. Cobbold proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. H. Taylor for taking the chair at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Whitehead, and received the wholehearted support of the meeting.—The Chairman suitably responded.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Alphege's and the Rector of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells, and to the organist for kindly presiding at the organ during the service.

After the meeting, the ringers adjourned to the three towers available—the Cathedral, St. Stephen's and St. Alphege's.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, January 25th. Those present were Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary, and about 25 members (including three ladies) from Beccles, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Acle, Loddon, and Wrentham. The musical peal of eight, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were set going soon after 3 p.m., and various touches of Grandsire, Sledman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round, in several of which the veteran ringer, Mr. R. Spalding (in his 80th year) took part. The bells were kept going almost without a break until about 6.30 p.m., when a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. The inclement weather was doubtless responsible for the meeting not being even larger. The members wish to accord their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. R. T. Woodley for having them in perfect ringing order.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual visit paid by the Leeds and District Society to Birstall took place on Saturday. The following methods were rung during the day: Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Ringers were present from Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Headingley, St. Chad's, Hunslet, Leeds Parish Church, Lindley, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, and the local company. The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair. The date of the next meeting was brought forward a week to March 22nd, in order to prevent clashing with the Yorkshire Association meeting. Members are reminded that the Armley meeting is the annual nomination meeting, when all officers retire according to rule 7.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall, for allowing the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. Jackson (Hunslet), and seconded by Mr. Ash (Leeds). Mr. Adams replied on behalf of the local company.

LADIES' GUILD.

The ladies of the Southern District found a very warm welcome awaiting them on their visit to St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and various methods were rung until 4.30, when the Rev. Canon Askwith conducted the Guild service and delivered a well-chosen address.

After the service, a substantial tea, kindly arranged by Mrs. Edwards, was enjoyed by some 35 ringers.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aldershot in April.

The belfry was revisited, and the bells were put to good use till nine o'clock. A feature of the ringing was that on two occasions the bells were rung in rounds by eight ladies, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, mastering the tenor, which is about 20 cwt.

The Guild thank all who assisted in making the meeting go so well, and special thanks are due to the ringers who provided the cigarettes and sweets, and to the kind individual who paid for the hire of the hall and wishes to remain anonymous.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The practice meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Iwer, on Saturday last, was quite a success, some ten different towers being represented by over thirty ringers.

The excellence of the 'go' and tone of the bells was commented upon, and was acknowledged by Mr. C. F. Johnston, who interested the company, after a really good tea, with some tuning details.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Double Norwich, Cambridge and London. Several of the residents have expressed their pleasure and enjoyment of the ringing, and the branch therefore look forward to paying another visit at no distant date.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION.

A meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Highworth on Saturday, February 15th, to discuss the circular letter sent out by the executive committee of the association with regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council. A resolution was moved to support the resolution of the Gloucester Branch, as published in 'The Ringing World' of February 7th (page 89). The resolution was in the following terms: 'That this branch, while having no objection to the suggested alterations of the Central Council rules, is of opinion that re-affiliation with the Central Council is desirable without any proviso whatever.'

With regard to the question as to what should form a quorum, this branch moved a resolution that, owing to the vast area covered by the dioceses of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the inability of a large number of members to be present at the annual meeting of the association, due notice be given to all branch secretaries (say six weeks) previous to the annual meeting of the association of all important alterations of rules, etc., so that a branch meeting can be called and a vote taken by proxy, the total vote to be over twenty-five per cent. of the whole membership before such alterations are carried.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Thomas' Church, Northaw, on February 10th, a quarter-peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,440 changes): N. Clark and G. Stevens 1, J. North 2, T. Bryant 3, J. Roberts, jun., 4, J. Roberts 5, J. Parker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild, the association to which the above tower is affiliated.

THE LATE DEAN FRY.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost a great friend by the death of the veteran Dean of Lincoln, Dr. T. C. Fry, who was president of the Guild. Dr. Fry had reached the advanced age of 83 years, and his residence at Lincoln had been marked by his efforts in connection with the restoration of the Cathedral, for which he will ever be remembered. On this work he had laboured for seven years, and while he did not live to see its completion he had the satisfaction of knowing that the great task was nearing its conclusion. Even greater, perhaps, than his efforts for the preservation of the Cathedral fabric was his work for the social amelioration and well-being of the people throughout the whole of his 20 years in Lincolnshire, and his death is mourned throughout the county.

Members of the Central Council will recollect his kindly interest when the meeting was held there in 1922, and he personally conducted a party round the Cathedral.

The point of greatest interest to ringers in connection with the restoration of the fabric was the work on St. Hugh's tower. Only those who saw its condition six years ago, when it was in actual danger of collapsing, and who have seen it since its restoration—now one of the finest bell towers in the country and containing probably the finest peal of twelve for their weight—can realise what is owed to Dean Fry and his staff of workers.

At the request of the Sub-Dean, Canon Jewdine, immediately after the funeral service on February 13th, the Cathedral bells were rung open. Three courses of Grandsire Triples on the back eight were rung by: Mrs. East 1, A. Chester 2, G. Chester 3, T. Pyle 4, H. Marcon 5, L. Pask 6, J. A. Freeman 7, A. Marcon 8.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,325 changes) in 1 hr. 4 mins. by: H. Marcon 1, G. Flintham 2, G. Chester 3, C. McGuinness 4, L. Snell 5, B. Chester 6, S. Wolfe 7, F. W. Stokes 8, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 9, L. Pask 10, J. Walden 11, A. Marcon 12.

At Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on Friday, February 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bray 1, A. Thornton 2, J. Coles 3, G. Habbins 4, B. Gillett, jun., 5, Jack Bray (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. Fry, Dean of Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BRIGHTON RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH STRUGGLES OF 40 YEARS AGO RECALLED.

There has been a tragic sequel to the report, to which we referred a fortnight ago, that Mr. Richard W. Hoather, a Brighton ringer, was missing from his home. He was afterwards found dead, and at the inquest it was stated that death was due to lysol poisoning. A verdict of 'Suicide while of unsound mind' was returned.

The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, began ringing about the year 1890 at Southover, Lewes. At that time there were no change ringers there. All that could be done was a plain course of Doubles rung from a card. Mr. Hoather was one of about half a dozen youngsters who took up ringing at the same time, and who, having heard about peals of 5,000 changes, soon got the idea that there was something more in it than they were practising. They therefore got into touch with the neighbouring tower of Ringmer, which at that time had a very good band under the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. A visit to the tower one practice night quickly revealed that the youths were on the wrong track, and a talk with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies resulted in them afterwards each becoming a possessor of a copy of 'Rope Sight.' They began to study in the right way. Starting on Bob Singles, they worked through Doubles and Minor to Triples, and could lay claim to being a self-taught band. They could probably claim to be the only self-taught band in Sussex, although they never rang a complete peal. The conductor of this struggling little company was Mr. R. J. Dawe.

About the year 1891, Mr. Hoather removed to London, where he got into touch with the Royal Cumberland Youths, and joined the Fulham Society. While in the Metropolis, he rang a few peals, but he migrated to Brighton about three years later, and joined the St. Nicholas' Society, to which he remained attached to the end of his life. He was never keen on peal ringing, and probably rang only about 30 in all. Another of Mr. Hoather's favourite pastimes was angling, and he was for a time secretary of the Sir Robert Peel Angling Club.

His death came as a great shock to his many friends, and much sympathy has been extended to the widow and daughter, who are left to mourn their loss.

The first part of the service was held at St. Wilfred's Church, and was attended by a large gathering of sympathising friends. In addition to members of the family, the mourners included Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe and Mr. J. Carley, of Lewes, who were lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rann, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ades. Others present included Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master of the Sussex County Association), Mr. G. B. Bleach, representing St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, and Mr. K. Hart, representing St. Peter's Society, representatives of the Southern Publishing Company, where deceased was employed, and the Sir Robert Peel Slate and Tontine Clubs, of which deceased was secretary up to about a year ago. The ringers of St. Nicholas' Church sent a wreath, and a muffled peal was rung in his memory.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 23rd, for evensong, H. Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. V. Jephcott 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, F. S. Sanders 3, G. F. Garrison 4, J. Preston 5, W. Davies 6, F. Price 7, J. E. Pywell 8. First quarter-peal in the method inside for ringer of 3rd.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 720 Single Court in 25 mins.: Mrs. Laxton 1, Mrs. Harper 2, H. Harper (conductor) 3, F. Dewey 4, W. Wilkinson 5, W. E. Clarke 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins.: Mrs. Laxton 1, Mrs. Harper 2, F. Harwood 3, W. Wilkinson 4, H. Harper 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. G. Nash (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thursdays): F. R. Coombes 1, W. E. Judge (conductor) 2, J. Franklin 3, F. Tuffrey 4, E. Bennett 5, W. H. Thorne 6, C. Bennett 7, A. Morris 8. All the above, except the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SHERBORNE ABBEY, DORSET.—On Sunday, February 23rd, before the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: D. Clothier 1, W. Lambert 2, E. Coward 3, F. Price 4, L. A. Perrett 5, W. C. Shute 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, H. Pope 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of E. Coward. First quarter-peal of Triples by the ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 55 mins.: J. W. J. Cottam 1, T. Brothwell 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, A. Firth 4, C. Poulteney 5, A. Nash (conductor) 6, S. Briggs 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, at the City Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Williams 1, W. Thomas 2, Miss Margaret Reynolds 3, H. Gardner 4, A. Hawes 5, F. Cooper 6, W. Simmonds 7, L. Wills 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8, and first attempt. First quarter of Grandsire as conductor, and a birthday compliment to Miss Reynolds. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. First quarter in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evensong, 1,320 Stedman Cinques: R. G. Knowles 1, S. T. Holt (conductor) 2, G. Hinton, jun., 3, G. W. Checketts 4, F. Lawrence 5, D. R. Morris 6, W. C. Jones 7, C. Tansell 8, W. Page 9, J. J. Jefferies 10, C. Camm 11, W. Lewis 12.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Double Norwich Major in 50 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, *C. Guy 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, H. Jennings 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (composer) 7, E. J. Harding, sen. (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, H. C. Alford 4, G. Cole 5, R. W. Green 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vilder 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GLOUCESTER RINGER.

The death occurred on February 14th of Mr. G. L. Brunson, of Gloucester, under tragic circumstances. He had been attended by Dr. Neill during the past fortnight, but had not been confined to his bed, but on the morning of the 14th his daughter (Miss H. Brunson) visited his room at 7.30 a.m., and spoke to her father three times, but, failing to receive any response, turned back the bed clothes and found that he had passed away in his sleep. The doctor, who was quickly on the spot, could only pronounce life extinct.

The funeral took place on February 18th. The first portion was held at St. Paul's Church, which the deceased attended, and was fully choral. The hymns were, 'Jesus, the very thought of Thee,' and 'The King of Love my Shepherd is.' Among the large congregation attending were the following members of the Gloucester Branch of the association: Mr. J. Austin (chairman), Mr. W. E. Harris (branch secretary), ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent), Mr. A. A. Waite and Miss Waite, Messrs. B. Etheridge, C. E. Merchant, S. D. Roberts, J. Callender, T. Hawkes, J. Stephens and W. Wasley. At the graveside, two courses of Grandsire Triples by: B. Etheridge 1-2, J. Austin 3-4, ex-Sergt. Williams 5-6, W. H. Harris 7-8. The deepest sympathy goes out to the family and relatives in their sad and sudden bereavement. The late Mr. Brunson always took a keen interest in ringing, and his genial disposition will be sadly missed. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Quedgley, as reported elsewhere, and at Maisemore, his native parish, the 'whole pull and stand' was also rung. St. Mary de Lode bells and Newent bells were also rung muffled during the evening as a last token of respect, and wreaths were sent from the Crypt Youths and members of the Gloucester Branch and the Maisemore bellringers.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and St. Chad's R.C. (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1930 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dereham on Saturday, March 1st, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whimble on Saturday, March 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Bells recently rehung. All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Oswin's (6, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30, and it is hoped that Newburn belfry will also be open. Tea at the Ship Inn, Wylam, at 5.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 3.30 p.m. Members of Central Bucks Branch and other visitors heartily invited. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells) on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses every 10 minutes from Silver Street, Bedford. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A special meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in Parish Hall.—The Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Cleeve at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—The dedication of the bells, ringing chamber and choir vestry by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Canon Hardcastle, will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Old School Room.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All seats now booked. The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5).—Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—On Saturday, March 1st, a meeting will be held at Great Wymondley. The bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Ippolyt's bells (6) are also available, and it is proposed to visit St. Ippolyt's after tea. Please come and make the meeting 'go'.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Newbury, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, at 1s. return.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, March 1st. Houghton bells also available. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided by the Vicar.—Catherine Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on March 8th, instead of March 1st, at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s.). Business. Presentation of balance sheet and election of officers for coming year. It is hoped that we have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 72, Yew Lane, Ecclesfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on March 4th (and for Evensong on the 9th at 5.30 p.m.), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. L. C. Smith, Rolleston, by 6th at latest. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended?—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, Darton, near Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, March 5th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on March 8th. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers for tea to the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Lacock on Saturday, March 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., after which, through the kindness of Miss Talbot, the historical Abbey will be open to the ringers. Tea and business meeting after. Ringing will follow. Will visitors please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 5th? Hourly bus service from Chippenham and Trowbridge.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th instead of the 1st owing to the Leicester meeting. 8 bells ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the committee will be held at Northwich on March 8th. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m., at Temperance Hotel; meeting directly afterwards. Bells available 4 p.m. Those requiring tea should notify H. Parker, 8, Oak Street, Northwich, by Wednesday, March 5th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Hay, Hereford.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley (in place of Silverdale) on March 8th. Buses leave Hanley at five minutes to each hour. Tea, at 5.30, will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, before March 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Petton on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all those intending to come kindly let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 8th. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, March 15th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 12th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The spring meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. Downes). Business meeting after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 11th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th. Further particulars next week.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 12th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify, Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield.—N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting.—Preliminary Notice. — Will all branch secretaries try to keep Saturday, April 5th, clear of meetings, as, if possible, the committee meeting will be held at Oxford on that date? Usual notice will appear later.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec.

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